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“The Club Reports do me more good than anything with which I have to do.”

“If I never see you again, I die happier for your efforts to make my work permanent.”

EDWARD E. HALE.

Annual Meeting

THE twenty-second of May will be remembered not only as the date of the twenty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Lend a Hand Society, but as the May "deluge." Yet nearly two hundred members and friends (including one of The Original Ten, Miss Helen Kimball) proved their deep interest by weathering the gale. If the weather had been fine, the seating capacity of the South Congregational Church would have been taxed. 37 Clubs were represented by 59 delegates, others arriving in time for the Public Meeting.

Rev. Christopher R. Eliot, President of the Society presided. He announced, with deep regret, the resignation of Mr. Josiah M. Fowler, who has faithfully and with friendly interest served the Society as Treasurer for five years, and now feels that he must resign. Mr. Eliot expressed to Mr. Fowler the very hearty thanks of the Society, the Board, and the Clubs, not only for the annual reports he has given, but for the clear monthly reports at Board Meetings.

He has brought much joy into the work, and we shall sadly miss him.

The Nominating Committee presented a list of officers for the ensuing year, which was approved, and the officers were unanimously elected. The only new name was that of the Treasurer, Mr. James Dix Gordon, an able accountant, and a friend of Dr. Hale.

Voicing the sentiments of the other officers, as well as his own, Mr. Eliot said: "You have done those who are re-elected a great honor. With the efficient service of the other Directors I stand ready, as do they, to do the best we can to carry on the good work of the Society." Mr. Eliot then stated that for thirty years Miss Frances H. Hunneman has been a loving friend. Serving as Vice-President of the Society for twenty-three of those years, Miss Hunneman has stood faithfully by us giving her good-will, and her efficient, active service. In recognition of this, Mr. Eliot then presented Miss Hunneman with thirty beautiful roses from the Board of Directors with their love and gratitude. Miss Hunneman expressed her complete surprise and hearty thanks, adding that one of her greatest pleasures had been the

Lend a Hand work ; that Dr. Hale had always been an inspiration to her, and she felt that his spirit is still with us.

It having been voted that the President appoint a nominating committee, he named the following to serve for the coming year: Mr. Frank B. Thayer, Mrs. Clara B. Beatley, Mr. Wm. Howell Reed. Mr. Eliot thanked Miss Annie Cumings and Rev. Charles H. Dole who have so kindly served on the Committee for years, and especially Mr. Thayer who has been indefatigable in his efforts.

The President then spoke feelingly of the great loss to the Society in the death of Mr. Wallace L. Pierce, one of the Trustees of the Hale Endowment Fund for a long term of years, and an active, generous helper of the Society. His loss we distinctly feel, for he was a faithful, deeply interested friend of Dr. Hale, and of Mrs. Whitman especially, ready always with money and advice to help the work.

Mr. Eliot stated that Mr. James A. Nowell, of Lee, Higginson & Co., had been appointed Trustee by the Board to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term, and this action was confirmed.

The Superintendent stated that at

the last meeting of the Board of Directors, it considered the need of more funds to meet expenses and carry on the work of the Society, and that it had been voted to submit to the annual meeting for action the plan of securing "one thousand new subscribers at \$1 each by May 1, 1921."

The President endorsed this effort, and it was VOTED: That the Clubs and individual members of the Society present put themselves on record as starting at this Annual Meeting the securing of one thousand new subscribers at \$1 each by May 1, 1921, and that other Clubs not present be notified and urged to co-operate.

The public meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Eliot, the repeating of the mottoes of the Society, and the singing of a verse of Dr. Hale's Club Song. Miss Ida Hunneman presided at the piano, a service she has kindly rendered, with one exception, for twenty or more years.

The President very happily began his address of welcome by mentioning two facts, important in Lend a Hand history. He said in part:

This meeting on May 22, 1920, marks the fiftieth anniversary of the forma-

tion of the first Lend a Hand Club, organized by Miss Ella E. Russell in May, 1870.

This day, or, to be literal, yesterday, was the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Frederick William Greenleaf, the original "Harry Wadsworth" in the story from which sprang all the Lend a Hand Clubs.

