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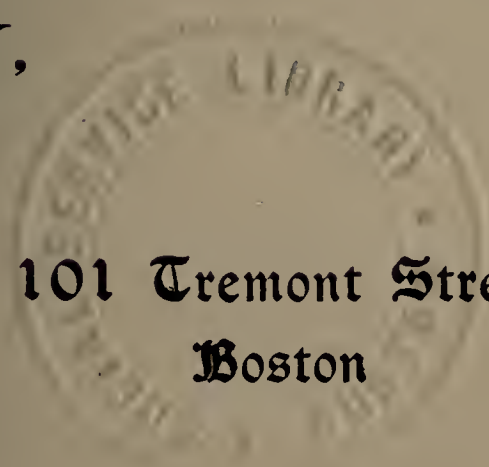
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“The Club reports do me more good than anything with which I have to do.”

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

EDWARD E. HALE.

Annual Meeting

The twenty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Lend a Hand Society was held on Saturday, May 19, 1917, in the South Congregational Church, Boston—well-known as Dr. Hale's church—by the kind invitation of Rev. Edward Cummings, the present minister of the church. The President, Rev. Christopher R. Eliot, presided. The business meeting was slimly attended, but about two hundred and fifty were present at the public meeting.

The Nominating Committee presented the list of officers given on previous page, and they were unanimously elected. The name of Mrs. William B. Nichols was substituted for that of Mr. Edwin D. Mead on the Lend a Hand Book Mission Committee on account of the long illness of Mr. Mead. Mrs. Nichols has co-operated with the Book Mission for many years and as Chairman of the Cheerful Letter Exchange is well qualified to serve the Book Mission.

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Mr. Frank B. Thayer, Miss A. W. Cummings, and Rev. Chas. F. Dole, were

appointed by the President to serve for the coming year, as they have for many years.

Mr. Eliot expressed for himself and the other officers willingness to serve the interests of the Society and of the separate Clubs to the best of their ability.

Greetings from the Lend a Hand Club of Davenport, Iowa, were brought by Miss Ellen Gould. She stated that this (the largest) Club had been obliged on account of the war to delay erection of their building, \$125,000 for which was raised last year. The Club is now engaged in securing ten thousand members for the Red Cross.

The public meeting was opened with prayer by the President. The mottoes of the Society were repeated, and the audience joined in singing Dr. Hale's Boston Club Song.

In his address of welcome, Mr. Eliot said in part: "This is a very unusual time not only in our country, but in the world. For nearly three years, there has been going on the most destructive war in the history of the world, and now the United States is engaged in that war. We cannot meet here as Lend a Hand Clubs, repeat our mot-

toes, and recall the name of our founder, Dr. Hale, without thinking of two things. First, that Dr. Hale was a patriot, loyal and true; that he would yield to no one in his love of country or his desire to serve his country. Of Dr. Hale's patriotism we are reminded by his book "The Man Without a Country" which sent forth an appeal to the youth of our land such as they had never received before.

Second, Dr. Hale's patriotism opened upward, reached out forward, and threw its great arms outward and around every other people in the world. It always meant to him the largest possible service to be rendered to mankind. This larger vision and outlook of Dr. Hale is told in his volume of Mohonk addresses on peace, and the ideals of a permanent international tribunal. Patriotism looking upward meant faith in God and humanity. Patriotism looking forward meant a never-dying hope and trust in ideals. Patriotism looking outward meant the spirit of unselfish and self-forgetting service."

Mr. Eliot then briefly but earnestly retold Dr. Hale's story, "Ten Times One Is Ten," mentioning the new edition recently published by the Society

Incorporated with it is a beautiful picture of Dr. Hale and a facsimile of the Lend a Hand mottoes. The price of the book to Clubs is thirty-five cents and to others forty cents. It was this book, Mr. Eliot reminded his hearers, which inspired people nearly fifty years ago to form Clubs to lend a hand. One of the "Original Ten," Miss Kimball, is present today as are members of other Clubs of twenty-five to thirty-five years standing. Looking back for the inspiration, we now look forward to the work, and to the still greater inspiration which comes from the vision of a new and more glorious world to which, perhaps, we may be able to contribute our gift.

