

Woman's Society

The Woman's Society of the Winnetka Congregational church had a very busy and most interesting session last Wednesday. Many reports were read, and calls for help were made to carry on the Christmas work, which begins to loom up as the holiday season draws near.

The Onward Neighborhood House, located at Leavitt and Grand avenues, in an Italian district, came in for its share of the Christmas bounty. Hostesses were asked to help at the Christmas parties to be given at the holiday season for the children of all ages who frequent Onward House, with the World Friendship committee furnishing the decorations.

Following the business meeting were the devotional exercises led by Mrs. George W. Gordon.

While the busy fingers were trying to finish the sewing planned by the work committee, Mrs. John W. Hansel, Jr., entertained the workers with a most delightful group of songs. The workers of the society certainly appreciate her generosity in contributing so much to the pleasure of the hour.

An announcement was made that the sale of articles made by the Young Women's auxiliary was a great success. Beautiful hand-made garments and various other articles for children were displayed, also plum puddings, Christmas gainties, toys, and Christmas greens were to be had.

League of Nations—Topic

After the luncheon, Miss Lydia Schmidt gave her talk on the Eighth Assembly of the League of Nations. Miss Schmidt is chairman of the Week-End School of Foreign Affairs, conducted by the Chicago League of Women Voters' Forum. For seven years she has been interesting herself in international affairs, and has gained much experience and knowledge concerning these difficult matters. One must have some understanding of this subject pro and con to fully appreciate all that Miss Schmidt gave in her most interesting address, a part of which follows:

"It is recognized at Geneva that peace cannot be secured by one big frontal attack or by one single event. Every means of promoting that moral disarmament, which must be a precedent of material disarmament, must be used. This is one reason why the League assists in promoting such big undertakings as the settlement of the one and one-quarter million of Greek and Armenian refugees who fled to Greece from Turkey at the close of the Turko-Greek War in the autumn of 1923. Greece had one refugee for every five inhabitants and they were dying by the thousands, of disease, starvation and exposure. It was recognized that here was a situation which might lead to grave political complications. The League of Nations, therefore, arranged for a loan of \$50,000,000.00 at a low rate of interest so that Greece might be enabled to settle these refugees upon the land. Many hundreds of villages have been established in Thrace, marshes have been drained and the ravages of malaria reduced. At the Eighth Assembly last September, arrangements were made for another loan to Greece in order that this work might be completed."

Miss Schmidt spoke also of the League's work in Bulgaria. She was in that country when war broke out, in 1923. Despair and desolation were everywhere. Again passing through in 1925, after the difficulty had been settled by the League in arranging matters with Greece, all was changed. It was as if the sun had broken through the clouds, dispelling all the

darkness and misery which she had seen on her first visit, and hope was shining through instead.

The work for the Armenians and for the Bulgarians is by no means the total of the League's accomplishments, according to Miss Schmidt. Before the war, there was only the Hague Conference, meeting at rare intervals. Now there is the League, meeting every three months, allowing the ministers to discuss matters among themselves, whereas before the formation of the League, no foreign minister could communicate with another except through writing.

There is no other force in the world, says Miss Schmidt, upon which we can rely to at least try to settle international disputes. Miss Schmidt finished her talk by remarking that the temple of peace must be built on Arbitration, Security, and Disarmament.

Missionary to India to Address Vesper Service

The Rev. John X. Miller will be the speaker at the vesper service tomorrow afternoon at the Winnetka Congregational church. Mr. Miller is a missionary at Manamadura, India, the same station where Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wolsted, formerly missionaries from the Winnetka church, are located. This service is to be held at 5 o'clock, instead of 8 o'clock, as was the former custom.

Mr. Miller spoke recently at a large "All-Seattle" dinner for men, and afterwards the men said it was the best missionary address they had heard in a long time. Mr. Miller has been asked by the Rev. Charles E. Jefferson, of the Broadway Tabernacle in New York City, to occupy his pulpit when in New York.

Tells How to Start Car When Weather Is Frigid

The mechanical first aid department of the Chicago Motor club issues a bulletin warning motorists against using more than usual strength to put a car in gear these cold mornings when the grease in the transmission has hardened. The first step toward avoiding this trouble is to see that the transmission lubricant is as light as possible. "The next thing to do," says the bulletin, "is to use the gear shift lever gently, working it back and forth into every gear combination until the congealed lubricant has loosened up enough to make the shifts relatively easy."



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Community Center Committee Starts 1928 Budget Drive

At a meeting attended by about fifty residents of Kenilworth and called for the purpose of discussing and formulating plans for the raising of the funds necessary for the maintenance and operation of the Kenilworth Community center during the coming year, George C. Richards, 530 Essex road, was elected chairman of a committee to conduct the solicitation.

It was also decided that the entire group present would be included in the committee and would obtain and submit their own and their neighbor's pledges. The meeting was called by the Community center committee, composed of W. N. Gillette, Charles M. Holmes and Harry P. Harrison and was featured by a talk by E. L. Nygaard who reviewed the work and history of the organization and stressed its value to the community. The group was unanimous in its approval of the center and of the plans adopted for raising this year's budget.

CIRCLE MEETING

The Ridge Avenue circle will meet with Mrs. Thomas Windes and Mrs. Milton Higgins at the home of the former, 224 Forest avenue, Monday, December 12, at 2 o'clock. The change in date is emphasized.

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Christian Fellowship Group Enjoys Dinner and Program

More than 100 people attended the Christian Fellowship dinner held December 2 at Christ Church Parish House. A musical program followed the dinner. Lloyd Odh sang a number of songs, accompanied by H. Chase. The Rev. John Bowman, pastor of the Elmwood Park Baptist church, and an accomplished violinist, gave a talk on the violin, following the discussion by playing a number of violin selections. First Page

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