If there were time, it would be appropriate to tell again the story of "Ten Times One is Ten," to run over the history of the Lend a Hand work of the last fifty years, and to show how it sprang up almost without any explanation on the part of Dr. Hale himself because of the need of the times, growing so rapidly there were nearly a thousand Lend a Hand Clubs all over this country and in others as well. All I can say this afternoon is that this has been a spiritual movement rather than an organized work. The Clubs have been entirely independent of each other, and each one plans its own work, though they unite in some of the larger undertakings. The union of the Clubs is in the mottoes and the religious spirit for which these mottoes stand — the modern expression of those three great words of the Christian religion,

Faith, Hope, and Love. The spirit of it was something new in the year 1870 because one may say truthfully that until that time the emphasis, even in the churches, had been largely upon personal salvation rather than on Christian service. Since that time there has been a steady growth of this newer spirit throughout the world, which means always, co-operation, brotherly love and service. It has been the love spirit and purpose, and the multiplication table, which banded together vast numbers of people in an effort to apply Christianity to the needs of individuals and of the world generally. This is the spirit of the movement represented by the Lend a Hand Society.

Three Lend a Hand Clubs gave unusually interesting reports to illustrate what the Clubs do. They were the Wheatley Club, Baptist Church, West Medford (30 colored women); the Service Club, Second Unitarian Church, Boston (25 boys); the American Band, Marlboro, a community Lend a Hand Club (150, ages 3 to 83).

The fine addresses of the afternoon were given by two of Boston's most public-spirited men — Mr. Moorfield

Storey on "Race Prejudice and Inter-Racial Relations," and Mr. J. Randolph Coolidge, Jr., on "The Enlarged Program of the American Library Association."

Superintendent's Report.

AT the close of a year of the reconstruction period which will be remembered as one of general reaction into self-indulgence, injustice and unrest the world over, it is heartening to meet together again as members and friends of the Lend a Hand Society to make an accounting of our efforts to live up to our honored traditions. At the outset let me say that we are bringing an encouraging report, for all departments of the work have been growing and progressing in strength and usefulness. Our faithful Treasurer has just reported that though running expenses and appeals for aid have considerably increased we have met them, and through a Reserve Fund of \$500 held for a time of stress, had a balance on hand May 1 of \$457.71. Not a large sum, certainly, but on the right side of the account.

The work of the Society as reported

annually varies according to the times yet our message today is exactly the same as it was fifty-one years ago when its Founder first gave it in his remarkable story "Ten Times One is Ten," for, while the Society rejoices in the fact that there is no end to the practical ways in which it is called upon, or offers, to lend a hand, we believe that its most important work is the teaching through Lend a Hand Clubs of the trusting, hopeful, loving gospel which is its richest legacy.

Only the other day a member of one of the Clubs of long standing said to us over the telephone: "I want to tell you how much good the quotation from Dr. Hale in the April issue of the 'Lend a Hand Leaflet' has done me. I had become despondent over the restless, troublous times, and his words renewed my courage to again say and do that which shall be 'glad tidings' to others."

May I read you part of this selection today, for Dr. Hale has expressed in different language the fundamental principles of Faith, Hope and Love upon which he based the mottoes he gave us.

"Do you propose to go about doing

good? Do you propose everywhere and always to establish God's reign — the reign of God in the affairs of men? Do you mean that what you say and do shall be *glad tidings* to each and all who are around you? Jesus Christ suggested on a very critical occasion that you could bring in the kingdom of God by feeding the hungry, by clothing the naked, by visiting the prisoner, by your welcome to the stranger. Yes. And to which of these particular details are you going to devote a part of Monday, or Tuesday, or Wednesday? According as you or I answer these questions do we follow in the footsteps of the well-beloved Son of God."

Has not each Lend a Hand Club pledged itself to these "glad tidings" by its kindly ministrations, "In His Name," to its needy "neighbors," who now include peoples of all lands? The three representative Clubs bringing their reports today will give a conclusive answer. This report from the Central Office of the Society, which binds together all the Clubs, as well as the generous individual supporters of the work, will be the "glad tidings" of their concerted effort.

During the year ending April 30 last, *forty-six new Clubs* have been organized in all parts of the country

in many denominations and of all ages. Of these Clubs, and others previously formed, twenty-two have united with the Society. We do not hesitate to state our satisfaction in this, nor our belief that at least twenty more Clubs would have been added to the list but for the severe storms and snow-bound conditions for more than a month, and the prevalence of illness throughout the country. Two other facts have limited our achievement; first, the lack of leaders, a sad outcome of the war; second, the other numerous organizations which seem to be on the increase every year, often duplicating work already established. May we suggest to those who may be considering the kind of Club work best adapted to their communities or churches, that the Lend a Hand particularly appeals to children and young people, who naturally seek the ideal and not individual self-improvement, though that necessarily follows. They instinctively come together in groups, but need to be guided, trained, and developed by expressing themselves. Under such wise leadership of these Clubs, both boys and girls can develop co-operative and community spirit, so important

to true democratic American citizenship.

