Grain Growers' Sunshine Guild

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Associate membership fee	$1 00
S. G. badges (ladies)	50
S. G. pendants (gent's)	50
S. G. buttons	25

OBJECTS

To feed and clothe some hungry child.
To gratify the wish of some invalid.
To maintain the Girl's Club room at 274 Hargrave St.
To maintain the Fresh Air Home at least for three months in the summer.

MOTTO

MAKING A SUNNY HOUR

"How do you make a Sunny Hour?
Just take some right good will,
Some love, some trust, and faith as well,
Enough to fairly fill
A good-sized heart—and you will find
There's still some room to spare
For impulse, which will prompt kind words,
And actions, here and there.

"Mix all together with a smile
That's spiced with willingness,
And daily use of this, my friend,
Will help you to confess
That wherever your way may seek,
You'll find no recipe
Like this to make a Sunny Hour
Wherever you may be."—Selected.

MARGARET'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends:—In November I asked all the branches to report the work that had been done, and wondered for a time why no answer was received. When all the boxes and barrels began to come in with exquisitely dressed dolls, toys, and home-made candies, cakes, turkeys, chickens, children's clothing of all sizes, hand-made and some washed and carefully darned and mended, my surprise gave way to joy, and more than that, to thankfulness for all the warm hearts that had been working for Sunshine and proved the work of their branches by the comforters, patchwork quilts, picture books, on paper, linen, cozy books; but all as sweet as they could be. Hand-knit stockings, gloves, mitts, scarfs and caps. Six little boys made scrap books; six little girls made quilts. Three little girls made pillow cover. Three little boys made toys. One child shared his candy, another his book. Many little girls dressed dolls, and one called "Margaret" was greatly admired. Another in the latest bobbie skirt. Two dear little girls washed the dishes, so that mother might knit some things for Sunshine. My dear "shut-in's" all helped and sent so many and useful and pretty articles that I just longed to take their dear hands and kiss them; for their patience and their love in working to scatter the Sunshine. The men must not be forgotten for so many sent in money, boxes of chocolates, candies and also their own garments. It is a magnificent tribute to the kind hearts of all our people that such an entertainment could be started with I cent and yet scatter so much joy and love.

If any reader or sunshiner has not received his or her letter please don't worry as I am nearly two hundred letters behind in my mail. I could go on writing of the Christmas work but the letters will tell more than I possibly could how the work has grown and is still growing. Again the workers wish them to convey the best thanks to you all for Christmas cheer and also the 2nd Annual Toy Mission. We have something to ook forward to to make a bigger and brighter if that were possible than the last.

Yours lovingly, in Sunshine or Shade,
MARGARET.

GRATEFUL THANKS

Dear Margaret:—We received the box of clothing you so kindly sent to us in the fall, but not until a few weeks ago. It was forgotten at Black River and I did not know it had arrived until I visited there a few weeks ago. I thank you very much for remembering us. After I got it home we had all the widows down to see if there was anything that would do for them, and I am glad to say several were fitted out. Now we have not a thing left; everything has gone and several are complaining of the cold. It is a very bad year among the hunters, the snow having fallen so deep in the first part of the winter the muskeg did not freeze, and there was very little fur, still we hope and pray that the weather may soon permit the men to begin hunting, and then we hope for better times. I shall be coming to Winnipeg, God willing, next June, if you are able to gather any clothing, especially children's clothing, I would be glad. Praying God's richest blessing may rest upon your labors.

PERCY E. JONES.

Poplar River, Lake Winnipeg, Man.

P.S.—I would be glad if you have any Sunday School picture lesson cards you could save for our children.

Dear Friends:—This letter shows that the goods, Sunday cards and papers have been greatly appreciated. May indeed God's richest blessings fall on one and all who have made this work possible.

MARGARET.

