

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Upon the completion of the church addition, the Women's Society concerned itself with the decorating of the parsonage, which represents the biggest financial project of the year. The building has been papered and painted throughout with the exception of the kitchen.

We have completed payment of our Missionary pledge to the Rock River Conference - W.S.C.S. The collections taken on our two Missionary Thank Offering Sundays have helped with this pledge. Other benevolences include Christmas gifts of supplies to needy institutions, gifts given in response to varied requests received during the year, and \$16.00 per month to Marcy Center where we felt the need this year was very great. The Red Stocking Fund at Christmas was initiated by the women of our Society.

Mrs. Dernehl continues as our spiritual leader; and we wish to thank the Program Committee for the series of fine programs which it has presented at our general meetings.

Our Circles have worked well, in their contribution of gifts as well as in their service. We have had two rummage sales and a smorgasbord dinner. We've assisted with the Youth Fellowship Mid-Winter Institute and the Consecration Tea.

We've presented the study courses at our Circle meetings set up for us by the Rock River School of Missions. These were very ably presented by members of individual circles.

We're spending one day a month at the church making cancer dressings which are available to anyone in this area needing them. Mrs. Donald Titterton is chairman of this work.

We've interested ourselves in Hamilton Cottage at Elgin State Hospital. This Cottage houses 190 elderly women who find time heavy on their hands. We have visited them twice this year, providing a party for them as well as good fellowship. Seeing the pleasure these women derive from such a small service has inspired us to adopt the Cottage and we hope in the future to do more for them.

Perhaps the deepest satisfaction of working for our fellow-man has come from our Philip's Fund Project. This fund is over and above our regular budget. It was felt by the women that true giving should come individually through sacrifice. In the Spring of 1953 we pledged to send our Indian family \$50. each month for a year. This has been a wonderful experience and we have found that faith really pays fine dividends.

I would like to thank all the women of our Society for their wonderful co-operation and service, without which, our organization could not exist. It has been a pleasure to serve you as your president this year.

Ruth Paulson
President