At the *Autumn and Midwinter Conferences* of the Clubs a splendid sum total of service is shown through their individual reports. The importance of the work done by the children is emphasized, and it is a joy to listen to their stories. At these Conferences, as well as at this Annual Meeting, addresses are made on needs and causes, both at home and abroad, for the information of the Clubs and to enlist their practical service. The October meeting in Lynn was addressed by Mrs. Emma Lee Williams, Dean of the Manassas Industrial School for Colored Youth, Mrs. Florence Spencer Duryea, National Director of Near East Relief, and Mr. Joseph Spano, Field Secretary of the North American Civic League for Immigrants. The speakers at the February Conference in Everett were Miss Elizabeth Ross, Director Public Health Nursing, N. E. Division of the Red Cross, and Miss Mabel M. Barkley, Assistant, Social Service Bureau of U. S. Shipping Board Recruiting Service.

The response to the appeal made by Mrs. Williams for *Manassas School*

was spontaneous, for the Lend a Hand helped Jennie Dean in founding the School. Contributions amounting to \$135.20 have been made, subscriptions to magazines paid, and boxes of books and other articles sent to the school.

Mr. Spano's address made the Clubs realize that the future citizenship of America depends upon the Americanization of Americans as well as of the foreign-born. To this end hundreds of patriotic folders have been distributed, largely in the South, and the moving picture "*The Making of an American Citizen*" was shown at the Midwinter Conference. The Clubs were urged to present this film to their local communities and a few have done so.

Interest in the *Near East Relief* had already been evinced, but Mrs. Duryea's stirring address, followed by a letter of appeal to the Clubs, brought a response of \$469.86. This includes part payments for the annual support of three Armenian orphans. Additional contributions were sent direct to the Relief Fund of which we have no record.

Co-operation with the *Red Cross* continued in several ways, including

renewal of memberships and subscriptions to magazine. The information given by Miss Ross on "Public Health" was followed by the distribution of circulars announcing Red Cross classes. Every "Leaflet" subscriber was sent a copy of "What Do Growing Children Need?" published by the Children's Bureau, U. S. Department of Labor, and hundreds more are being included in our boxes of literature sent to rural communities by the Book Mission.

A new interest for the Clubs was created by Miss Barkley when she told of the *Merchant Marines'* need for knitted mufflers, helmets and sweaters. May we today renew our appeal for these articles which can be made during the summer months and sent to our office in the fall.

Some cheer and comfort had previously been given to the wounded and handicapped in the U. S. Marine Hospital, Chelsea. In one of the acknowledgments from the Assistant Director of Red Cross Home Service connected with the Hospital, she says:

"Last Saturday afternoon, two dozen flowering geraniums were sent to this hospital from your Society. They

were distributed at once in the eight wards you supplied with plant stands. Caretakers for them were appointed in the different wards. It was unnecessary to caution the boys to remember how the plants needed water, for one boy reminded me that the usual fault was to drown the flowers with too much devotion. Those red geranium blossoms are just the very best thing to help cheer our hospital."

Contributions have also been made as follows :

For *Dr. Grenfell's Orphanage*, in St. Anthony, Newfoundland, \$157.85, with the slogan "Buy a Brick," costing 25 cents. This has been a special interest of the young Cubs, who know the joy of ministering to other children more needy than themselves. The Superintendent of this Children's Home stated in her recent annual report :

"The present Orphanage building is not nearly large enough for our family. Of the nine new children admitted, five were from the Labrador Coast, where the influenza raised havoc through the winter. Two boys are from a family of seven whose father and mother were both taken. The others admitted had one parent only — the mother. All came with only the clothes they had on and these were

given to them at a previous time by Dr. Grenfell.”

A few weeks ago when Dr. Grenfell was in Boston before starting for the Far North, he stated that \$60,000 more were needed for the Orphanage. We shall, therefore, continue to cry, “Buy a Brick!” till the need ceases.

Yesterday we received a letter from Dr. Grenfell in which he writes :

“I want you to know at your annual meeting that we are mindful of you, and sincerely praying that it may be a time of rejoicing in the memory of things accomplished, and a real inspiration to carry on in 1920. . . .

