

Daughters of Dorcas Club of Durham

The Daughters of Dorcas Club has a long rich history. Organized back in the early 1920's with some three or four women interesting in supplying milk for the sick persons confined in the new Lincoln Hospital, it has continued active to the present day. The late Dr. A. M. Moore, the great humanitarian, heard of this movement and gave the first five dollars to help purchase milk. Dr. Moore of course, was the husband of Mrs. Cottie S. Moore who is so dear to our Federation women because of her pioneer service to the organization and also because of her faithfulness even to this day.

Mrs. R. L. McDougald, affectionately remembered as "Mattie Louise," the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Moore, long before her death caught the spirit of these helpful women and urged them to select a name for their group "Why not," she said, "call yourself "Daughters of Dorcas?" You know Dorcas of Bible times and her works of love. Form yourselves into a real club with the name of Dorcas."

This was the beginning of a band of what is now an organization of thirty-four active members and two honorary members with Mrs. Cottie S. Moore serving as beloved president.

The printed program for this year is graced on the cover with the sweet likeness of the president, which was taken at the Christmas party. It was then also that the club members presented Mrs. Moore a beautiful gold brooch as a token of esteem and appreciation.

Durham is a city that has many people whose circumstances are pathetic. The Daughters of Dorcas Club always has a long list of needy persons whose needs are in some measure supplied from the "Whitted Chest." This title, given in honor of a former president, reflects the efforts of the club to supply clothing as well as other necessities to persons whose needs are made known to the club. The "Moore Fund" named for its first donor, Dr. A. M. Moore, provides not only food, fuel, and other helps, but gives scholarships to worthy young people.

The club motto "Lifting As We Climb" refers to people not only in Durham, but wherever human uplift is needed, and can be promoted by means of the somewhat meagre resources of the club. Recently the arm of the Daughters of Dorcas reached far away into Johannesburg, South Africa to help our sisters in Mrs. Madie Hall Xuma's community.

The club song which appears elsewhere in the Journal, and which bespeaks the real Dorcas Club spirit, was written by the late Mrs. Mattie Louise Moore McDougald.

Last year a "Memorial Fund" was started in honor of our late beloved Vice-President, Mrs. Annie Day Shepard. This new effort has added substantially to our

Meet the Steering Committee



Standing, left to right, are: Mrs. Sallve C. Hill, Mrs. M. W. Smith, Mrs. S. E. Brown, Mrs. P. E. Cogdell. Seated: Mrs. M. M. Womack, Mrs. S. E. Clarke, Mrs. R. Cogdell, Mrs. H. B. Bynum, and in the center front, Miss Elaine Gardner.

club work for the gifts of money not only memorialize our "loved ones asleep," but enable the club to remember the living with money and some other necessities.

The "Dorcas Room" at the Lincoln Hospital is the pride of the club. Twice the room has been furnished and is now beautiful maintained continually, it is the "preferred room" by many patients.

From its earliest years Dorcas Club has been federated and throughout its history continues to exhibit its loyalty to all the high principles for which the North Carolina Federation stands.

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cellent. The water springs from artesian wells and monthly analyses prove the supply to be as pure as any east of the Rockies, requiring neither filtering nor chemical treatment—a fact which is true of very few cities in America.

Nearly all denominations are represented in Kinston with thirty-eight temples of worship. There are thirty-six clubs, fraternal societies and organizations, two libraries, two State institutions including State Training School for Negro girls of which Kinston is justly proud.

Kinston has two large housing projects recreational organizations and the good schools are a tradition. The interracial relations are commendable. There is much more to be told, but it is best to come and see!

AMONG OUR CLUBS

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Asheville for the Rhododendrons and to Cary for the Gourd Festival. Miss Constance S. Young, secretary of the State Federation of Clubs was a delightful guest at the last meeting of the club. She commended the members for the keen interest displayed and for the unique program conducted.

The Gospel Choir of St. John A. M. Zion Church recently sponsored a recital starring Hazel Harrison the distinguished piano soloist. Now the Library Committee is bringing Langston Hughes to the City for a public appearance.

Gamma Beta Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority celebrated Founders Day at the First Baptist Church. The dynamic speaker was Dr. Rose Butler Brown of Durham. A closed dinner followed at the Silver Boot Grill, and a coffee hour later at the home of Mrs. William Hines, Jr.

The Mary McCleod Bethune Civic Club was greatly saddened by the death of its president, Mrs. Viola McPhail. She was active up to the last moments as she passed almost suddenly. Mrs. Letitia Fisher is filling the unempired term.

Norma E. Darden, Reporter.