VALUE OF THE SUNSHINE PAGE

Dear Margaret:—It must have been an inspiration from God that made you put that paragraph in The Grain Growers about Mrs. Shepowsky and the "shut in's," for we learned from that how Karl was. We were always wondering how he was getting on, as we had not heard of him for such a length of time, but were grieved to know he is laid up with tuberculosis, and that his family is reduced to such straits. But I thank God we are able and willing to help them, now that we know of their need, and my husband's brother has kindly offered to take up the things we are sending. Their farm is about fifty miles from here, and as the there is no direct way of sending by rail, I was more pleased than if the favor was done to myself when my brother-in-law said he would drive up. We are sending flour, meat, tea and other provisions, a parcel of clothing and a little money, which I hope will prove useful.

I should have told you before, how it is we take so much interest in Karl. He came to us the first year he was in Canada, and worked for us three months that summer, then he and his brother worked for my husband and his brothers for four or five years at different times after that, and we found them always faithful and willing, so are more than pleased to be able to do something for them in their time of need. I am enclosing a letter for Karl which I hope you will read for him (as I do not think he is able to read English). If I have written anything he should not hear please leave that out, I leave that to your good judgment as I am not good at letter writing, and cannot express what is in my heart, and not knowing how ill he is I may have written something which might do harm. I take a very great interest in your noble work, and when the Grain Growers, your page is the first I turn to. I love to read of the good you are doing. I sent you a parcel of S.S. papers some time ago, I hope you got them. I intended also to send some clothing, but am sending them to Karl's children instead. I would be more than pleased if you have time to write and tell me more of Karl, and if there is any hope of recovery for him, poor fellow. I remember him as a big strong man, it seems sad to find him stricken down like that. We would like to send him something if you write, would you mention a few things which would be useful to him, and we will choose something out of the box and send to him. May God bless you in this New Year, is the wish of your friend in the "cause".

A FRIEND.

Oakner, Man.

LITTLE BITS OF SUNSHINE

We are just three tiny children but we are so pleased to share our Christmas candy with those dear little girls and boys.

REGIE, LORENE & HERBIE KNIGHT

WANTED: A CORRESPONDENT

Dear Margaret:—This is my first letter to your interesting club; which I hope to see in print. I would very much like to become a member, so please send me membership card. I enclose two cents for postage, and also $5 cents for the poor and sick. Last summer I fell off our little pony

Piper and Dancer who took part at the Sunshine Toy Mission

and broke my wrist, which the doctor set. It took three weeks to get better. It has been better for quite a while now. I would be very pleased to correspond with any member my own age, eleven years, if they will write first. Wishing your good club every success.

MABEL COLLINS.

Shirley Farm, Saltcoats, Sask.

Hope to hear of many Sunshiners writing to you. I am sending card and button. Many thanks for the 25 cents for my sick ones.

MARGARET.

THREE NEW MEMBERS

Dear Margaret:—We would like to join the Sunshine Guild. We go to school every day. We will send cards. Wishing you every success.

ALICE DURICK,
EMANUEL DURICK,
LEON DURICK.

Roche Percee, Sask.

Many thanks for letter. I am sending membership cards and buttons. Glad to have all the cards you can send.

MARGARET.

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Mrs. J. R. Kirbyson, Fairfax, Man.—We will have a number of girls coming in from Montreal in a little time and your name will be put on the list. Would you advance train fare as this sometimes is a necessity.

Helen Scott, Beresford, Man.—I would be glad to have the names of your sisters and brothers. Glad you enjoy the Sunshine.

Salma Henkinson, Valley River, Man.—I am sending membership card, etc. Glad to welcome you as a member of our Guild.

R. E. Leitch, Durban, Swan Lake, Man.—Nothing that you could send would be wasted, believe me; there is always a place for them. Your good wishes are a great encouragement. Many thanks.

Mrs. E. Richards, Orwould, Man.—I am always glad to hear of homes for little girls. I hope to place quite a number in homes this spring.

Master Ernest Cranston, Goodlands, Man.—Many thanks for ray of sunshine, writing and sending card and button.

A Friend and Well-Wisher.—It is indeed a pleasure to acknowledge your help and I will endeavor to fulfil your wish.

Agnes Longman, Deloraine, Man.—Hearty welcome to our Guild. I will forward collection cards as the calls for help are very urgent and funds are necessary at all times.

