

JPH'S NOTES FROM 12/04/2010 VISIT TO BENTLEY LIBRARY IN ANN ARBOR TO RESEARCH GIRLS FRIENDLY SOCIETY & PINE ESTATES DRIVE

12/4/1897 minutes of the annual meeting of the Council of the Girls Friendly Society (GFS) said that 403 persons visited Howard House that summer.

3/23/1898 minutes of special Council meeting said funds for Holiday House raised by holding a "fair" in St. Johns Parish at the end of May called "Festival of Summer Months. Total \$225.57. Agreed to rent the Holiday House again (actually the Howard house) this summer but looking for something else as "in the spring, the roads are so impossible that places cannot be visited".

11/30/1898 minutes of the annual meeting said 179 visited the Holiday House.

2/28/1899 minutes of the Council meeting agreed that Holiday (then Holiday was crossed out and replaced by Howard) House will be re-rented this coming summer.

10/28/1899 minutes of annual meeting said "Pleasant summer @ Holiday House marred only by the unfortunate accident to Miss Sill." Had 209 visitors."

3/8/1900 minutes of a special Council meeting said that Howard House had be taken again. Miss Shaw was asked to take position of matron.

2/20/1902 minutes of a regular Council meeting said that it was agreed "to continue with the Howard House and outbuildings again contingent on the house being put in a sanitary condition". The Council named a committee to investigate Oakland County with a view to buying a suitable site for Holiday House.

5/31/02 minutes of a regular Council meeting the committee said that the most desirable place is a farm of 100 acres situated at the "head" of Pine Lake which could be purchased for \$7,000. The Council moved to get an option to purchase the property.

6/13/1902 minutes of Council meeting said they purchased a second surry for \$40. Also, agreed to buy the 100 acres for \$7,000 on a land contract at 6% interest and semi annual payments. Agreed also to incorporate as "Girls Friendly Society of Michigan".

10/4/1902 minutes of a special meeting of the Council said that they had incorporated on 6/27/1902. Also sold 65 of the 100 acres to the Sindler Family for \$3,500 thus leaving 36-1/2 acres for Holiday House.

11/20/02 minutes of the Associates meeting (they called themselves the "Associates" of the GFS of Michigan and seem to have acted as the board of directors of the GFS of Michigan) said the building construction contracts were ready to let. \$2,573 was on hand for funding the construction.

2/13/1903 minutes of the Council meeting said the building contract was let to Vinton & Co for \$8,000. They moved the furniture out of Howard House this winter before the horses were needed for the spring work.

5/9/1903 minutes of a regular Council meeting said that they were raising the Holiday House board to \$5/week for associates and \$3/week for members. A deposit of 50 cents is due on filing an application.

11/28/1903 minutes of the annual Council meeting said:

actual cost to build the Holiday House building	=	\$7,223.51
actual cost to build the laundry	=	316.00
actual cost to build the engine house	=	46.13
actual cost for other extras	=	699.30
total actual cost for all	=	\$8,284.94

Also noted that Albert Kahn had donated. \$1,067.34 donations had been received to date for furniture. 293 attended the Holiday House last summer.

HELPING *One* ANOTHER

Is the Noble Mission of *the* GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

FOR twenty years Miss Frances W. Sibley, of Detroit, has been president of the Michigan Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society in America. For twelve years she has been presiding officer of the fifth province of the organization, which includes Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. And now her recent election—at the annual meeting held in Memphis, Tennessee—to the national presidency, seems but a logical recognition of such devoted service to a beloved work.

Unless you are familiar with the activities of the Episcopal church you may never have heard of the Girls' Friendly Society. For although it is the oldest and one of the strongest organizations of its kind, it goes on its way so inconspicuously that the public at large knows comparatively little about it. Perhaps no better idea of its work may be given than by quoting from an interview granted the writer of this article by the new president-elect. It takes but a brief conversation with her to gain a clear conception of this splendid endeavor and incidentally to become impressed with Miss Sibley's fitness for the honor and responsibility accorded her.

"Nearly half a century ago," said she, "the dreadful conditions in the factory towns of England were brought to the notice of an English woman, Mrs. M. E. Townsend. Largely as a result of the introduction of machinery, great numbers of girls had come to be employed in the mills—and most of them were of an ignorant class, quite unable to take care of themselves. At this time no society existed whose aim was preventive work for girls. Mrs. Townsend decided that something must be done at once to help them. Having already gathered into a friendly group a few girls within the country parish where she lived, the thought occurred to her that she might extend the work by interesting other church women of standing and spirituality throughout England. Her idea was not only to give friendly protection to all girls, but to perfect an arrangement by which they might be commended—whenever their work took them into new surroundings—to some church woman who would be willing to stand sponsor for them, even as she stood sponsor for the members of her little parish club.

"That thought proved an inspiration. Without realizing it, Mrs. Townsend had started at the heart of things. A little bit of prevention is indeed worth such a heap of cure! Her miniature club was brought to the attention of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and not long afterward three bishops and three women held

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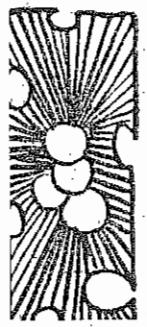
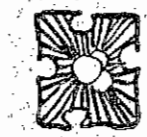


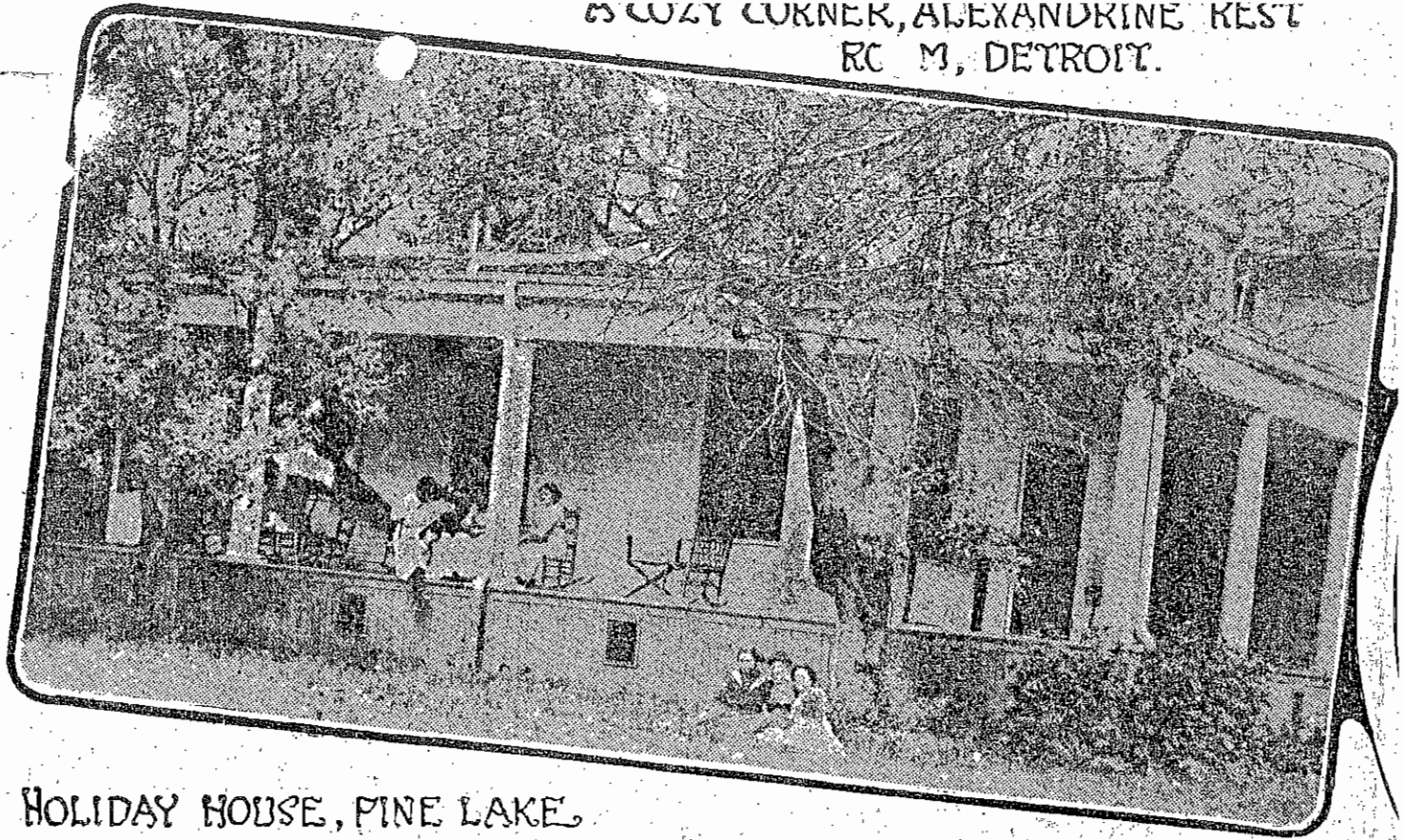
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MISS FRANCES W. SIBLEY, NEWLY ELECTED NATIONAL
PRESIDENT OF THE GREAT FRIENDS SOCIETY