An interesting number on the programme was the reading of brief reports by representatives of the following Clubs: Ten Times One Club, Billerica; Filiae Fidelis Club, Dorchester; Lend a Hand Club, Attleboro. In announcing this number, Mr. Eliot very happily said: "Every Lend a Hand Club is a workshop, a school and a gymnasium, for it does things, it learns how to do them well, and it exercises the spiritual muscles."

The first address was a stirring ap-

peal by Rev. Samuel R. Maxwell, for the Y. M. C. A. "Huts." He said in part:

"The Y. M. C. A. 'huts' are now needed in every training camp in the United States, as they have been in Europe. The Y. M. C. A. is all that stands between our boys and destruction. More boys have been wounded by vice than have been wounded by guns. More boys go to pieces before they ever reach the trenches than are shot down in them. Splendid boys enter the army with the best motives, to stand for high principles, but the temptations are great. Fortunately a great many more men come out of the war clean than are tempted, but there are enough who are ruined for life, not by what Germany has done against them but by the forces of moral destruction.

After giving many startling facts, Mr. Maxwell asked,—“What is the alternative? What the Y. M. C. A. offers. It will not allow a young man to grow weak for it is providing for him within the camp the same attractions, the same forces for good which his church and home provided.

The Y. M. C. A. put up wooden

structures called 'huts' for the men's recreation in leisure hours. Over the writing table they read 'Your mother hopes to hear from you tonight.' Imagine what that means to the boy who is foot-loose and thinks no one cares.

I ask you to stand by these boys, to prevent their ruin before they have had an opportunity to strike the first blow for democracy. We are asked to give \$3,000,000 for the huts in America and perhaps \$3,000,000 more for huts in Europe.

By helping you will be saving the strength and virtue of the nation for the moment when its efficiency will be put to the test. I ask you all to lend a hand to the first salvage work of the war and to out-general the evil forces and so bring your boys back as proud as they were when they signed their names to enlistment."

This strong plea was followed by the unanimous adoption of the following resolution presented by Mr. Eliot:

Resolved, That the President of the Lend a Hand Society write to the President of the United States, who is Commander-in-Chief of the Army, and to Gov. McCall of Massachusetts urging them to help the forces of good destroy

the forces of evil in this national crisis.

The next appeal was by Miss Emma E. Porter, of the Boston Metropolitan Chapter of the Red Cross, her subject being "What the Red Cross Wants of You." Some of her fine remarks were as follows:

"Try to think of my subject not as *the* Red Cross, but as *your* Red Cross, because it stands ready to help *you* if need be. It comes to the rescue in every disaster or calamity whether in times of peace or war. The tragedy of the war has come, and the government rules that only the Red Cross can go to your son or brother or friend on the battle field. You must work through this one organization which the Government accepts. It is *your* Red Cross because it is ready to take your place.

Now comes the question, What shall I do for *my* Red Cross? I answer it by saying—lend a hand. First, by this spiritual salute to the flag you will express complete loyalty: I pledge allegiance to my flag and the world-wide cause it represents; one brotherhood uniting all mankind in the relief and prevention of human suffering.

Second, the Red Cross likes you to seek your pocket. By paying for a membership you are paying a patriotic tax.

Third, lend your hand to some service. The Red Cross offers lessons in home nursing, first aid, preparation and dietetics. Some of the hand work is snipping cotton for pillows, making handkerchiefs, machine work on garments, knitting, etc., for the base hospitals.

Miss Porter described graphically the base hospitals and the work done by the medical corps of the regular army in taking the wounded from the battlefield to these base hospitals in the rear. Our own first unit of 200 has arrived in France and is equipped with a 500 bed hospital. The need for supplies will be very great if they see service at the front.

The last address was made by Mr. Hollis T. Gleason who spoke on "Mr. Hoover's New Plan for the Belgian Children."