As for Labrador — we send you our thanks for many bricks, and for many other gifts. Your splendid box of drugs for the sledges has travelled many miles this winter. Dr. Curtis and Dr. Loud have carried it on many errands of mercy. How would you like to re-fit and re-fill it for next winter? It is a helping hand. Some of the Clubs might do it. Won't you write to Dr. Curtis at St. Anthony Hospital and ask him what he needs for it, or whether it should be sent to Boston again, as it was before, to be replenished.”

Of course we will!

We have also sent for the *Children's Tin Box Fund* \$55.90. This Fund

for the Children of Europe was closed the first of November last, but will be made a permanent Fund under the name of Children's Emergency Fund. All Clubs formerly interested have enrolled for the next time of need.

For the *Floating Hospital*, \$30.10. This "child of the Lend a Hand Society," as it is often called, is never forgotten by some of the Clubs, though now so generously supported by the general public.

For the *Fatherless Children of France*, \$1546.85 through our office. Much more was sent direct to the Committee, for not only has the support for nearly all of the 224 orphans "adopted" previously been renewed, but ten new orphans have been taken this year, making a total of 234. Friends will be interested to learn that the offertory at the last Annual Meeting was sufficient to renew support of the Society's orphan, Pierre Lanneau, and to adopt another, Antoinette Lepanard. We hope to do even better today, for our two French orphans should be helped for another year, and we would like to "adopt" a child in Bible lands from which comes such a wail of distress.

Articles of *clothing* have been distributed to :

Individuals at office	202
Layettes at office	4
America's Allies Co-operative Committee, New York, for France and Italy	151
Comfort Bags to Women in Devastated Italy	42
New England Grenfell Association	190
Social Service, City Hospital Layettes (complete)	4
(We are called the "Fairy Godmother" of their Maternity Department)	
Lydia Holman Infirmary, Altapass, N. C.	97
Near East Relief	19
U. S. Hospital, Staten Island, N. Y.	32
Hospital, Camp Devens	68
Dawes Hotel for Men, Boston	65
Maine Seacoast Mission	9
Morgan Memorial	6
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Total articles	1343
Total layettes	8

Requests for *toys* have been frequent. It has been a pleasure to supply the following agencies and places :

To Boston Dispensary (besides \$5 for new books)	269
To Chardon St. Home	71
To Hale House	21
To Grenfell Association (dolls)	2
To Lydia Holman Infirmary (dolls), Altapass, N. C.	6
To Manville, Va. (dolls)	6
To Maine Seacoast Mission	16
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Total	391

An acknowledgement from one of the workers at the Boston Dispensary reads :

“ You see the children come to the Dispensary at 9 A. M., and it is very often 11 before the doctor sees them ; that means a long and very tiresome wait. So the toys and books are a joy to the children and a help to us.”

The dozen dainty dolls sent to North Carolina and Virginia were little beauties, rare even to our sophisticated eyes. Our co-worker in Virginia wrote :

“ I have been to see the children who received the Christmas dolls. You would be surprised to note the extreme care that these children show to preserve the dolls. One father is making a box (case he calls it) with a glass in the front to put the doll in. When finished they intend to set it on

a shelf, nailed to the wall where all can see it."

Thanksgiving and Christmas Cheer was given to thirty-six people in this vicinity in the form of groceries, goodies, new dollar bills in attractive Christmas cards, etc., and three boxes of "treasures" numbering 248 articles were sent to isolated towns in Maine. In addition, a check for \$25.37 went to one afflicted woman for the sale of fir balsam pillows she had made.

Five other women have been helped in keeping soul and body together through our *Sewing Fund*. The cut-out garments they make come to us from the Children's Hospital. We are most grateful to the Hospital Committee for the opportunity they give these self-respecting women.

Eighty-nine other folk were provided with glasses, clothing, food, teeth, bedding, a variety of surgical appliances, and other miscellaneous articles, in answer to appeals from twelve different agencies, including the Associated Charities, Boston Dispensary, Commission for the Blind, Social Service Departments of various hospitals, etc.

The *Outing Department* has re-

ceived 87 applications for what we have called "outing" ever since Dr. Hale started his unique provision of summer vacations for old men, twenty-years ago. Of these applicants 68 were sent into the country for vacations or convalescence. There were 28 men, some elderly, 33 women, and 7 children. These children were "special," for whom no other agency could, or would, provide.