HOLIDAY HOUSE, PINE LAKE

a meeting at Lambeth Palace, London. At this gathering the Girls' Friendly Society was organized, its stated objects being mutual help—religious and secular—sympathy and prayer. It grew—and grew. Today it numbers nearly half a million members and is represented in every part of the world where the English language is spoken.

"In order to carry out the protective idea to the fullest extent little girls are taken into the society as candidates between the ages of five and twelve years. At twelve they may be admitted to membership, when they receive a simple badge with the motto, "Bear ye one another's burdens." They pledge themselves to be friendly to all girls and to stand for purity of life, dutifulness to parents, faithfulness in work, and thrift—which four old-fashioned virtues form the corner stone of the society. They also pledge themselves to use daily the simple prayer of the society, thus indirectly being brought to realize that its underlying idea is spirituality. No restrictions of creed enter into the qualification for membership, however, a good character being the only requirement. But officers and other leaders of the society—the associates, as they are called—must be communicants of the Episcopal church.

The American Branch.

"The American branch of the society, founded in 1877, has a membership of 46,630—represented in 46 states in which are 745 branches. One distinguishing feature of the organization is the fact that most of the workers contribute their services. A central office is maintained in New York and a branch office in Chicago, yet only four paid helpers are employed.

"Co-operating with the president of the society are eight vice-presidents, or presiding officers, who live in different sections of the country, each having charge of her own province—which coincides with the diocesan organization of the church. Then comes the state organization and within that the local, with its branches.

"The society dues are astonishingly low—36 cents a year. Of this one cent a month is applied to the support of the national work, one cent to the diocesan and one to the branch. With this one cent per member that goes into the treasury of the national fund the central

office is almost entirely maintained. Is not this a shining example of the value of thrift?

"In Michigan the Girls' Friendly has 22 branches, 14 of which are in Detroit. As a rule these branches meet once a week, either in parish houses or in private homes. The evenings are devoted to classes in literature, in social service, missions, sewing, cooking, physical culture, nursing and Red Cross work. Every month there is a social evening, with dancing and refreshments.

"But the society also does a large amount of work for causes and people outside itself—those responsible for the organization feeling that only through serving others is it possible to develop the highest type of christian character. Interest in missions, for instance, usually expresses itself in gifts that take the form of scholarships. Thus individual girls help individual girls. It is only living up to the motto. For example, the Michigan branch is paying for the education of Ramona, a little Philippine girl whose home is in Manila. Last year the combined societies in the United States gave more than \$12,000 for such purposes. They also contribute occasionally to relief work, having just collected and sent \$1,200 to the American Red Cross. In this connection may be mentioned an interesting phase of the society's activities in England. It is trying to care for hundreds of English girls who have been obliged to return to the continent on account of the war and are, most of them, out of work. To this end a center has been opened where they are being trained for useful positions, and will be sent as rapidly as possible to various English colonies. Each girl's training costs about \$6 a week. As an expression of sisterly sympathy the American society has sent a contribution to the work.

"Members of the society are safeguarded in travelling by being met at railroad stations. This work is done entirely by volunteers. Word of a girl's contemplated arrival is sent ahead to the chairman of the branch—or to the rector or a parishioner, if there is no branch in that particular town.

"At the Memphis meeting, which had an unusually large attendance, it was decided to take definite steps to work in co-operation with the National Travelers' Aid society at the Pan-Pacific Exposition."

Miss Sibley also told of the work in con-

nection with the society's lodges and Holiday Houses.

Lodges are self-supporting homes for self-respecting girls. The idea is comparatively new in this country, while there are 200 such in England—as well as representative ones in Paris, Frankfort, Petrograd, Capetown and elsewhere. In America successful lodges have been established in New York, Washington, Providence, R. I., Memphis, Tenn., Louisville, Ky., and Vernal, Utah. The society is looking forward to having one in Detroit, where, however, the need seems to be well met at present by Priscilla Inn, the Young Women's Christian association, the Barat club and Woodbridge Inn (the last named under the auspices of Christ Church Guild). At the annual meeting it was voted to establish a lodge in San Francisco to be open during the six months of the exposition.

Holiday Houses.

Holiday Houses exist in 18 states. They are charming places where, at a nominal cost girls may enjoy a two weeks' vacation in beautiful scenery among congenial companions. There are several Holiday Houses on the Atlantic, two in the Rockies, one on Lake George and five in the middle west. The one at Pine Lake, Oakland county, familiar to Detroiters who indulge in suburban travel, is considered the best equipped in the country.

A beautiful, three-storied, wide-verandahed white house with green blinds, set in the heart of an orchard, and further surrounded by 10 acres of wood and farm land, is the visit that greets the city-weary girl who is fortunate enough to enjoy the hospitality of Holiday House. She may not know that the property was acquired and the house built 12 years ago by the aid of generous Detroit citizens; that the house was furnished chiefly by interested associates and members of the society; and that the whole represents an expenditure of thousands of dollars. But she does know that she is happy there; that every one is very kind to her; and that it is oh, so restful!

"Think of getting all this for \$3.50 a week and not a dish to wash!" exclaimed a guest last summer. The charge is \$3.50 a week for members and \$5 to non-members.



MISS FRANCES W. SIBLEY, NEWLY ELECTED NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

PHOTOGRAPH by C. M. HAYES.



LUNCH HOUR - ALEXANDRINE REST ROOM.

"My idea of a real vacation," another girl was heard to remark, "is nothing in the world to do and all the time in the world to do it in."

You see, the associates who mother Holiday House understand that a girl who works hard all day in an office or factory, and then perhaps has to go home at night and help, is none the worse for a complete change and relaxation. Thus one of the heaviest expenses of the house is for service—but that money is not paid out grudgingly.

