

St Paul's Church Service League.

Bakersfield, California.

Our League began its activities for 1924 by holding a Rummage Sale in Feb. Mrs Webster was chairman assisted by the ever faithful few. This brought \$259 to our treasury. At this time the members of the League became aware of the need of clothes by families in the Hawthorne and Lincoln districts. Without costing a penny seventeen dresses were made of remnants or out of style dresses. In all about thirty dresses were delivered to the two schools with boxes of other clothes. Mrs. Herod did some splendid work in providing food and shoes for a needy family.

A carpenter was employed to put drawers in the kitchen so that towels and table cloths could be taken care of properly.

On May 23, the Bishop and his council were guests at a parish dinner given in the Guild Hall.

In June, a farewell party was given Mrs. Webster who had for so many years contributed so much to our church life. We were sorry to see her go but wished her God-speed and happiness in her new home.

Before the Cashis left for their new home in Merced the League presented her with a gift of fifty dollars.

When the League met in the fall, preparations were made for the Bazaar to be held in Dec. The receipts were \$302.41 - The expenses were \$64.43.

During the year we have paid \$38.51 for gas and light - Near East Relief \$60 - Home Society L.A. \$12 Janitor \$30 - \$150 payment on the Rectory. Interest on Rectory Note \$123.44 - \$100 given to the Vestry for pressing needles we purchased three dozen hymnals with music and fifty red backed prayer books. The Easter offering was \$120 - This amount was put into the League Treasury \$50 from St Pauls Guild, \$50 Chancel Guild, \$10 Church School - \$10 W. Aux.

The U. P. O. is independent of any organization but deserves mention as it was \$57.45

The piano was tuned and cushions in the study cleaned.

St Pauls Guild has had a very busy year. A food sale also fancy work sale was held in the Hopkins building with Mrs. Le May chairman. It was a success bringing in \$65. At Easter time another sale was held with Mrs. Webster as chairman which brought in \$48. During Lent two complete outfits were made for each of ten girls at the Hawthorne school. The Exchange Club contributed the money for shoes. Stockings and handkerchiefs were also provided. In June, Mrs. Robertson assisted by Mrs. Neat held a demonstration of aluminum ware.

in the Guild Hall - about fifty ladies were present. As a premium over kitchen equipment is richer by two 17 qt Wear Ever Kettles [we neither borrowed nor loaned].

In Sept. ^{very successful} a food sale was held in the California Market. Mrs. Oake chr. assisted by Mrs. Mat and Mrs. Lyons. This netted \$71 which was turned over to the League. The League added enough to make it \$100 and gave it to the Vestry.

The wife of Rev. Belliss at Lindsay was unfortunately enough to break her hip last summer. While doing as well as could be expected she has been confined to her bed ^{many weeks}. In order to help her pass the time, various members of the Guild brought gifts. These were wrapped and dated and sent to Mrs. Belliss. Those privileged to share in this Sunshine Box have received personal notes from her.

A committee from the Guild cleaned the study before Mr. Hitchcock's arrival.

The Guild had charge of the home cooking and domestic booths at the bazaar. After the bazaar was over the members assisted in the preparation of the aux. box. at Thanksgiving time, they gave a jam and jelly shower for the sick soldiers. The collection was second in number of jars. Two very successful socials have been held - one at Miss Gardetts and one at Mrs

App's. with Mrs. Adams assisting. In June the Guild donated \$70 to the League Treasury.

The Auxiliary gave a very enjoyable tea Feb. 19 with the president Mrs. Chittenden in charge of arrangements. The Lentin Box valued at \$104.97 was one of which the aux. was justly proud. It was sent to a mission in Alaska. While being transported to its destination in a boat, the boat turned upside down. The freight was rescued but it took many days to dry the contents. The usefulness of the garments was not impaired but the colors ^{themes} were somewhat mixed.

The Aux. had charge of the Fancy Work table at the bazaar. The Advent Box destined for a school of colored children in San Antonio Texas has just been finished and shipped. Value \$54.

The Chancel Guild have cared for the Chancel during the year and kept the brass shining. They hired a man to clean the brass last Easter. They gave \$50 to the E. Offering and made a substantial donation to the Alaskan Box. At the Bazaar, they had charge of the handkerchief and candy booth.

The Church School has an enrollment of 182. Banner attendance 171. During the year the regular Sunday offerings have amounted to \$224.18. Extra Cf. have been hymnals \$16.40. Easter \$100. Japanese Relief \$19.33. Bishop Tuttle \$22.82. Indian Mission N. M. making \$204 for missions. This brings the total Church 49.22 for local use.

expenses 472.79 - bal. 4.01

5 School Of. to \$477.40 On Easter morning, the children built the floral cross and at Christmas time put on the pageant. During the year several parties have been given in the Guild Hall, also parties by teachers in their homes. During Lent the teachers and scholars sold Spirit of Missions. We urge you all to subscribe to the best missionary magazine published and give us the benefit of the subscription. The Parish Board of Education consists of Miss Gardett Supt. Mrs. Lyons Pr. Supt. Mr. Neat Vestry, Mrs. Skin League. Mr. Oake, Miss Lyons, Miss Metcalf teachers of High School classes.

The Altar chairman reports the gift of a beautiful Prayer Book for the Altar from Miss Gardett and Mrs. Munsey in memory of their mother. They also furnished the beautiful lillies for Easter. Mrs. Hansen sent a potted lily and Mrs. Cash loaned us one. The gorgeous poinsettias for Christmas were the gift of Mrs. Hattie LeMay. During the year the communion service has been arranged ~~seventy~~⁸⁴ six times. Nine new purificators have been made and emb. a request was received from Miss Susie Webster that the Battenburg frontal which her mother had made be returned to her that she might take it to Canada. The matter was referred to the Vestry.

We have been particularly fortunate this year in gifts. Mrs. Oake gave a tablecloth which was used on the Bishop's table at the parish dinner another lady supplied us with cups, plates and sauce dishes. Mrs. Holby furnished greens with which to decorate the church. Mrs. Maude donated a six dollar insurance premium. \$2.50 cash was another gift and the Exchange Club gave \$37.75 for shoes and stockings to complete the Lenten outfits.

In summing up our work, we find that each organization is forging full speed ahead. But more workers are needed and we urge all women to come out and help make your parish, our parish, the best parish in the San Joaquin

Respectfully submitted
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Maud M. Melcay Sec.

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