For this department we expended last year \$709.10, of which \$200 was generously contributed by the Permanent Charity Fund. On May 1 there was a balance of \$128.63 of which about half is already used or pledged, and the busy summer months are close at hand. Again we express our confidence that our good friends will continue their support of this work, which restores the sick to health and earning ability, gives rest and recreation to weary ones who have been forgotten, and new courage to the aged and feeble.

There is no time, nor would it be proper, to speak of those needing our *personal friendliness*, besides material aid. They read their own names on our door-plate as they enter, for they

have known for many a year that they belong to the Lend a Hand family. One had her ninety-second birthday last week, and is longing for the summons to the new birth.

Each year records the death of old friends of the Society, whose loss we deeply regret. We were sorely afflicted this year for among the fifteen who have passed on were three life members, Mrs. Henry S. Grew, Mr. S. P. Mandell, Mrs. A. W. Spencer, and one of our Trustees, Mr. Wallace L. Pierce. Mr. Pierce was a warm personal friend and parishioner of Dr. Hale, and not only served the Society for many years as Trustee, but gave it loyal friendship and generous financial aid.

To this list we must add the following annual donors and subscribers: Mrs. James H. Beal, Miss M. L. Babbitt, Mrs. Annie M. L. Clark, Mrs. R. McM. Colfelt, Mr. A. F. Estabrook, Mr. Herbert Harris, Mrs. D. P. Kimball, Mrs. Geo. Putnam, Sr., Mr. Ebed L. Ripley, Mrs. Wm. J. Rotch, and Mr. Grant Walker. The list is almost as long as that of the last year, and the loss of so many old friends is appalling.

Fortunately, we have been legally

notified that one of the above mentioned, Mr. Herbert Harris, named the Society as one of the legatees under his will, and we shall receive a small bequest, the amount of which we have not yet been apprized. One new life member has also been gained, Mrs. H. D. Klous, for many years an annual subscriber and always an interested friend.

Further encouragement has come by the addition to the Hale Endowment Fund of \$4000, through a bequest from Miss Fanny Young, bringing the fund up to \$64,202.29. This amount, however, is insufficient for the Society's needs. This was true before the present condition of finance, but now very apparent as our income has been halved, while rent and other expenses have been increased fifty or more per cent. The Society is unique in having made no "drive" for funds, nor do we intend to do so, for the public is drive-weary. We earnestly plead, however, for one thousand new members, at an annual subscription of one dollar, and for doubled and redoubled support for all the departments of the work, for that we are needed seems to be demonstrated in our continually increasing opportunities for service.

Let us again "look forward," determining to give an earnest heartfelt affirmative to Dr. Hale's question — "Do you *mean* that what you say and what you do shall be *glad tidings* to each and all around you?"

Lend a Hand Book Mission

IT is appropriate at this Annual Meeting which is emphasizing throughout its entire session good citizenship, human brotherhood, justice, the things that uplift humanity, to mention the fact that one little question asked by an intelligent colored man of a wise and noble woman, nearly thirty years ago, was the beginning of the Lend a Hand Book Mission.

"Will you please lend me a book?" was the little candle that threw its beam far into the Southland and gave Miss Sarah P. Brigham a glimpse of the great need, to supply which she devoted her remaining years. Most of you know the story, and recall the steady growth of this educational work during the first five years of Miss Brigham's single-handed effort, and then her appeal to Dr. Hale to assist her by making the Book Mission a department

of the Lend a Hand Society. We would like to tell it all again today, but must use the time permitted to report on the work of the past year. We shall be brief; for a full annual report was made in the Boston Transcript on December 1 last.

It has been a year of the greatest achievement yet, so far as our records show, not only as to amount of good literature distributed, but as to number of needy and more isolated places reached. To rural and mountain schools, small struggling public and other community libraries, convict camps and penitentiaries, 10,911 books have been given free of cost and freight charges. Of these, 6763 were new, and 4148 excellent second-hand books. They went to 180 places, 77 of which were new, and 48 of which were colored schools, a larger percentage than usual due to the splendid operation with State Agents for Colored Schools in several of the nine southern states in which we worked. Boxes were also sent to the Maine Seacoast Missionary Society, for among the islands on the coast of Maine books are about as scarce as in southern rural sections. To the Free Public Library Commis-

sion of Massachusetts were sent several hundred books in foreign languages to be distributed to rural high schools, or to reconstruction centres. Boxes of magazines have been sent to the following institutions in our immediate vicinity: Sailors' Haven, St. Mary's House for Sailors, U. S. Marine Hospital, Chelsea; Dawes Hotel for Men, Boston; State Infirmary, Tewksbury; School for Feeble-Minded, Waverly. It was impossible, nor was it essential, to count the magazines, pictures, varieties of cards, scrap-books, etc., donated by our Club and friends, and packed in the 184 boxes sent direct from our office during the year. We can simply estimate the material by the "tons," as did the Chaplain of the convict camps in Fulton County, Georgia, when stating what he had received from us.