Every girl who goes from Holiday House takes with her a memory of beauty and good cheer and hospitality. She carries away a mental picture of wonderful hours in the country and on the lake; of wide porches gay with pillowed hammocks; of a great, comfortable living room, made inviting with soft hangings, window seats, easy chairs and a fireplace where real logs crackle and blaze on every cool evening; of jolly mealtimes in the dining room; of her own sleeping room, so attractive in its furnishings. She remembers, too, the services in the little chapel that leads from the dining room, over the door of which is the appropriate inscription, "In this place I will give peace."

Holiday House proper accommodates 40 guests and opens late in June, the first week being given over to its younger contingent, the candidates. In addition there is a charming old farmhouse on the property, called "Aunt Mary's Rest Cottage," which was remodeled and furnished by Mrs. R. Adlington Newman in memory of a beloved aunt, Miss Mary Sibley.

Mrs. Newman pays for all improvements on the cottage and carries the deficit. Twelve girls may here be cared for—convalescent girls or those who are nervously worn-out.

A splendid garden supplies the table of both houses with vegetables, and an abundance of milk is brought from neighboring farms. The girls have the use of five rowboats and this year a beautifully equipped launch was added to their pleasures. The "Lady of the Lake" holds 40 passengers and many were the moonlight rides on which it took them about Pine lake. One of the little candidates invited a visitor to go boat riding with her. "Why, Mary," said the guest, "can you manage a boat?" "Oh, sure, I can," was the emphatic reply, "Miss Blank learnt me to oar last summer."

Plenty of nourishing food and plenty of outdoor life are the tonics most often prescribed at Holiday House. God's medicine is better than the chemist's.

Although a matron is always in charge—the kind who knows just how to make girls comfortable and happy—Miss Sibley and other associates take turns in going out from Detroit for brief stays. Often to these women comes an opportunity to counsel or encourage a girl when she is most in need of such help. A few seasons ago a young woman who had been working in a factory for ten years at a monotonous occupation happened to be a guest at Holiday House. She had become so deadened, so discouraged, that she had no ambition

—and had almost reached the rockless stage. Touched by the friendliness of the matron, her companions and the visiting associates, she was inspired to take a fresh start. Through the help of one of the members she secured a position in an office, which opened the way for several promotions. Many a girl could tell a similar story.

The Alexandrine Rest Room.

Applications for Holiday House are received at the Alexandrine Rest Room, headquarters of the society, located on the third floor of the Broadway market building. This is the newest work of the Girls' Friendly Society, and was undertaken by the Social Service committee, of which Miss Kate Sibley is chairman—the other members being fifteen representatives from various Detroit branches.

This memorial to Alexandrine Sibley consists of two pleasant rooms, charmingly and suitably furnished. While it serves as headquarters for the Social Service committee, it is designed especially for the use of members whose branches contribute toward its support, and to any other girl of good character upon payment of one dollar a year. The front room is fitted with lounges, comfortable chairs, tables containing good reading matter and a cabinet of jams and jellies—made at Holiday House—which are on sale. One of the accompanying pictures shows a corner of this room, photographed just before the noon hour. In it are Miss Kate Sibley and two "regular patrons."

The back room has facilities for preparing light luncheon and supper and for serving whatever the members may choose to bring with them from home. Already girls are availing themselves of this unusual privilege—and they have great fun with their light house-keeping. This room is also the office of the matron, who is on duty from 10:30 a. m. until 5:30 p. m. During the absence of Miss E. Thistle Greene, an unusually successful worker among girls, Mrs. Mary Harmon, a capable and devoted associate, is in charge.

Tea is served on Sunday afternoons, different branches of the society in turn acting as hostesses. A girl, or group of girls wishing to give a party, may rent the room on any week day evening at a cost of only one dollar. During the Christmas shopping rush it is planned to serve to the public light refreshments during the noon hour and between 5 and 8 p. m.

And thus this wonderful organization, with its many phases of work, has grown out of that little meeting held years ago in Lambeth Palace. In Detroit the society was started twenty-three years ago, members of the Episcopal church here giving it continued and enthusiastic support. Miss Sibley's connection with the local branch dates almost from its beginning. Only through service such as she and her associates are qualified to give could it have the influence that beyond doubt it does have among the girls who are brought within its fine protection.

Officers of the Girls' Friendly Society of Michigan are: Miss Frances W. Sibley, president; Miss Kate Sibley, first vice-president; Mrs. J. E. Emerson, second vice-president; Mrs. William Torrance, secretary; Miss Edith E. Conely, treasurer. Executive committee—Miss Frances Sibley, Miss Kate Sibley, Mrs. Torrance, Miss Conely, Mrs. Emerson, Mrs. Joseph Taylor, Mrs. F. B. Stevens, Mrs. F. A. Osburn, Mrs. W. H. Browne. Committee on missions, Miss Delia Warriner, chairman; committee on literature, Miss Elizabeth Williams, chairman; committee on candidates, Mrs. W. H. Browne, chairman; committee on

To Miss Anna Spence
District Community Union
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For Secretary file,

Please return.

Holiday Homes

The Girls' Friendly Society was organized in England in 1875 by a group of church women who wished to do some helpful constructive work for girls; something to save them from the bitterness and temptations of loneliness at a period when for the first time in history the introduction of machinery and the changed industrial situation was calling them from sheltered homes to take their places in the great world-in shop and factory.

How better than to bring them together in a friendly atmosphere of companionship for mutual help and work? Five years later in 1880 there were 80000 members in England. In 1877 branches were formed in America and in 1899 mention was made of the Girls' Friendly Society in Michigan. Mrs. A. B. Allen, who has been President since 1937, through enthusiasm and hard work has established many new branches throughout the State and the Society is in a prosperous condition showing a decided increase in membership every year.

The idea of the summer vacation or "Holiday House" was broached in 1894. The first Holiday House was opened at Pine Lake in June 1895 in a rented cottage accommodating 23 girls and one thinks back to the days before trolleys and automobiles. For recreation there was rowing, walking, swimming and a borrowed horse and buggy for driving, and pleasant indoor parties. It is interesting to remember that this House and Grace Cottage of the Y. W. C. A. at Lake Orion were inaugurated the same year and were the ~~original~~ ^{pioneers} ventures of the kind in Michigan.

Less than ten years later, the present site of Holiday House - a farm of 100 acres with 1100 feet of lake front - was purchased through the generosity of many friends, and a new house was built and opened June 30th, 1903. It holds 42 girls. In 1908 an old rambling farm house was remodelled by Mrs. R. Allington Newman in memory of her Aunt, Miss Scotten, and called "Aunt Mary's Rest Cottage". This was intended for girls who were tired and who needed perfect quiet. It accommodated 13 girls. In 1917 it was burned and in 1919 Mrs. Newman replaced the old cottage by the gift of a commodious new house on the banks of the lake. It holds 33 guests, and is open from April 1st to December 1st of each year. With it's completion we now had two vacation homes and the need for another.

In 1923 a cottage was erected on the foundations of the old "Rest Cottage" and the one known as "Bird's Nest" came into existence, accommodating sixteen. It was a place for the little girls of the Society, who are admitted at the age of 5 as Candidates, and for Mothers with little children. The great demand for rooms there has shown the need for larger quarters, and last year through the generosity of Mrs. Henry Ford, a new "Bird's Nest" was built. It holds 40, is for children from five to twelve years of age, and set in an apple orchard facing the lake, is an ideal spot for them. The "Old Bird's Nest" will be used for Mothers with children under 5 years of age. Thus we now have 4 well equipped vacation houses on our property.