Mr. Gleason said that the Committee in Boston was formed to raise \$240,000 to feed 20,000 children in Louvain, Belgium. This was part of the larger movement to feed 1,250,000 de-

pendent children in Belgium and northern France. In two and a half years the Belgian Relief Commission has distributed over \$270,000,000. Of that only \$10,000,000 has come from the United States. For that reason the Commission and Mr. Hoover thought it was the duty of the United States to provide for these children, and Mr. Hoover undertook to raise \$240,000 for supplementary meals. Such a meal, costing three cents, consists of a biscuit (made of maize, a little flour, and fat) and a cup of cocoa. This meal was necessary to prevent the children from dying of starvation.

The Committee has been most successful, but the Government has taken over this work of relief, having appropriated \$7,000,000.

The Belgian Commission is now endeavoring to establish an emergency fund for use after the war. Everything they can obtain will be necessary and would be welcome now, but the lack of ships handicaps the work. The Belgians have been told they will have to kill their milk cattle, so necessary for the children, to tide over the present situation. The Committee, therefore, is endeavoring to increase this emergency

fund and will appreciate donations.

At the Board Meeting held on Monday, June 25, 1917, the Directors re-elected Miss Annie F. Brown as Superintendent of the Lend a Hand work.

Superintendent's Report

Present events and future possibilities in connection with the world war so fully occupy the minds and hearts of most of us, we experience almost a feeling of impatience in looking back over a past record, though it be but a year old. Some account, however, must be rendered annually to the generous friends who assist the Lend a Hand Society in carrying on its work, and we shall gain new courage in the process. The Treasurer's report is most encouraging and would almost seem sufficient. Figures, however, deal with the cold facts, and it is therefore my purpose to try to indicate the friendly spirit of the work and to show something of its scope.

First, it seems necessary to state, for the information of those not familiar with the work of the Society, that it is non-sectarian and that its members are the individuals who contribute to the work, and the Lend a Hand Clubs united with it by the payment of annual dues and by the adoption of its mottoes of Faith, Hope and Love. These Clubs exist in all parts of this country, and

during the past year one was formed in Shanghai, China, and one in Zurich, Switzerland.

It is with much satisfaction that we report forty-one new Clubs organized since May 1, 1916, twenty of which have united with the Society, and three more formed the previous year. The present tide of enthusiasm for service has given us an opportunity for appealing to the children and young people to form themselves into Clubs for the purpose of lending a hand In His Name. They have responded splendidly, as have their elders, and more Clubs are in prospect for the fall. One boy of about nine years, to whom we wrote suggesting that his Sunday School class form into a Club, was so enthusiastic over the idea that he seized his cap, tore down the street to his teacher's home and proposed organizing on the next Sunday. The boy's earnestness was a call, the teacher said, that she felt in duty bound to answer.

The younger Clubs, as well as those organized twenty-five to thirty-five years ago, proved that they are needed by their reports at the two Conferences held in October and February last in Lexington and West Newton.

For two years and more the Clubs have been making for the Red Cross and other War Relief agencies quantities of hospital and children's garments, surgical dressings, comfort bags, comfort packets, crutch-pads, etc., for the sufferers in Europe. Following Mr. Hoover's recent appeal for concentration of effort to avoid waste, the Clubs have been urged to co-operate with their local Red Cross Chapters in all their relief work for our own army and navy. Contributions have been made to the Belgian, French, and other funds, through Dime Banks, the Children's Tin Boxes, Marne Valley Home Banks, and sale of French Flags for Baby Fund.

The money collected through the Marne Valley Banks was recently acknowledged by Comtesse de Bryas of Paris. Quotations from her graphic letter will be of interest, especially as it includes an earnest appeal for further aid in establishing homes for the destitute widows and children. She writes:

“The 1200 francs forwarded to me from the Lend a Hand Society reached me in Paris on Christmas morning, and it was a delightful surprise, and indeed the best gift one could receive for a Xmas day in war time.

This gift will provide for six homes

of a single member and will furnish besides that two little wooden huts, containing each a family with children. The Bon Gite is actually furnishing a good many villages in the North district not very far off from the Belgian frontier, and the kind gift of your Society will help us to furnish the village of Stoenwerch.