To this elderly and consecrated leader, and to the chaplain of the penitentiary in Petros, Tenn., we have sent besides books and magazines for the libraries, supplies of elementary text-books, stationery, pencils, and pens for the evening schools, in which the prisoners are taking a deeper interest, some of them serving as teachers.

Their appreciation is indicated by one of them who wrote :

“ I now see a great improvement in the prison (where out of 500 men only one-quarter could previously read and write.) Your books have been a great help here and saved many prisoners' souls. Your work is not in vain for — ‘I was in prison and ye ministered unto me.’ ”

Public evening schools have been established in a number of the southern states, for one of the greatest blessings of the war has been the increased craving for mental development on the part of adult illiterates. State pride has led to appropriations for carrying on these “ moonlight schools,” as they were first called in Kentucky. North Carolina took the lead about five years ago, you will remember, with the slogan “ No illiteracy by 1920 ! ” and its goal is in sight. The Book Mission has had no small part in this movement.

Last summer South Carolina took up the cry. Frankly acknowledging that it was at the foot of the list, with a percentage of illiteracy of 49.5, it made an intensive campaign during what they term “ lay-by ” time for the establishment of schools for illiterates.

Our co-operation has been with the field worker for the South Carolina Illiteracy Commission, Miss Wil Lou Gray, through whom we have placed many libraries. In one letter acknowledging five of them, Miss Gray stated: "I intend to give these books as a reward for the establishment of night schools. Our people are responsive, and I think illiteracy is passing from the state as fast as we could expect." In another letter Miss Gray writes:

"The third box of books has arrived and I am placing part of them at the State Penitentiary where we have organized courses for adult work. Part of the box I have added to the library of new books sent some time ago, and for the present have put them in the school room at the Columbia Duck Mill. We are trying an experiment at this mill. When the operatives finish their work at five o'clock they go into a class room and are taught for one and a half hours."

Southern educational leaders everywhere are prophesying that in the next five or ten years "the sunlight of education will shed its radiance into every home, with a nine months' school term for the poor man's child." No race distinction is made in this statement and it is hoped that this signifi

cant educational advance, in which the negroes earnestly desire to co-operate, is the beginning of a genuine endeavor to equalize opportunity. Race prejudice has retarded progress long enough and we are facing a real crisis in our country's history.

The struggle for education even in the rapidly advancing state of North Carolina is shown by the following typical letter from a colored supervisor. Note her wise planning :

“In the Superintendent's office was a box of books and a small box of crayons sent by you for the colored teachers of this County. From an educational standpoint, this County is behind all of the others and good books will contribute much toward its uplift. The books are all good and I know will be greatly appreciated by both teachers and pupils. The colored crayons, too, will fill many needed places as they are very hard to get and can be secured only by special order.

The city schools will close on May 28 and most of our county schools the last of April. Now, to place these books in the dilapidated buildings found in most of the rural schools, with no possibility of locking them up, would mean that they would likely disappear in a short while. Therefore, I have made a library with these books

in the domestic science room of the graded school, and as the teachers come monthly to attend their teachers' meeting they select the material they want and return it when they come again. Thus the entire county (city and rural schools) can derive a great benefit from these books."

Unique methods are used by ingenious teachers to obtain money for the improvement of school buildings, equipment, etc. One enthusiastic teacher in Georgia found when she opened her school with an enrollment of sixty-seven pupils that there was not a single volume in the library. She told them that if they would furnish a book-case with glass doors, lock and key (one of the requirements of the Book Mission) that she would have one hundred volumes in it by Jan. 1, 1920. These we gladly supplied. She wrote later: "Will have to give entertainments to buy a large dictionary, and other articles necessary to a Standard School. It would be a much greater task for me without your help."