Since the opening of the first Holiday House in 1895, Miss. Frances W. Sibley, who served as National President of the Girls' Friendly Society for thirteen years, has been and is the guiding hand and inspiration of this happy summer community.

It is difficult to describe this paradise for girls out on the lovely land-locked lake. One must see it. Running down to the lake for the morning swim, playing tennis, sitting with books and sewing under the trees or on the porches; wandering along the high banks at sundown; floating on the lake in the moonlight, singing songs; dancing or playing cards in the big hospitable living room- the atmosphere is a gay, uplifting, helpful one. At the side of the living room at Holiday House there is a small Chapel where a few simple prayers are said and hymns sung morning and night. On the other side is the dining room. The tables are set with china of a uniform blue and white pattern. All the rooms have dainty white muslin curtains and the bed rooms white furniture. The other houses are fitted out in the same homelike and charming way.

The little girls from five to twelve years are "Candidates" then are admitted to the Society as members. The "Associates" are those who lead activities of groups in the Branches and each Branch has it's president. Girls of every denomination are welcomed at Holiday House whether members of the Girls' Friendly Society or not, the only requirement being a reference as to character. The price of board at all three houses is \$9.00 a week or \$2.00 a day for associates and members; \$12.00 a week or \$3.00 a day for non-members. At "Bird's Nest" the price for children under five years of age is \$4.00 a week, and for children over five years \$6.00 a week.

During the summer of 1930, twelve hundred and twenty-two were entertained at all the houses, and the following agencies were co-operated with: Children's Aid Society, City Mission, Young Women's Christian Association, League for the Handicapped, Grace, Harper and Woman's Hospitals, Juvenile Court, Williams House, Visiting Nurses' Association, Telephone Company, Board of Health and Mother's Pension Department.

Since the small beginning of our work in 1895--17,831 guests have enjoyed the hospitality of the Girls' Friendly Society Holiday House at Pine Lake.

Respectfully submitted,

F. B. Allen

Secretary
Holiday House Committee

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World Assembly Winners Announced

Winners of the GFS World Assembly Contest have been announced by the president of the GFS. These are the girls who will represent the GFS, U.S.A. in England next June. Delegate at large, elected by National Assembly, Barbara Boyle of Passaic, N.J.; Province I Rosanne Sarojak of Bristol, Conn.; Province II Martha Jackson of Newark, N.Y.; Province III Miriam Knowles of Philadelphia, Pa.; Province IV Beverly Marmion of Louisville, Ky.; Province V Andrea Liller of Detroit, Mich.; Province VI Mary Lou Sommers of Dundas, Minn.; Province VII Kay Gunnison of Columbia, Mo.; Province VIII Lynn Eastman of Eureka, Cal.

The quality of essays and the let-

ters submitted by the girls were of such a high quality that the committee wished that all those entering might have received a ticket for the S.S. Liberte and all the excitement.

These girls represent the GFS in the Provinces of the Church. As we go to press, we hear that some of the other girls who qualified may be sent by GFS dioceses. Watch the next HIGHLIGHTS for further announcements.

Great plans are in store. These girls will represent all GFS, U.S.A. at the great GFS pageant in Albert Hall. We have been asked to present a typical American square dance.

Congratulations to these fortunate girls. We know that you will make us proud of you.

The Girls' Friendly

BY EDGAR A. GUEST*

This week seventy-seven years old! Here's their motto briefly told: "Not for self; for others live." Better counsel none can give.

Round the world their aid is known; Friends to those who live alone; Unto all they find in need Doers of the gentle deed.

Said the Master: "This you care, One another's burdens share." Faithful all at every post. That they do from coast to coast.

Friendly girls, with tender grace, Making earth a happier place. This the sum of their careers: Seventy-seven unselfish years.

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The above poem, written by Edgar A. Guest, appeared in countless newspapers throughout the U. S. in his syndicated column during GFS Week. We thank Mr. Guest for his good wishes and his permission to quote his verses for you, in case you didn't read them then.

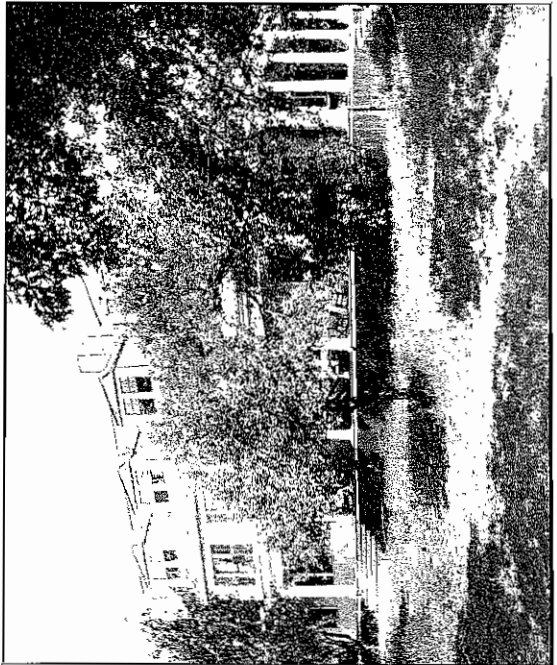
GFS in Japan

A fine newspaper picture of GFS girls carrying candles at their Admission Service, appeared in *The Manichi*, Japanese newspaper, after GFS Week. It told that a GFS Rally was held at Christ Cathedral, Osaka, with 150 members from three cities taking part. Bishop Yashiro, head of the Japanese Episcopal Church, gave the address; and Bishop Yanagihara presided over the candlelight service.

Another GFS has been started in Rikkyo with twenty members by Miss Ito who started several branches in the fall in northern Japan. The girls of Holy Trinity, Osaka, could use your old Christmas cards. They worked all last year making cards and calendars and were most successful at their bazaar. St. Timothy's GFS worked with cookie dough every Saturday afternoon prior to GFS Week and had a grand food sale. They are



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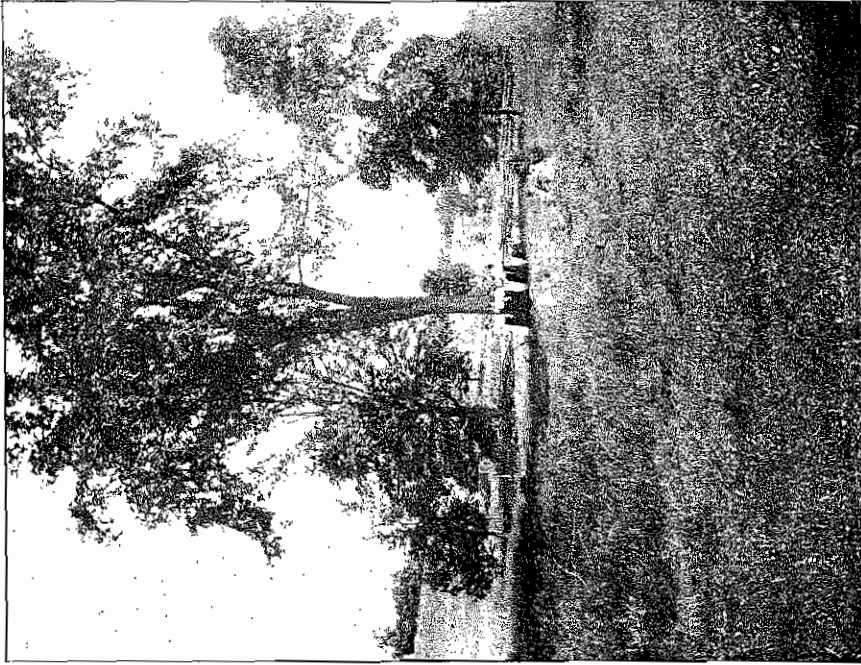


Holiday House
Wine Lake - - Michigan

FORM OF BEQUEST.