Many peasants have never abandoned their homes and have bravely cultivated the land, finding refuge in dark and damp cellars, or in their former houses that they have repaired. A great number of small wooden huts have now been provided for them either by the local or military authorities, and also in the Marne and Meuse districts by the Society of Friends of England.

I hope I may not be too indiscreet in asking if you could still further help our work by making a little propaganda amongst your friends, or in suggesting useful ideas as to what could be done in Boston in order to arouse interest in favour of these unfortunate families.

We are so grateful for all the good work done by Americans in our country, and we are deeply touched to feel their true sympathy during this critical period, that unites America and France in a closer link."

Another deep interest has been the making of Comfort Packets for the soldiers in the trenches, the Lend a Hand Society having been made the

New England Agency of the National Comfort Packet Committee. The request now comes for "1,000,000 Packets for US and the Allies!" Several hundred of these packets, each containing one warm garment and six or more smaller comforts, have been sent to the soldiers through the New York headquarters. The donors are now receiving acknowledgments from such soldiers as are still living, full of gratitude and courage.

Mme. Balli, Chairman of the Committee's Distributing Bureau in Paris writes as follows :

"April 4, 1917.

The packets arrive in excellent condition, and I cannot congratulate you sufficiently on the admirable way they are arranged and packed. It is a pity the kind senders cannot see the opening of their gifts—the joy they give cause the poor fellows to forget for an instant the sadness of their departure and the discomforts of the trenches that await them. The towels and soap are much appreciated and those who receive them generally rush to the lavatory and put them in use. Will you try and add a little conserve—it would meet with a warm welcome."

Interest in the French and Belgian children is unabated. Some of the adult

Clubs, as well as individual members, have "adopted" French orphans, and pledges have been made of \$1 a month, or \$12 a year, for supplementary meals so greatly needed by the Belgian children. The members of a Club of children (all in modest circumstances) have been trying to save a cent a day in the hope that by June they may send the \$36.50 needed to "adopt" and support a French orphan for a year. They have started to learn enough French to write simple letters to their child, when adopted. Note the influence of these things on the doer—as vital as the deeds themselves.

The Christmas season was a particularly joyous one, for we were enabled, through the generosity of friends, to make many people happy. We had anticipated a sale of 500 or more fir balsam pillows for our old friend in the Maine woods, but only 250 were made and sold on account of the early and heavy snowstorms preventing the gathering of the fir. It was not only a great disappointment to the maker, but a real hardship. We tried to make up the loss somewhat by sending two Christmas boxes for the community Christmas tree, filled with many useful and pretty

gifts. The grateful letter of acknowledgment mentioned the happy time at the tree, the appreciation of the good things, and ended, as usual, with "God bless the Lend a Hand!"

We wish time permitted mention of some of the kind things done by the Clubs for Miss Ida Clothier's work among sick and lonely girls in Manitou, Colorado. We would like to tell some of the stories of patience, courage, and wonderful faith which we daily learn from those we befriend, especially of three who have laid down their burdens during the past year.

Since it is impossible to mention all we do, and for the sake of a little variety in our report, we give a brief account of a recent day at our Central Office—often called by Dr. Hale "a clearing house for the common good and always ready to serve."

It began with several telephone calls at home connected with details for this meeting, and an inquiry as to what books were acceptable to the Book Mission. About nine o'clock we are at the office. The mail is opened while our assistants are at work on clerical matter constantly on hand. Telephone bell rings. Inquiry from Social Service De-

partment Massachusetts General Hospital as to whether arrangements have been made for sending a boy convalescing from pneumonia to the country for two weeks, that he may be made strong for his work. Plans settled for the day and train on which he is to leave. Expense will be charged to Outing Department for Men, which, by the way, had sixty-seven applicants during the year, fifty-six of whom received the benefit of an outing.

While telephoning, a lady came in with package of magazines, pictures, post cards and Christmas cards. Waited to inquire if the Lend a Hand Book Mission could use them. Explained the value of such gifts, and the great need of good books for both children and adults in the South.