The cleverness of a wide-awake teacher in Georgia is evident by this statement, as is the poor equipment of the school:

"The pictures, magazines, cards, etc.,

you mention sending with the second box of books will be most gratefully received, for I can use them in making charts, booklets, etc.; in history, geography and literature. We are working hard this week planning an entertainment to raise money for equipment, maps, globes, etc.”

Every few years a representative of the Book Mission makes a southern journey to visit the Superintendents of schools and other co-workers to whom libraries have been sent, and to learn of other needy places. It is to be our privilege to again investigate conditions next fall, for it will be three years since the last trip. The Lend a Hand Clubs have been invited to meet the expense, and have already contributed \$224.50 of the \$400 or more needed. We feel greater confidence even than last year that with the general awakening among the people themselves, and with the State and Federal endeavor to solve the very serious problems we have already hinted at, we shall find great changes for the better.

It is a crucial period, needing the effort of all agencies for educating the millions who have never had an opportunity, or come in contact with books. We are encouraged by the new national

movement of the American Library Association to make possible "Books for Everybody." Our services have already been offered to the Association, and we hope for mutually helpful co-operation.

The modest sum of \$1783.58 received during the year (including the balance of \$71.16 on hand May 1, 1919) has purchased the new books distributed. On May 1, we had only \$19.95 on hand.

Again heartily thanking all who assist us in maintaining this constructive work, we bespeak their continued and increased support, for our responsibility is greater than ever during these early reconstruction years in helping shape the lives of our own American boys and girls,—yes, men and women,—so many of whom have yet to learn that American citizenship is based on justice, equality and opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE FLORENCE BROWN,
Superintendent.

Treasurer's Report

Josiah M. Fowler, Treasurer, in account with the
Lend a Hand Society, May 1st, 1919 to May 1st,
1920.

RECEIPTS

Donations for Special Cases,	\$ 890.99
Donations and Subscriptions,	1,217.50
Dues,	272.16
Income from Investments and Interest,	2,646.05
Lend a Hand Book Mission,	1,870.92
Outings { Including \$200 from } Permanent Charity Fund }	586.91
War Relief,	2,083.41
Dr. Grenfell,	157.85
Hale Endowment Fund,	1.50
Sales Account,	74.65
Lend a Hand Leaflet,	135.70
Loyal Helpers' Scholarship Fund,	9.95
New Edition "10x1=10"	4.80
Expense Account,	3.00
Fanny Young Bequest,	<u>4,000.00</u>
Total Receipts, twelve months,	\$13,955.39
Held in trust May 1, 1919,	
Special Charities,	\$643.56
Loyal Helpers' Scholarship Fund	128.13
Reserve Fund (Victory Notes)	500.00
On Hand, unappropriated, May 1, 1919,	<u>423.66</u> <u>\$1,695.35</u>
	\$15,650.74

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid for Relief, Special Cases,	\$1,020.38
Paid for General Relief,	648.28
Lend a Hand Book Mission,	1,763.63
Outings,	709.10
War Relief,	2,095.87
Dr. Grenfell,	157.85
Hale Endowment Fund,	4,001.50
Sales Account,	50.34
Dues Account,	1.20
Lend a Hand Leaflet,	191.03
Office Expenses, Printing, Etc.	454.92
Rent and Salaries,	<u>3,145.08</u>
Total Disbursements, twelve months,	\$14,239.18

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$14,239.18
Held in trust May 1, 1920, Special Charities,	\$515.77	
Loyal Helpers' Scholarship Fund,	138.08	
Reserve Fund,	300.00	
On hand, unappropriated, May 1, 1920,	457.71	1,411.56
		<u>\$15,650.74</u>

Invested Funds, May 1st, 1919,		
Harriet Rose Lee Fund,	\$100.00	
Reserve Fund,	500.00	
Hale Endowment Fund,	60,300.79	
Additions to Hale Endowment Fund, May 1, 1919 to May 1, 1920	4,001.50	\$64,902.29
Deduct Reserve Fund, cashed		500.00
Total Invested Funds, May 1, 1920		<u>\$64,402.29</u>

JOSIAH M. FOWLER, Treasurer.

The Treasurer's Report herewith has been examined and found correct.

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Boston, May 21, 1920.

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the sum of dollars.

If it is desired to specify the use to which the bequest shall be devoted,
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1. For General Relief.
2. For the Hale Endowment Fund.
3. For Lend a Hand Book Mission.
4. For the Loyal Helpers' Scholarship Fund.