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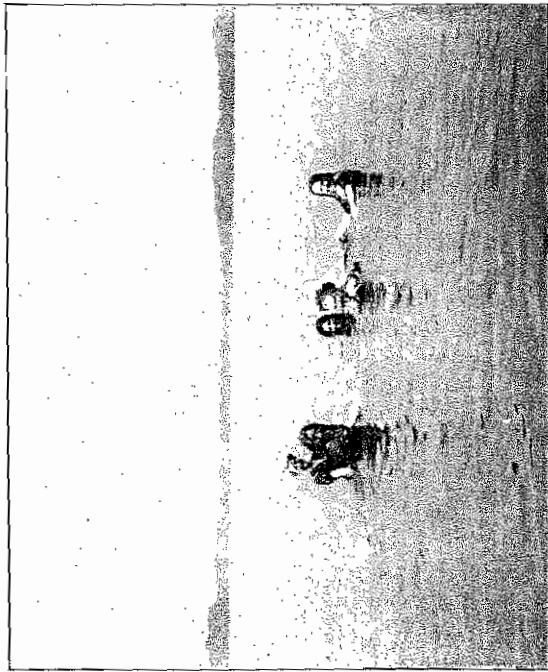
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HOLIDAY HOUSE.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

About a year ago the Finance Committee sent out a circular containing an appeal for funds to build a Holiday House for the Girls' Friendly Society in Michigan, and with it the architect's design for the building which it was desired to erect. It is a great pleasure to be able to publish in this year's report pictures of the completed house and of one or two happy groups of its guests. The house was completed and furnished the last week in June, and on Thursday, June 25th, through the kindness of the Detroit United Railway who placed two special cars at our disposal, we were able to extend an invitation to all who had contributed to the house to attend its opening. About one hundred were present. A short service of Benediction was held, and an inspiring address was made by the Rev. Dr. Maxon. Again on Saturday, the 27th, the United Railway gave us three cars which carried about one hundred and fifty associates and members of the Girls' Friendly Society on their first trip to the new house. The service was repeated and on this occasion the address was made by the Rev. Charles Mockridge, who chose as his text the words illuminated over the chapel entrance: "In this place will I give peace." On both days the weather was perfect, and all felt that Holiday House had been opened most auspiciously, and that the Building and Furnishing Committees were to be congratulated on the artistic and practical results of their planning. All seemed especially impressed with the little chapel, which is the gift of our G. F. S. members themselves, and is beautifully and completely furnished, largely with memorials.

The situation of the house is particularly charming, standing as it does in an old orchard on the bank of the lake. The trees about the house, as well as the broad, shady verandas, form most inviting places for hammocks, and across the hay field a glimpse may be had of the "woods," a fine grove of oak and hickory trees on the Holiday House property.



IN THE LAKE.

The chief pleasures of the girls are in the excellent boating and bathing facilities, of which a better idea may be obtained from the accompanying pictures than from any description I could give. Much needed rest and genuine pleasure was given to nearly three hundred young women and girls at Holiday House last summer. The raised price of board, \$3.00 and \$4.00 per week, instead of \$2.00 and \$3.00 as formerly, seemed

to prove no hindrance to the enjoyment of its privileges and the house nearly paid its own expenses.

I cannot close this report without a reference to the associate-in-charge. Miss Sill's was a labor of love. While her summer's work was really a contribution to our fund of the amount usually paid as a salary to the lady holding her position, no money estimate could give any idea of the value to the society of her tireless devotion, enthusiasm and rare ability. It is



ON THE LAKE.

our sincere hope that Miss Sill may find it possible again to take charge of the house this coming summer.

It is difficult for us to sufficiently thank those who have made this report possible. An attempt has been made to print a list of all who contributed to the building and furnishing funds, as it was felt that it would be a pleasure to refer to it in after years. It is hardly possible,

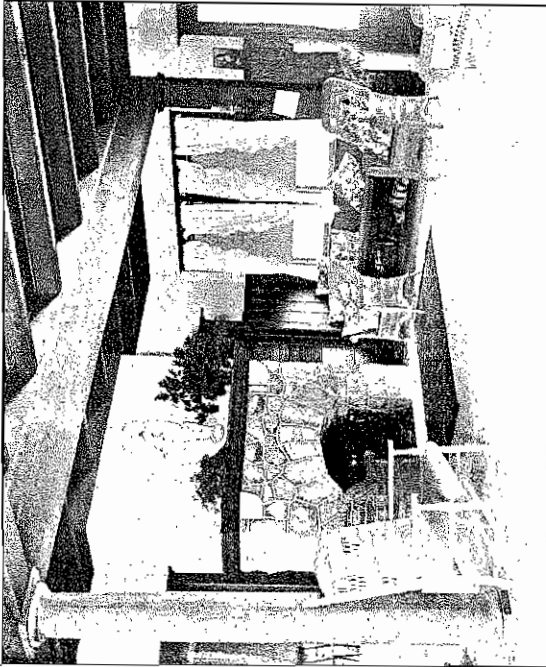
pany being for \$8000. Although this bid was somewhat higher than the others, it was accepted, after much deliberation and discussion at several meetings. It was strongly advised by some of our most valued counselors of wide experience as it was also by our architect, Mr. Kahn. One reason which greatly influenced the committee was that Vinton Co. promised to build the house in three months—giving it to us the first of June, while other builders who we consulted could not promise to finish it before the middle of July.

Two members of the committee went out to Pine Lake in January and chose the exact site of the house. Ground was broken the last week in February.

Vinton Company had promised, through Mr. Andrew Sisman, to carefully supervise the work and save, if possible, several hundred dollars by subcontracting to local contractors.

In the first place \$250 was taken off the original bid by Mr. Vinton to bring it down to \$8000. The amount saved by judicious letting of contracts was \$440.89, and the donations of material received amounted to \$335.60, a total of \$776.49—making the actual cost of the house \$7223.51. The material donated was as follows: Detroit Lumber Co., \$20; Pittsburg Glass Co., \$80; Mr. Reid (glass), \$20; Mr. F. B. Stevens, 1000 brick; Mr. O'Connor, wire for screens; Mr. Forman, hardwood floor; Mr. Thomas, brick for 3 fireplaces; Standart Bros., hardware; Buhl Hardware Co., hardware at half price; C. H. Little, plaster and stone at reduction; Berry Bros., shingle stain and varnish.

In addition to cost of the house proper, \$7223.51, there was the building of the laundry and outhouses \$316, the enginehouse \$46, and extras amounting to \$699. In the extras were included a third coat of paint, staining the roof, screens for the windows and doors, finishing floors, painting and papering the dining and writing rooms and work on the grounds, ploughing, etc. This being, we considered, a permanent improvement, and coming out of the building fund. The ground had probably not been ploughed for many years, we were told. The cost of ploughing, grading and seeding for tennis court and croquet lawn, cutting down trees (which also supplies next year's fuel), and making roads was \$136. Fencing amounted to \$45.06. Extra plumbing, tile drains from the gutters to carry the rain water away from the house, amounted to \$109.76. The gasoline engine, costing \$200, was donated by the Olds Motor Co., and the pump



THE HALL.

REPORT OF BUILDING COMMITTEE.