We again turn to the correspondence, acknowledging remittances, and answering inquiries from various states in regard to forming new Clubs, how to obtain books for Southern schools and libraries, and two appeals, one from the Associated Charities for assistance in purchasing a back-brace for a needy man, and the other from the Boston Dispensary for milk and eggs for an anaemic child. Note the co-

operation with the various philanthropic organizations, among which the Society holds an unusual place.

Dictation interrupted by a call from one of our sewing women who brings back mending and other sewing obtained for her. Explain in regard to a special order for flannel garments to be made for Dr. Grenfell's people in the Far North, the expense to be borne by an interested friend. Two blessings have thus been conferred. During conversation, a member of one of the Clubs comes in and hastily leaves a package of fine scrap-books made by her Club for the Book Mission. Telephone bell rings. Inquiry from Boston Consumptives' Hospital as to whether we have an infant's outfit which can be given for a destitute three months old baby. The social worker inquiring called next day and took away a fine outfit with great satisfaction. She also reported on the joy of a woman in a Sanitarium over package of underclothing we sent her. In this connection will say that five of the eight layettes received from Clubs the past year have been distributed. 166 other garments donated have been given out, besides many other articles. A pleasant incident in this connection

was the distribution of 47 new garments given us by the South Congregational Friendly Society. They were sent to the following places,—to the Grenfell Association for Labrador, to a motherless child in Nova Scotia whose father is at the front, to the “friendly nurse,” Miss Lydia Holman, in Altapass, North Carolina, to a soldier in France, and to several needy men and women in Boston.

Our next caller was a stranger with inquiry “Is Mr. Eliot in?” “No.” “Well, what are the duties of the Lend a Hand Society?” Her question and appearance indicating that she seeks help, we learn her story. Result, instead of handing her the \$10 for which she asked, friendly advice is given and she is sent to the Industrial Aid Society to apply for work. Followed up by telephone conversation with latter Society. Report in P. M.—woman sent to a job and told of a good, inexpensive boarding-place.

Meanwhile, a representative of the Subcommittee of the Boston Public Safety Committee on Co-ordination of Aid Societies has been waiting for an interview to learn about our work. Was told of the co-operation of our Clubs

and Central Office with the Red Cross for the past two years and more, that the policy of our Society is to avoid duplication of work, and that we endorse the Committee's plan to centralize efforts for army and navy relief through the Red Cross. The next caller is Dr. Curtis, co-worker with Dr. Grenfell in Newfoundland and Labrador, this being his second call within a few days in connection with the new medical case which the Clubs have had made and filled with bottles of drugs and other medical and surgical supplies, and which was exhibited at the February Conference in West Newton. Dr. Curtis reports he has just expended the \$75 we had on hand for surgical instruments, and expresses his delight and gratitude. The medical case is to return with him to Battle Harbor, Newfoundland, the last of May, and he states that soon thereafter he will begin his summer trip with it up the Labrador coast.

May I interrupt the recital of the doings of this particular day to read a part of a letter received from Dr. Grenfell himself only the day before, dated :

“ St. Anthony, Newfoundland,

March 17, 1917.

To the 'Lend a Handers,'

Dear Friends :

I have just seen the account of your most generous renewal of the famous Lend a Hand medicine box. I am just back from 250 miles 'on dogs' round various sick calls. I had to cross a very difficult piece of country. That the old Lend a Hand aluminum case should itself have become diseased while full of drugs does seem a veritable paradox. It sounds like 'the preacher becoming a castaway' himself. My one equipment for the last hundred miles of my trip had to be a number of light cardboard boxes with tablets, in my kit-bag. I wish to convey to you the supreme value of the lightness and strength of your new generous gift and to thank you all very, very heartily.

Sincerely yours ever,

Wilfred Grenfell"

We now arrange for immediate interview with book-dealer in regard to shipment of thirteen boxes of new books to be sent South by steamer same evening, and telephone transportation companies interested. Appointment kept. On return begin sorting donations of second-hand books, magazines, pictures, cards, etc., for Miss Whitman's skilful packing in boxes for the Book Mission to be sent from the office.