A Would-be Helper, Makaroff, Man.—Many thanks for offer of help. Now the weather is not so boisterous and the Toy Mission over I will have more time to take up the vacant branches of the work. Many thanks for references. It would save time if you could send the written references right away.

Mrs. W. B. Smith, Mayfield, Man.—Many thanks for letter. I will answer by mail in a few days. The Christmas work was so heavy that I could not write (with the two assistants) one-half the letters necessary.

Rose Torrell, Dauphin, Man.—Dear child, I am sorry I made a mistake in name. I am forwarding cards. Hope you will be able to form a branch of Sunshine. Write often.

Miss May Spears, Lyleton, Man.—Many thanks for box. Have enrolled your nephew Clayton, in the cradle Guild. Write again.

Mrs. Geo. Harding, Justin, Man.—Many thanks for gift of $1.00. Your kind wishes are always a great help to me in my work. I will do all I can to help to get what you want.

Winnie Gould.—Dear child, kindly send address as I would like to send membership cards, etc. Glad you enjoy my page so much.

Ruth Spears, Gilbert Plains, Man.—Many thanks for cards. I am publishing a letter showing that cards have been appreciated; and that more are wanted.

Many letters still held over. All will be answered as space allows.

SASKATCHEWAN

Mrs. Frank Knight, Creelman, Sask.—Many thanks for your good wishes. Yes, the blessing of God is necessary to all work—with His help we can do all things.

Ester Olsen, Esterhazy, Sask.—I am sending membership card and button. Try to make some of your school friends members of Sunshine. Sunshine greeting and good wishes to yourself and sister.

Bella Allbright, Clover P.O., Sask.—Dear child, I am always glad to hear from you if you only write a few lines. Sending membership cards.

A Friend, Zeno, Sask.—Many thanks for box. The Sunday School papers and cards will be useful. Won't you send your name.

Nelson Savage, Model Farm, Sask.—Dear boy: Glad to have your letter. I am sending membership card and button.

Mrs. R. Wiggins, Fletts Spring, Sask.—Will try to fulfil your wish. Many thanks for your loving offer of help.

Nele O'Connor, Handworth, Sask.—Glad to welcome you to our Sunshine army. Saskatchewan is coming on well. Try to form a branch of Sunshine among your young friends; so much good work can be done.

Ruby Cowles, Clive, Sask.—Hearty welcome to our Guild. I am sending cards, buttons, etc. and hope you will try and obtain some new members.

Vera Latta, Welwyn, Sask.—Glad to hear from you. Try and get some of your school friends to be members of sunshine.

W. C. C. Toone, Maryfield, Sask.—Many thanks for $1.00. The Sunshine work does not stop at Christmas, in fact, we have generally more calls in February and March than any other time in the year. The Emergency Fund is now very low and it will be a welcome addition.

Mrs. Bert Talway, Prosperity, Sask.—Many thanks for the $1.00 sent in for Toy Mission. You will have read the description by now. We are all very proud of the work. Write often.

Mrs. Wm. Nichol, Moosomin, Sask.—Many thanks for two dollars sent in for Sunshine Guild. Will forward membership card etc.

Elizabeth, Wapella, Sask.—Many thanks for two dollars sent in. Give my love to the boy and tell him that he is a real bit of Sunshine. If you will send his name I will send him button and membership cards.

Peter J. Loepsky, Laird, Sask.—Glad so many boys are joining the Guild. I would like to start the Sunshine Boy Scouts; will write more of this later.

Master Evelyn Little, Elmington, Lucas.—Glad to hear from you. I am sending membership cards and button.

ALBERTA

Mrs. H. R. Sayers, Edenville, Alta.—Glad to hear from you. I will do all I can to send out some one. But write full details by mail.

Faye Hall, Queenstown, Alta.—Dear Faye: I will forward cards and button. Hope you will wear your button in school and try to obtain as many members for Sunshine as possible.

S.S. Class of Girls, Granium, Alta.—Yes, indeed, your books were more than welcome, and your sweet message that it was a labor of love is indeed a joy to me. I would like all your names so that I can send membership cards and buttons.