The Building Committee appointed in the summer of 1902 consisted of Mrs. T. C. McGraw, Mrs. E. M. Campbell, Mrs. Philip H. McMillan, Miss Sill and Miss Sibley. The plans drawn and donated by Mr. Albert Kahn were submitted at the annual meeting in November. A little later, bids for the building were received from four firms—the one from Vinton Com-

by Mr. Strelinger at \$25 less than cost. The boathouse, costing \$300, was given by a well-wisher of Holiday House. As a resumé the cost of the

House was,	\$7223 51
Laundry, etc.,	316 00
Engine Housc,	46 13
Extras,	699 36
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Donations,	\$8285 00
Boathouse,	776 49
	300 00
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	\$9561 49

which represents the value of the buildings.

Just a year to a day from the date of incorporation the Holiday House was thrown open to visitors. Many responded to the invitation and special cars brought about a hundred people, who took a keen interest in the house, the exercises, and the dedication of the chapel. It was a day long to be remembered by those interested in Holiday House.

I cannot close my report without a word of our first chairman, who has been taken from us, Mrs. McGraw, who aided us so untiringly with her wisdom and experience, and by her influence and sweet personality contributed largely to our success, and won us help from many a quarter.

I would add a word about the work of the future: it is deemed advisable and is strongly recommended by the committee that a barn be built, a well dug, and the third story finished into bedrooms at no distant day.

November, 1903.

CAROLINE CAMPBELL.



THE CHAPEL.

REPORT OF THE FURNISHING COMMITTEE.

The Furnishing Committee consisted of the following ladies: Mrs. H. M. Campbell, Mrs. S. T. Miller, Mrs. Clarence Carpenter, Mrs. J. C. Smith, Jr., Mrs. Charles Swift, Mrs. P. H. McMillan, Miss Conely, Miss Sill, Miss Sibley, Miss Myra Plumb, and Miss Sallie Hendrie.

At the first meeting of the committee, April 17th, 1903, it was decided to use, as far as possible, only new furniture throughout. A number of people having expressed willingness to provide bedrooms, it was planned to endeavor to furnish the house by contributions from indi-

viduals and branches, without drawing upon the Building Fund, and in case that should be necessary, to replace that money.

The Treasurer of the Committee, Mrs. Smith, reports the receipts to have been \$1067.34 and the expenditures \$1054.54, so with all bills paid there remained a balance of \$12.80, which was turned into the Building Fund.

Besides this there were many gifts to the house whose exact money value cannot be stated. In the financial statement no account has been given of the furnishing of the Chapel, which amounted altogether to about \$200. The beautiful tables given by Mrs. Baldwin and her daughters, by Mr. W. P. Harris, and by Mrs. Newman; the pictures, clock, etc., and the house linen, for which the money was collected by Miss Conely, amounting to \$161, are not included in the Treasurer's report. These items amounting to at least \$450, would bring the total value of new furniture up to over \$1500. Lack of space forbids the enumeration of gifts which the committee would like to print.

The main rooms were furnished as follows:
The large hall or sitting room, wainscoted in green wood, was furnished with wicker chairs, bright creton and muslin curtains, by Mrs. H. P. Baldwin, Mrs. Harrison Wright, Mrs. Bliss and Miss Baldwin, in memory of Mrs. P. B. Rose, one of the first associates of the Girls' Friendly Society in Michigan.

The dining-room was furnished by St. Mary's branch of the G. F. S. and its charming wall paper, as well as that in the writing room was the gift of Mr. Alphens Chittenden.

The writing room was furnished by Christ Church branch, and the piazza by Mr. Charles Swift.

The Chapel was furnished by St. John's and St. Philip's branches and by various gifts too numerous to mention. It contains four memorials: The brass cross, in memory of Mrs. T. A. McGraw and given by the Building Committee; the altar in memory of his mother, by Mr. Andrew Sisman; the chancel books in memory of Mrs. Sill by her daughters; and the brass vases in memory of Emma Bergen by St. Philip's branch G. F. S. The communion silver was the gift of the Bishop and five of the clergy.

The thirteen dainty bedrooms, provided with white furniture and curtains, green matting, and little white iron beds, each bearing the name of a flower, were given by

Miss E. F. Conely.
In memory of Mrs. F. Rue.
Miss Margery Hendrie.
Miss Margery Mellish.
Mrs. John McKibbin.
Mrs. H. C. Parke.

Mrs. A. S. Clark.
In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Shipman
Miss Betty Miller.
Miss Edith Seyburn.
Mr. Philip McMillan.
Dr. T. A. McGraw.

Dorothy, Alexandrine, and Frederika Sibley.

Mr. George Barbour gave a fine kitchen range; Mr. Murray W. Faies, bathroom fittings; Mrs. LeVert Clarke, a phaeton; and Mrs. H. M. Campbell and Mr. Andrew Sisman each a safe and comfortable row-boat.

Other articles of furniture were given by Mrs. Edmund Brush, Miss Sarah Sibley, Dr. Huson, Mrs. Clarence Carpenter, Miss Agnes Mayer, Mrs. Newman, Miss Frances Sibley, Mrs. A. H. Sibley, Miss Matber, Mrs. F. M. Nichols, Miss Crapo Smith, Mr. Frank Eddy, Mr. T. B. Rayle, Miss K. McEwen, Miss A. McEwen, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. J. C. Smith, Jr., Miss Mary Stevens, Mr. W. P. Harris, Mr. Philip McMillan, Mrs. Alfred White, Miss White, Miss Minnie Nichols, Miss Turner, Mrs. E. C. Van Huson, Goodyear Rubber Co., Mr. O'Leary, Vinton Company, several members of the Girls' Friendly Society, and the President of the G. F. S. A.

The Furnishing Committee desires also to thank the following ladies who assisted them in putting the house in order: Mrs. Orla Taylor, Miss A. McEwen, Miss Kathleen Trowbridge, Miss Mary Mason, Miss Elisa Gregory, Miss Sallie Mercour, Miss Betty Mercour, and Miss Della Warriner.

The Committee regrets that limited space prevents the printing of the names of the numerous contributors to the linen fund and to the list of books. Of the latter mentioned we have about 150 carefully selected volumes which add greatly to the attractions of the "writing room." The Committee submits this report with the statement that the house at present lacks nothing necessary in its furnishing. A few small tables, suitable for playing games, would be useful, and about two dozen bathing suits will be needed next summer.

ELSIE McMILLAN,
Chairman Holiday House Furnishing Committee.

November, 1903.

CONTRIBUTORS TO THE
BUILDING AND FURNISHING FUNDS
OF THE
HOLIDAY HOUSE.

REPORT OF BUILDING FUND.

RECEIVED	
Donations for Building Fund,	\$594 35
Donations for Furnishing Fund,	1067 34
Insurance (reimbursed from "current expenses,")	105 34
	<u>\$977 03</u>
EXPENDED.	
Land,	\$300 00
Surveying, registering title, etc.,	27 15
Committee expenses,	14 00
Stamps,	11 00
Printing,	15 36
Interest,	209 65
Plumbing,	109 79
Putting in engine, pump, etc.,	135 83
Insurance (for 3 years),	316 00
Vinton Company,	4185 00
Ploughing, grading, fencing, making roads, etc.,	149 80
Furnishing, freight and express,	1054 54
	<u>\$9728 12</u>
Balance,	38 91
	<u>\$9767 03</u>

KATHLEEN S. TROWBRIDGE,
Treasurer.

