

Social Service

Social service is an activity which is becoming more and more popular with college women. It is surprising to note how many of our own classmates are already actively engaged in the work.

The Eight Weeks Clubs have the most possibilities for university girls. They are under the management of the Y. W. C. A. and are especially adapted for girls in small towns or rural communities, where the college girl may serve as a leader. Winifred Seegar, Ethel Hills, and Ruth Squires led Eight Weeks Clubs last summer and had great success. Quite a number have already signed up for clubs for this summer. Miss Drake will be glad to talk to any other girls who are interested in the work.

The Camp Fire Girls is another group in connection with the Y. W. C. A. They are training to be guardians of younger groups. Clara Hill has already taken charge of a group at one of the churches, and Beulah Harris has another group at the Orthopedic Hospital.

The Y. W. C. A. has a class once a week open to girls who wish to learn methods of social service work.

Two university girls are acting as part time secretaries for Y. W. C. A.'s, Geraldine Kaufman at the Teacher's College High School and Eunice Baros at the State Farm.

Several university girls are carrying on social service work in connection with the City Y. W. C. A. Winifred Seegar has a study hour for children every Sunday at the Bryant school. Ruth Carrol and Josephine Ballard have charge

of sewing classes at the Y. W. C. A. building. And Marguerite Dye has a sewing class at the Evans Laundry one noon a week.

The North Side Neighborhood House at 9th and Z, has claimed the services of several university girls. Amy Armstrong has taught a gymnasium class there, and Genevieve Lowry, Ruth Squires, and Valeria Bonnell have had charge of girl's clubs.

Besides the work of the individual girls, several of the organizations have contributed towards social service. The Nebraska chapter of Chi Omega, according to its national policy, has offered a prize of \$25 to the student in the sociology department who does the best work. The awarding of the prize is based 25 per cent upon the scholarship standing of the student in department, and 75 per cent upon a paper written on his or her individual social service work. The Kappa Kappa Gamma girls have had charge of a play and story hour at the Neighborhood House every Sunday evening. At Christmas time the Chi Omegas gave money to the Neighborhood House for toys and playground apparatus, and the Delta Delta Deltas dressed dolls for the girls in the kindergarten at 1st and K streets.

Probably the social service work in which the most girls were interested was the selling of Christmas tags to buy clothing, food, and toys for poor families. This was started by the Silver Serpents, but was carried out by a committee of fifty; \$142 were raised, and 232 individuals were benefited by it.

Y. W. C. A.

The Y. W. C. A. started this year with their annual open house, Friday evening of registration week. The annual formal reception for new students came in October at the governor's mansion. This was followed by a joint party with the Y. M. C. A. on Hallowe'en. At Christmas time a kensington was given for the faculty women. Santa used great care at this time in selecting gifts for the guests. Miss Munson seemed to enjoy her Stiehm boat and Miss Pound found another twin in an auburn haired doll.

The Y. W. C. A. has had many distinguished visitors during the year. Miss Bertha Conde of New York City, was here in February to carry on a Vocational Conference. About 300 girls heard her speak at Convocation, and the other meetings were correspondingly well attended. For three days in April Miss Blanchard, student secretary for State Universities, and Miss Taft, student secretary from Shanghai China, were at the University. As a result of Miss Taft's interesting presentation of association work in China the girls voted to undertake the entire support of a secretary in China beginning next year. The secretary chosen was Miss Grace Coppock, U of N. '05, who is now National Secretary of China. The amount necessary to be raised is \$1,500. Miss Fannie Morris, field student secretary, was also here in April and helped to organize the new

Y. W. C. A. in the Teachers' College High School.

Mrs. Emma F. Byers, executive secretary for the North Central Field, was here for the beginning of the finance campaign. At this time the advisory board, assisted by a number of women of town, raised nearly \$1,000 for the annual budget. At the same time the advisory board were carrying on this campaign, the student members were working on a membership campaign which brought their membership up to nearly 500. According to reports, this makes Nebraska the largest association in any state university.

The Association has been active in social service work during the year. Several classes on how to carry on the work have been held, and many individual girls have been doing actual social service work.

The Association holds a number of Bible Study Classes in the University and also assists in such classes in various churches of the city. Nearly 500 girls are enrolled in these classes.

The missionary contributions this year have gone to support Miss Katharine King in China, who jointly represents the Associations of the Universities of Iowa, Minnesota, and Nebraska.

The Association holds its regular Vesper Service every Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock. These meetings are sometimes

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