During luncheon we met our good

Vice-President, Mr. Daly, and discussed the needs of a poor old man, recently crippled and sent to Long Island Hospital.

Early in the afternoon our earnest Treasurer called to consult. Interview interrupted by a very feeble old man, who needed assurance that his present abiding place was the right one for him, and that his wife, now in a convalescent home, is improving in health. Advice, comfort, friendly interest is as often needed and given as anything else.

Telephone call from Social Service Department Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in regard to woman with chronic heart trouble, well-known to us, and who is too ill to be moved to boarding-place we found.

Meantime, the "Lend a Hand Leaflets" (published monthly) just received from the printer, were being wrapped for mailing that night; the letters had been typewritten and the usual daily attention given to receipts and disbursements.

This day ended with a visit to the new Lend a Hand Club at Hale House which has a membership of about fifteen little girls of the neighborhood. Collected \$2.15 from the Children's

Tin Box left the month previous, into which the children of Hale House had dropped pennies, denying themselves that the Belgian children might be fed.

No two days at the office are the same, except in their spirit and in diversity of interests.

Before closing, we wish to add that the Society has been encouraged by notice of two bequests, one from Mrs. Laura A. Miller of about \$2,000 for the Hale Endowment Fund, which now amounts to \$55,982.45, and one from Mr. Horace H. King of \$100 for the Lend a Hand Book Mission,—the first bequest the Book Mission has received. One of our griefs is that besides these two good friends we have to record also the loss by death of sixteen others, mentioned below, the first three of whom were life members: Mrs. Walter Aiken, Mr. Eben D. Jordan, Mrs. Thomas Mack, Miss S. H. Adams, Mrs. I. C. Bates, Mrs. George Chickering, Mrs. J. T. Clark, Miss Isabelle P. Curtis, Miss Alice J. Johnson, Mr. Jerome Jones, Mrs. John Lewis, Mrs. Robert S. Morison, Miss Marianne Paine, Mr. Theodore Tyndale (Photius Fiske Fund), Mrs. Frederick Stone, Mrs. W. W. Warren.

We wish to express appreciation of the untiring efforts and wise counsel of our honored President and devoted Board of Directors, and for the helpful co-operative spirit of the Lend a Hand Clubs, both old and new.

We wish also to express our gratitude for the generous friends who contribute to our work and give us new courage by frequently expressing their appreciation of it. Some of the old friends who were diverted for the first two years of the war have renewed their interest this year, and we have gained new friends in all departments.

We are grateful for the opportunities to serve in our own land as well as across the water. The needs in our country will increase as the present year grows old, and social workers are already meeting staggering problems resulting from the war. These problems must be solved, and it is the duty of all our members to help solve them. While here together, let us ask ourselves the question our founder once asked: "Have you thrown yourself with hearty passion into a great cause—the great cause of making this world a part of heaven?" Having answered, let us listen to his comment, which is a

call for us to heed: "It is no answer to say that you have offered a part of yourself and kept the other part for certain purposes of your own. Nobody has asked for a part of you. God Almighty has asked for the whole. Jesus Christ, his ambassador, has asked for the whole. The demand is that you will squarely devote yourself, your life, that God's Kingdom may come, and his will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."

Lend A Hand Book Mission

(Founded by MISS SARAH P. BRIGHAM)

The full report of the Lend a Hand Book Mission made in the "Transcript" last November, which is considered the end of the fiscal year of the Book Mission, informed our friends of the progress of the work, and of the great need for continuing it.

We feel we have every reason to be encouraged with what has been accomplished during this second abnormal year in the history of the world. From May 1, 1916 to May 1, 1917, 152 boxes of books have been sent south, 104 of which were sent from the Central Office. They contained 4078 excellent

second-hand books and 3527 new books, or a total of 7605 books, besides quantities of magazines, pictures, post cards, Christmas cards, etc.