November, 1903.

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APPEAL FOR 1904.

The Finance Committee refers to the accompanying report of the Treasurer as giving a full and accurate statement of the financial condition of the Girls' Friendly Society to date.

While extending to all who have so generously given of money and of time hearty acknowledgement we venture to remind you that we now have a debt of \$4100 which requires the payment of \$246 annual interest. In the near future a new well must be dug, the third story must be finished and a stable must be built.

Hence we appeal to all our friends for the continuance of their bounty that we may make the needed additions and reduce the debt as rapidly as possible.

We should be especially grateful for annual pledges but will be glad to accept the smallest donations.

For the convenience of those who may prefer to make a pledge or a subscription we enclose a blank which can be filled out and returned to the Treasurer, Miss Kathleen Trowbridge, 494 Jefferson Avenue.

WILLMENA H. ELLIOT EMERSON,
Chairman Finance Committee.

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Beginning in a New Century

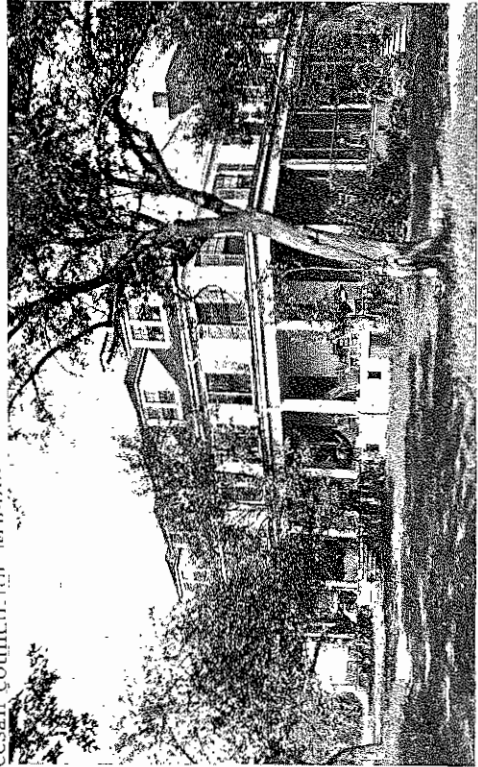
Twenty-three years of Girls' Friendly Society endeavor had led up to the year 1900, which found the Diocese of Michigan in excellent condition. Its organization was keeping pace with the times, and among its working associates were many names well-known in the city's affairs.

In the diocesan council for 1900 were Mrs. Isabella Benedict, Mrs. J. H. Brewster, Mrs. H. M. Campbell, Mrs. T. F. Davies, Mrs. Thomas Davies, Miss Irene Farquhar, Miss Katherine Hendrie, Miss F. Mason, Miss Margaret Sill, Miss Kathleen Trowbridge, Miss Eleanor Dessortell, Miss Katherine Sibley, Mrs. Joseph Flor and Mrs. C. F. Mellish. Diocesan associates included Mrs. C. Faulconer, Mrs. Sidney T. Miller, Mrs. Henry M. Campbell, Mrs. J. N. Wright, Mrs. H. C. Parke, Miss Clara Miller, Mrs. Frederic B. Stevens, Mrs. F. L. Bliss, Mrs. T. F. Davies, Mrs. G. B. Grant, Miss Florence Pond, Mrs. B. H. Paddock and Miss Delia Warriner. Many of these women, and others who ushered the Girls' Friendly Society in Michigan into a new era, have gone to their Heavenly reward; but their good works have not died and their desires for the organization are daily being fulfilled.

During the first decade of the new century branches were organized out in the state at St. Barnabas', Pontiac; All Saints', Royal Oak; Trinity, Henrietta, 1902; St. James' and Trinity, Cheboygan, 1904; Epiphany, Wyandotte, 1904, and Christ Church, Flint, 1905.

In Detroit St. Thomas' was begun in September, 1904, resident proud of its achievements as it is of her accomplishments.

There was, in that year of 1894, preceding the publication of the new Associates' List with Miss Sibley as president of the diocesan council for Michigan.



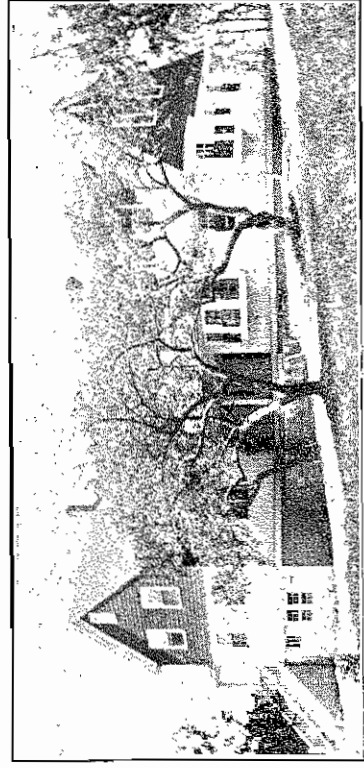
HOLIDAY HOUSE No. 2, 1901.

Holiday House, No. 2, was likewise opened, less than 10 years from the time the first summer home was established for members of the G. F. S. This time a farm of 100 acres was purchased and a new house built, which was opened June 25, 1903, accommodating 42 girls, with Miss Sill, Mrs. Benedict, Miss Shaw, Miss Claffin, Miss Rogers and Miss Lister as house mothers. A mortgage of \$3,500.00 existed on the house, and later a second mortgage of \$1,500.00 was taken for the caretaker's house. Going ahead of this story, a new addition for 13 persons, was built in 1914. By a gift of \$200.00 in the will of Mrs. Hutchinson, an endowment of \$500.00 was begun, in memory of General and Mrs. James Pittman.

In this same first decade, in January, 1908, Aunt Mary's Rest Cottage was added to the little G. F. S. colony at Pine Lake. This rambling old farmhouse was remodeled by Mrs. R. Adlington Newman in memory of her aunt, Miss Mary Scotten. At first it had room only for eight girls, and was intended, then as now, for those who needed more absolute rest than the liveliness of Holiday House would permit. By 1914 the cottage had been enlarged to accommodate 13 girls, but in December, 1917, it was burned. Two years later Mrs. Newman rebuilt the place as it now stands, on the shore of the lake.

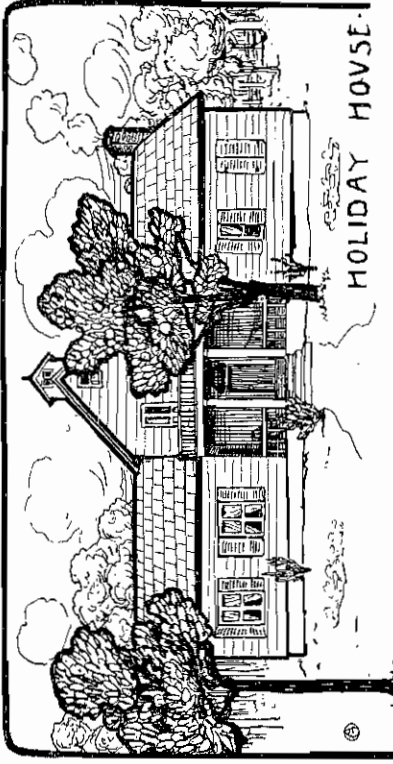
Organization of St. Matthew's branch, possibly a re-organization, occurred, in 1912; but with this exception there are few new branches noted in the second decade. This is explained by the sudden disturbance of the World war, which called members of the Girls' Friendly Society into all parts of the country and into all forms of service.

