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REPORT  
WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE  
Barrington Methodist Church

To the Fourth Quarterly Conference:

May 3, 1944

The year 1943-44 opened auspiciously for the day of our initial meeting was one of sunshine. It was held at a country home with about fifty women in attendance. The attendance has been fine throughout the year, which was gratifying to those who carefully planned, and those who gave the programs. At the nine regular meetings, the programs were given by members except in two instances. At the evening meeting, there was a guest speaker who talked about his experiences on a tour through Latin American Countries, illustrating with motion pictures. At another meeting, we were privileged to hear Miss Mary Gordon the Protestant representative of the Juvenile Court. We also had two public meetings, taking the place of the Sunday Morning Church Service, without outstanding missionary speakers giving the message. Our Woman's Society, with the women's organizations of three other churches, observed World Community Day, with a program given in our church. We also united with these groups in observing the World Day of Prayer.

At the opening meeting, the President stressed the three-fold objectives of our society; namely, assistance to the local church; aiding the missionary program of the general church; and developing the spiritual life of its members.

Our members have made a fine contribution to the social life of the church. In the summer, we arranged a reception to honor the Doenecke family as Mr. Doenecke had once more been returned by Conference to be our pastor. In both the Fall and Winter there was a Fellowship Dinner. There have been many calls made on strangers among us, and we are cordial in greetings to new comers at Church, remembering to invite them to the general and circle meetings. The Circle groups have functioned well. Beside enjoying a social afternoon, the women have arranged worth-while programs for these meetings. This year an evening group was organized, its members being mothers of young children, school teachers and business women.

We served the dinner for the fine Father-Son Banquet which the men of the church arranged, and with the help of the men of the congregation, gave a Mother-Daughter Banquet.

Our flower committee has sent flowers to the sick and bereaved, and has arranged for the altar flowers and has cared for special decorations at Christmas and Easter.

On the financial side, we have aided our church by wiping out a \$1200. debt. We have contributed \$50. to the pension fund this year for retired ministers; have also paid a \$340. Missionary Pledge. A committee selected the material for new curtains and with the aid of other members made and hung them in the Sunday School rooms.

The money was raised  
by collections at the 2 missionary services,  
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~~The money came to us from the following projects:~~

a dinner and Christmas sale; a rummage sale in the Fall and another this Spring; the sale of engagement calendars, small returns from the two banquets and pledges made through the circles. — A committee selected the material for new curtains and with the aid of other members made and hung them in the Sunday School rooms.

We have not been unmindful of others. We have Vouchers for \$126. for canned goods sent to the Lake Bluff Orphanage and the Methodist Old People's Home and articles sent to Wesley Memorial Hospital Auxiliary for their bazaar. We also sent a cash donation to Agard Rest Home, and each circle made a

*a fine contribution in response to supplies requested*

Looking forward to another year, we would gladly devote our energies to such matters as were our concern before we had a church debt such as caring for the needs of the parsonage, buying needed equipment for the church kitchen and kitchenette, but we understand there are past assessments to be paid so we have agreed to match dollar for dollar up to \$1,000. the money the men of our church raise for this purpose.

For me, it has been a year of constant endeavor to promote the welfare of our organization, and of pleasant association with a fine group of women.

Respectfully submitted,

(Gertrude Schwemm)

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