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EDMONTON CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD.

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Stoke Newington.

Another important stage in the onward and upward march of the Edmonton Society was reached on February 4th, to wit, the opening of

the New Branch Store at Stoke Newington, and another notable demonstration has been given of the fact that London does want Co-operation. There are in its ever growing suburbs plenty of folks who are ready to avail themselves of the benefits conferred by the movement, if only same is brought to their notice in such a manner as to inspire confidence that the theory is workable in practice. Fifty-five new members joined on opening day, and up to time of going to press 161 new members have joined at the new branch, leaving only 139 to be enrolled to make up the 300 asked for as the number required to be added to those already residing in the district prior to the opening of the new Store. The sales at the branch have been very satisfactory, the second weeks' takings running £200 very close. Stoke Newington has made a splendid start, and if the old guard, those who have waited and worked so long, and the new recruits will join forces and push propaganda in downright real earnest for the next few weeks-taking the tide at the flood-the good ship Stoke Newington will make the harbour of success in fine style and right on time. Now, then, for a real Edcobrian shout-let it echo throughout North London-Success to Stoke Newington !

Once again the Society is busily engaged in covering the ground where the "small Society" has had to succumb Barnet. to adverse circumstances. The story of Barnet is but a repetition of other struggling little Societies that have gone under. The few stalwarts fighting against adversity, hoping against hope, and, finally, having to succumb; the financial loss, as well as the keen disappointment, being, in many instances, the greatest among those who had worked the hardest and longest for the cause they firmly believed in. And yet, in spite of all, in spite of no dividend, no interest, next to nothing to encourage for several years, what do we find? That Co-operators will not be denied, they will belong to the Store. In the few weeks that we have extended delivery service from Whetstone on to Barnet, upwards of 60 of the good folks in that district have joined the Edmonton Society, and are looking forward to being able to secure a membership in the Barnets sufficiently numerous to warrant a branch being opened to replace the old Society's Store. I trust every member will cordially extend the right hand of fellowship to our Barnet friends, and make them feel at home and encourage them in the anticipation that membership with us will in good time make

up financially and socially for all that has gone against them in the past. Now, then, up with the membership in the Barnets; things are bright ahead and will be all right. Now, then, altogether, up we go! Up!

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We keep making records year by year in membership, trade, capital, and reserves; and every record made

means that we have got to open out our shoulders and top the record once again, and, of course the first step to increase the trade, the capital, and the reserves, is by increasing the membership; and the foundations of a good year's increase in the trade is the making of a good record in new members early in the year. We have made an excellent start already this year, and the first half of February has beaten the whole of January; therefore, why not a thousand new members in the first three months? And, to make quite sure that we reach this figure, the first full week in March is going to be known as Invitation Week, a sort of a "Catch My Pal" week-the special week during which every true Edcobrian will make a point of inviting at least one non-member friend to join the That will mean that at least 10,700 Society. persons will have the advantages of the Society brought before them. An unique opportunity for 10,000 Co-operators showing 10,000 non-Co-operators our balance sheet just issued. A balance sheet that ought to act as a good new member getter. Well, in any way, at any time, by any means, make quite sure that the Invitation New Member Week finds you in the thick of it, so that we may in next month's issue be able to shcut Eureka! we have found them, that's another thousand ! Wake up, Edcobrian! Up with the membership! EDCO.

Edcograms.

The Edmonton Branch of the Women's Cooperative Guild are celebrating their Coming-of-Age in quite an ambitious manner according to report: A dinner, a sale of work, a conversazione, a dance, and—I don't know what! Anyway, many happy returns of the birthday to them.

The Edco Nuggets are getting quite noted. The Chief Nugget remarked to Edco the other day: "We are getting quite professionals, we actually asked for fares to be paid recently when giving an entertainment for a neighbouring organisation, and got them, too." Well done, Nuggets, I must drop in and have a look at you.