We esteem it a matter of great importance to establish good habits of reading and thought among these southern children, and deem it a great privilege to have the opportunity. We prize highly the correspondence with the County Superintendents, teachers, and co-workers in the South, while the children's charming letters, which come sometimes from a whole class, warm and delight our hearts. Sunnyside School, in Thomaston, Georgia, is now one of the standard schools of the state and we take pride in having helped make it so. One of the twelve-year old boys in this school wrote under date of March 28, as follows:

“I want to write to you and tell you how much we are enjoying the nice magazines we received from you. To tell the truth, I did not even know that that many different kinds of magazines were published. The pictures in them alone are beautiful. I enjoy reading very much. I think I am a much better reader and speller than writer, as you will see from my letter. The nice

books and things that we have received from you at different times, also from the other good women, have sure helped to make better girls and boys out of the Sunnyside children. *** The farmers are all getting ready to plant cotton. I do hope that war will not be declared. Hope we can live at peace with all nations.”

One of the teachers whom I met in Tarboro, North Carolina, and who is devotion itself to her pupils, writes under date of April 16, last:

“Your beautiful package came in due time and gave so much pleasure. It was all packed so pretty. I carried it around the neighborhood to show how much trouble you went to for us. Then I selected the flower cards and showed the children the different flowers. Then I held up each card and it gave as much pleasure as a ‘movie’ ever did. They exclaimed and enjoyed until I would say ‘You precious children, I wish Miss Brown could see you!’ Then each child had a pretty card to carry home, and some over for the sick ones. We have one child belonging to our school, nearly eight years old, who hasn’t a doll, nor anything belonging to playthings, who has no visit from

Santa, has never been on the train or automobile, and has just had measles, so you may be sure she had a card! We had a big box of cards that I shared with a negro school near us. The small books and cards that came Christmas gave so much pleasure, and we had a Christmas tree decorated with beautiful ornaments which Miss Hayes sent and the pretty cards from you."

From another teacher in Tucker, Georgia, came the following acknowledgment:

"The box of books, magazines, etc., which you shipped us, has just arrived and how happy we all are. The children are delighted with so many of the little scrap-books, pictures, etc. These things will keep them happy, interested, and busy for quite a while. Many a lonely little heart will be gladdened when these things which are so new to them are placed before them. I just wish I could tell you how much the people appreciate the 'box'. They didn't know that anyone would just *give them anything*. They said I surely must have paid something; but I explained that there were many people who were interested in the uplifting of country schools. I know you will not

forget 'Tucker School' when you get a supply of *new children's books*. We would like some on literature, biographies, science, fiction, etc. There are children in our school from six to eighteen years old."

Last fall, a County Superintendent in Carthage, North Carolina, wrote:

"Through your help every white school but one in my county has a library, and there are twenty-four colored schools without books. We shall try to put a library into every school by June, 1917." We sent the "one white school" a library and a few more to his colored schools, and a week ago received a letter from the Superintendent in which he said:

"We thank you most heartily for the books sent for the one white school without a library, and also for the second-hand books, cards, etc., which have done so much good in the colored schools. Two of our colored schools have met the state requirements and secured each \$30 libraries this year. Ten years ago no colored and only twelve white schools in Moore County had any library at all. Now about twenty more libraries will put one in every public school here." We hope

to accomplish this by stimulating the schools to help themselves.

One of the most satisfactory branches of this department is the forming of new libraries and the encouragement of others that are struggling. Often such a library serves a whole county. Several such have been started during the year, one of which is in Gatesville, North Carolina. The leader in this movement is the wife of the County Superintendent. In February she wrote:

“Our public library will begin at once to serve the people. Thank you for all the books, but especially for a number of favorites familiar for years. The library will be under the management of three directors. A librarian will be chosen from the girls’ Lend a Hand Club which has been formed by my twins among the school girls. I hope to have the library open for a story-telling hour once a week for the children. At present we have secured space in a store which is little frequented by customers, and not at all by loafers, but is really a very good and suitable location and a very nice place. We shall always be glad of any contributions you may be able to send us.”