In May, 1913, the Alexandrine Rest Room, in memory of Alexandrine Sibley, was opened in the Broadway Market building, to be a center for tired girls between the hours of 10:30 a. m. and 5:30 p. m. This work was directed primarily by Miss Kate W. Sibley, chairman of the Social Service committee. Branch membership in the rest room was available at not less than \$2 for six months, with single membership 50 cents for six months.



AUNT MARY'S REST COTTAGE, 1908.
(Rebuilt 1919)

The Girls' Friendly Society

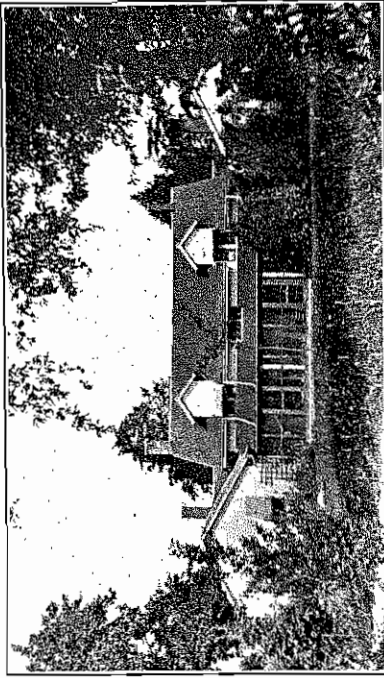


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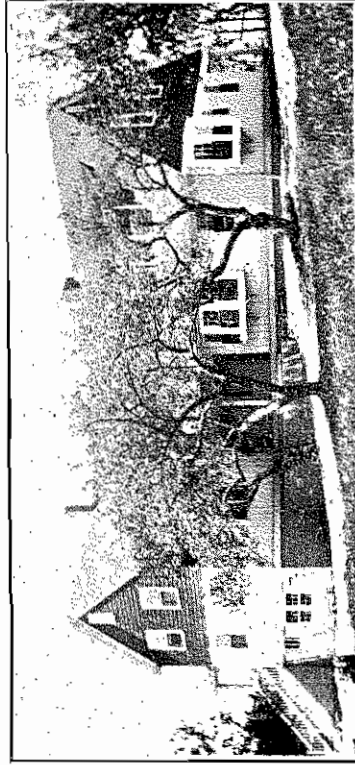


Holiday House, Pine Lake, Michigan
1903 - 1920

Aunt Mary's Rest Cottage



1908 - 1917



1920

The gift of Mrs. R. Adlington Newman in memory of Mrs. Mary Scotten.

1895-1920

On the eastern shore of Pine Lake, on what has always been known as the "old Ellenwood Farm," stand the two roomy, homelike houses known as the "Holiday House" and "Aunt Mary's Rest Cottage." They are the means of giving good times and renewed health to over 500 girls and young women each summer who otherwise would spend their brief vacation in the hot noisy city. A very small beginning made by the Girls' Friendly Society of Michigan in a rented cottage in 1895 when trolley cars, motors and telephones were as yet unknown on the peaceful shores of Oakland county lakes, proved such a successful beautiful location was secured and a simple, spacious house was built and first occupied in 1903. Six years later another house was added, through the kind thoughtfulness of Mrs. R. Adlington Newman, who remodeled and put in order the old farmhouse which, having kept guard over its hundred acres for nearly one year, spent the last ten years of its existence in giving an opportunity for rest and recuperation to over 1,000 tired and delicate girls. It burned to the ground in the winter of 1917, but has risen like the phoenix from its ashes, Mrs. Newman having built its lovely successor on the bank of the lake, modern and convenient in every particular and accommodating 21 guests.

The houses open their hospitable doors to self supporting girls of every creed and calling, the only requisite being that of

character. Good times of all sorts abound—hay rides, launches, "fancy dress parties," music, croquet, tennis, swimming, etc., etc., make the two weeks allotted to each girl only too short. If the walls and the trees could speak, many would be the stories they could tell of renewed health and courage to the tired worker, of new standards and ideals of enjoyment to the town-bred girl, gained in an atmosphere of happiness and friendliness, surrounded by all that is loveliest in nature.

The total number entertained in the three houses during the twenty-five years was 8,608.

Holiday House and Rest Cottage belong to all who need what they can give, and long may be their career of joyous activity.

—Frances W. Sibley.

June 23rd, 1920.

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Girls' Friendly Society

Several weeks ago we received a report on the 2007 National Assembly of the Girls' Friendly Society. This organization once played an important role in the life of Christ Church so we thought you might be interested to know more about its history, and Jo Zedan has provided an account of its role in this parish and her memories as a participant.

The GFS was founded in 1875 in England by Mary Elizabeth Townsend. It was the first organization for women in the Church of England. Its purpose was to provide a place for girls who were not married and who had been sent to the city by their families to work in textile mills, to experience friendship and recreation in a fellowship of Christian love and service. As this new organization was a place for finding comfort and friendship, the name Girl's Friendly Society was decided upon.

In 1877, Elizabeth Mason, the rector's daughter from St. Anne's Church in Lowell, Mass., saw girls leaving their homes to find jobs. In 1877 she organized the first GFS branch in the United States. In the late 1800's, GFS members assisted young women entering this country by providing housing and helping them find jobs. In 1887, it played a role in establishing the Traveler's Aid Society. During the war years, members could be found sheltering and aiding refugees and raising funds to help the Red Cross purchase ambulances. Its missionary work has spread across the country and around the world.

Today, the GFS is a national volunteer organization in the Episcopal Church for young women from the ages of 5 to 21. Diocesan and local branches develop and create their own programs with the commitment to serve the needs of young women in this changing world. The purpose remains the same, to provide an organization dedicated to helping young women grow within a fellowship of love and mutual respect.

The Girls' Friendly Society at Christ Church, Detroit

By Josephine Zedan

On February 22, 1894 the Girls' Friendly Society was organized at Christ Church. After a rocky start it was launched again in 1897 with success. In 1923 Miss Margaret Wilson became the Parish Visitor and moved into Sibley House until the Neighborhood House operation was moved to Brady House, where the parking lot is now. The daughter of a physician she came to Christ Church as a child and continued to be active after her family moved to the west side. She was patient, kind and understanding, and a teacher by profession. She taught Sunday School for six years and in 1929 became Hostess at Neighborhood House where she had oversight of the Girls' Friendly Society among many other parish responsibilities.

GFS met monthly at Neighborhood House, known now as Sibley House. In addition to meetings we attended chapel on the 3rd floor and participated in games. The GFS had a camp we attended during the summer for a week. Holiday House was located at Pine Lake in Oakland County. There were three cottages for the girls. Birds Nest was the cottage for preteens, Holiday House for teens, and Rest Cottage for post-teens. There were rowboats, a dock for swimming and a raft, hiking, games and chapel. The girls enjoyed this week at camp and we often saw the lady in charge riding her horse around the grounds.

As times changed, many of the girls moved away and Miss Wilson allowed me to advance to the next group so I was able to join the senior members. At that time I also began teaching Sunday School and served on the altar committee. At that time we always had to wear a hat and white gloves. How times have changed!

I continued to participate in the Girls' Friendly Society until the Christ Church Chapter merged with the Episcopal Women's Evening group some time in the 1950's; and the Women's Evening Group, originally the Business and Professional Women's Group, was active well into the 1970's.

For more on the history of the local chapter see pp. 69, 81, 86-90 and 134 of *Christ Church Detroit: A Beacon of Hope*.

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