Look out for the Society's Trade Procession on May 17th. It is whispered this is going to put all previous efforts in the shade. More about it in due course.

Our friend, J. H. Bate, of Stratford, has a good memory. He told the people at the opening of Stoke Newington Branch that he first met our President at a garden party at Old Shrubbery House, when our ambition was to reach a membership of 1,000 and capital of £2,000. To-day we are 10,000 and £42,000 respectively ahead of that figure. But the joke was this: Mr. Bate was speaking at that garden party, and was so full of fire that he could have gone on for hours, and there were two or three of us behind him pulling his coat-tail to choke him off; for lo, the tea was getting cold! and we did not want our reputation as hosts spoiled by even friend Bate's burning eloquence. GILPINIA.

New Member Campaign.

JANUARY.

Kentish Town	2
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South Tottenham 1	9
Holloway 1	7
Tottenham 1	7
Wood Green 1	2
Harringay 1	0
Silver Street	6
Clapton	4
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Hertford Road	1
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Total..... 170

Educational, Social, & Propaganda Meetings.

EDMONTON EDUCATIONAL CENTRE-Parish Room.

(First and Third Thursday in each month at 8.) PROGRAMME.

Mar. 2.—"Life in the East End: Its Seamy Side." Mr. J. Batty.

" 16.—Irish Night. Social.

Secretary-Mr. BATTY,

38, Lion Road, Edmonton.

The Junior Co-operative Guild

meets every Wednesday at 5-30 to 7-30 p.m. Singing, drill, and social subjects. Fee, 6d. per quarter. or 2d. per month, payable in advance.

> Miss D. BEAVIS, Drill Instructor. Mr. BATTY, Musical Conductor. Mrs. WILSON, Secretary.

Women's Co-operative Guild.

President - - Mrs. Barrass.

The Guild meets every Thursday afternoon in All Saints' Parish Room, from 2-30 until 4-30. All women are welcome. Lectures and Addresses on the Aims and Principles of the Co-operative movement. PROGRAMME.

Mar. 2.—Social Afternoon.

" 9.—Reports, Convalescent Conference. Mrs. Gibbons and Mrs. Warnest. Mar. 16.—Rev. J. Kelly. "Boy and Girl Labour." , 23.—Mr. Penn. "Phrenology."

" 30.—We Are 21 To-day.

Come to our Party, and we will celebrate the occasion by a gala day in the Town Hall, Edmonton; by a Dinner in Town Hall; by an Afternoon Social (side shows, &c.; admission, 1d.); by a Public Meeting and Concert from 7 to 8-30 p.m. (address by prominent Co-operator); by a Plain and Fancy Dansante from 9 to 12 p.m. (admission 6d.). Come in your tens, hundreds, thousands! All come! Welcome all!

All women are cordially welcome. The meetings are held for Lectures and Discussions on the Cooperative movement.

> Mrs. GRAHAM, Hon. Sec., 79, Hazelbury Road, Silver Street, Upper Edmonton.

Sick Appliances Fund.

The Society has arranged for sickroom appliances to be kept at the under-mentioned places, and all members or their families residing in the same house are permitted to use them at a moderate charge, subject to the following rules :---

1. Members borrowing will be held responsible for damage done to any article whilst in their possession.

2. Articles must be returned when finished with thoroughly cleansed.

Application for the loan of articles to be made to the under-mentioned members of the Women's Guild, who are acting as Local Custodians; the number on outside of Pass Book to be shown as proof of membership.

LOCAL CUSTODIANS: Edmonton—Mrs. Napier, 9, Northcliffe Terrace, Felixstowe Road; Tottenham— Mrs. Munks, 65, Tynemouth Road, Broad Lane; Holloway—Mrs. Roberts, 7, Travers Road, Seven Sisters Road; Clapton—Mrs. Bacon, 133, Rushmore Road, Lower Clapton; Wood Green—Mrs. Overton, 21, Bury Road, Noel Park, Wood Green; Bowes Park and New Southgate—Mrs. Briscoe, 130, Whittington Road, Bowes Park, N. Terms may be obtained from any of the Local Custodians.