In Lawtey, Florida, a Woman’s Club

House Fund was started with eleven cents by a committee of a few women. Some one immediately gave a lot for the building, and the Ways and Means Committee obtained \$1,600 with which to finish the house. Then books were desired and an appeal came to the Book Mission. We responded with a box of fifty-one books, five of which were new and the rest unusually fine used books. We received the following acknowledgment, under date of April 21 :

“I really cannot express my appreciation for the box of books and magazines sent to our Club by the Lend a Hand Book Mission. Very few of our Club women know we have the books, so I am saving them as a big surprise at our next meeting, and then I know all the ladies will join me in expressions of appreciation. We have almost one hundred books now, and after our shower we shall have enough to catalogue and really open the library. We especially need encyclopaedias and reference books for our school children.”

We hope to encourage these women, as Miss Brigham did the little group in Greeneville, Tenn., so that a Carnegie

Library may some day be established in Lawtey, as in Greeneville.

On Monday last I spent the last dollar on hand for the Book Mission to pay for new books ordered for certain schools before they close, and we shall have other applications to fill. The school terms vary and some schools will be open during July and August, before and after the cotton crop is gathered.

In spite of the fact that the present disturbing events are diverting donations more or less, we feel certain that our friends will not forget our own boys and girls in the South who need our help to make them useful citizens. They will be needed more than ever before, as they must take the places of those soon to be sacrificed in this hideous war, and we must help to make them ready to bear their burdens. Is this not one way to be patriotic?

ANNIE FLORENCE BROWN,
Superintendent.

Treasurer's Report

Josiah M. Fowler, Treasurer, in account with the
Lend a Hand Society, May 1st, 1916 to May 1st,
1917.

RECEIPTS

Donations for Special Cases,	\$1,435.61	
Donations and Subscriptions,	864.33	
Dues,	274.05	
Income from Investments and Interest,	2,441.54	
Lend a Hand Book Mission,	1,171.15	
Outings,	451.75	
War Relief,	430.17	
Dr. Grenfell's Medical Case,	83.68	
Hale Endowment Fund,	11.70	
Donations and Subscriptions "Special Need,"	430.00	
Sales Account,	43.70	
New Edition "10 x 1 = 10,"	5.65	
Lend a Hand Leaflet,	118.85	
Loyal Helpers Scholarship Fund,	7.80	
Total receipts twelve months,	\$7,769.98	
Held in trust, Special Charities, May 1st, 1916,	\$1,033.14	
Loyal Helpers Schol- arship Fund,	92.92	
Reserve Fund,	1,000.00	
On hand, unappropri- ated, May 1st, 1916,	2,051.89	\$4,177.95
Total,		<u>\$11,947.93</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Donations for Special Cases,	\$1,462.22	
Donations General,	748.40	
Lend a Hand Book Mission,	1,093.68	
Outings,	489.89	
War Relief,	468.57	
Dr. Grenfell's Medical Case,	186.34	
Hale Endowment Fund,	11.70	
Sales Account,	24.50	
New Edition "10 x 1 = 10,"	153.65	
Lend a Hand Leaflet,	151.35	
Office Expenses, Printing etc.	621.57	
Rent and Salaries,	2,272.62	
Total disbursements twelve Months,		<u>\$7,684.49</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$7,684.49
Held in Trust, Special Charities, May 1st, 1917,	\$ 794.64	
Loyal Helpers Scholarship Fund,	100.72	
Reserve Fund,	1,061.20	
2nd Reserve Fund,	1,500.00	
On hand, unappropriated, May 1st, 1917,	806.88	<u>\$4,263.44</u>
Total,		<u><u>\$11,947.93</u></u>

Invested Funds, May 1st, 1916, Hale Endowment Fund,	\$55,970.75	
Harriet Rose Lee Fund,	<u>100 00</u>	56,070.75
Additions to date, Hale Endowment Fund,		<u>11.70</u>
Total Invested Funds, May 1st, 1917,		<u><u>\$56,082.45</u></u>

JOSIAH M. FOWLER, Treasurer.

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

IRVING B. COBURN }
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Boston, May 17, 1917.

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