TWO NEW ONES

Dear Margaret:—I saw something about your Guild and would like to join. I think I have a few things I would like to send. I am eleven years old now and will be twelve next June. My birthday is the nineteenth of June. I am very near five feet in height. My little brother is going to join. I hope I will receive a membership card soon.

HESTER BLODGETT.

O'Mara, Alberta.

Hearty welcome to our Guild. You are very tall for eleven years. I am sending membership card. Please send your brother's name and I will forward his card and button.

MARGARET

USEFUL AND HAPPY

Little Bessie Eyebright awoke one morning with a merry laugh. "Oh, mother, but I have had such a good sleep; and I had such a pretty dream about a little girl who did everything her mother wanted her to! And oh, they lived so nicely together, and they looked so happy! And I believe that I'll try to do the same thing. Won't you try, too, mother?"

Mrs. Eyebright smiled at the enthusiasm of her little girl, who so often fretted over the many steps that little feet were frequently asked to take to relieve their mamma's and sister's weary feet, but she believed in encouraging the child to exert any resolution that would make her more willing and more useful, so she said: "Yes, my dear; we'll make a bond of good-will between us, and mother will see how much you can be like the good little girl in the dream, while she watches herself, lest she overtax you."

All day long little Bessie's feet were busy with their patter of willingness, and when night came she breathed a great big "Oh, I am so tired! But, mother, haven't I tried to be useful?"

"Yes, dear, replied her mother, "and don't you feel happier than if you had fretted about doing it?"

"Yes, mother," said Bessie; "and I'm going to be a busy little girl."

Her mother said: "That resolution, if kept, will keep you out of much mischief and make you a noble woman."

MY GRANDMAMMA AND ME

(By Mary Whiting Ball)

When I go see my grandmamma,
It makes me laugh a big ha! ha!
Because she gives me beans to eat,—
So I begin and eat his feet;
And then I eat away his nose,
Till pretty soon my bear all goes.

And then she makes me little cakes,—
To eat them up it only takes
A very, very little while;
It sometimes makes my grandmamma smile,—
I guess she 'members once when she
Was jes' a little girl like me.

And then I 'broider doilies, too,
Jes' like my grandmamma does, I do.
When grandmamma gives me silk to sew
I sit down in my chair so low,
And then we "broider there, do we,
My dear, dear grandmamma and me."

BETTER BE FRIENDS

"The Tabitha Cat in the kitchen sat,
And a sorrowful cat was she;
And a tale of woe that you all should know
Did the Tabitha Cat tell me.
"There's a cat of quality in the house—
And what do you think of that?—
Too genteel even to chase a mouse!"
Said the poor old Tabitha Cat.

"Now I've been here for many a year,
But if that cat's in the room,
And I give her a growl and a bit of a growl,
I get chased out myself, I assume!
And it's meat for her, and it's bones for me—
Now what do you think of that?
Oh, sad my life is getting to be!"
Moaned the poor old Tabitha Cat.

"I think some day, when they go away
And leave her asleep in there,
All nice and snug on the Persian rug,
I'll steal up into a chair,
And whisk my tail in threatening guise,
And curl my ears down flat,
And I'll pounce upon her and tear out her eyes!"
Planned the cross old Tabitha Cat!

It came to pass one day, alas!
That the foes were left alone;
But Tabby then saw the Angora's claw
Was quite as sharp as her own.
For things are not as they often appear
(And Kitty discovered that!)
"I think we would better be friends, my dear,"
Purred the meek old Tabitha Cat."

PAPA'S SUNSHINE

"Where's papa's sunshine?" said Mr. Bliss when he came home. There was a cloud on his little girl's brow and a tear in her eye. "There isn't any sunshine," she said; it's getting dark."

"Well, then, catch a bag full of it to-morrow," said papa, "and let me see it shining in my little Nannie's face when I come home;" and Nannie said that she would.

The next day she went out in the garden and held up her hand to the sun saying: "Dear sun, I want a little sunshine to keep until papa comes. Thank you very much."—Picture Lesson Paper.

EVERY CHILD SHOULD JOIN THE SUNSHINE GUILD

Sign the form below:—

Dear Margaret:—I should like to become a member of your Sunshine Guild. Please send membership card. I enclose ten cent stamp for its postage

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