LIST OF SICKROOM APPLIANCES: Air bed, bedroom invalid chair, large mackintosh sheet, small mackintosh sheet, hot-water bottles, bed pans, air cushions, steam kettles, clinical thermometers, breast pumps, feeding cups, enemas, urinals for male and female, douches, bed rests, spitting cups, sheets and pillow slips.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT CENTRE— Warmington House, 744, High Road, Tottenham.

The Co-operative Choral Society

will meet at Warmington House, every Tuesday at 8 p.m., for the practice of Part-Songs, Glees, &c. Ladies and gentlemen with a knowledge of music

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Women's Co-operative Guild Sick Benefit Society-Holloway Branch. President - - - Mrs. G. H. PARKER.

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BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDED NOV. 26th	n, 19)10.
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Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
By Subscription Cards, Bills, and Pro-			
posal Forms		0	0
" Rent of Room		10	0
" Books, Postage, and Stationery		4	0
Fires (Mrs. Harding)	. 0	3	0
" Secretary's Salary	. 1	5	4
Cash in hand	. 1	7	10
", ", Bank	. 30	14	0

Share Out, 16s. 10d. per member. Audited and found correct,

MINNIE ELLEN LOCK. December 16th, 1910.

BENEFITS.—Sick Benefit, 6s. for six weeks and 4s. for four weeks; at death of member or member's husband, £3. This sum will be increased as membership increases. Subscription, 4d. per week; entrance fee, 6d. (which includes a copy of Rules and Subcription Card).

Meets on Saturday evenings between 5-30 and 6-30 to receive subscriptions and admit candidates for membership in the Guild Hall of the Co-operative Stores, 144, Seven Sisters Road (entrance, Thane Villas). The second quarter commences on March 4th. All information can be had by applying Mrs. F. B. DICK, Secretary, to

28, Dalmeny Road, Tufnell Park, N.

HARRINGAY BRANCH-Women's Guild.

President - - Mrs. SIMMONDS.

Meetings held at Salisbury Music Studio, 42, Salisbury Road, Harringay (please note fresh address) every Wednesday at 2-30. Subscriptions 3d. per quarter.

A very successful Whist Drive took place at Avondale Road, on January 24th, when everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The ladies' first prize (given by Mrs. Melby) was won by Mrs. Coldrey and the gentlemen's first prize by Mr. Howard.

PROGRAMME.

Mar. 1.-Mrs. Speary.

- 8.—Social Afternoon. "
- 15.-Mrs. Munks. "A Walk to Chingford." ,,
 - 22.-Mrs. Brown. Series of Ambulance Lectures.

Mar. 29.—Debate by members on "Town versus Country.'

Apr. 5.—Mrs. Brown's second lecture. Mrs. LEWIS FERMOR, Hon. Sec.

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CLAPTON EDUCATIONAL CENTRE-111, Chatsworth Road, Clapton.

The Co-operative Propaganda Council of the district will meet at 8 p.m.

PROGRAMME.

- Mar. 8th.—"The Evolution of the Poor Law." Miss J. P. Madams.
 - 22nd.—"The Canker of Unemployment." Mr. E. Elliott.

Mr. E. Elliott,

37, St. Thomas's Road, South Hackney.

The Women's Co-operative Guild.

President - - Miss J. P. MADAMS.

PLEASE NOTE.—The meetings will be held at 111, Chatsworth Road, on the Second and Fourth Monday in the month at 8 p.m.

All lady members are invited to come.

PROGRAMME.

Mar. 13th.—" Loyalty," by Mrs. Rippin. " 27th.—Lecture on "Propaganda Work," by Mr. Masters.

We should be pleased to see members from other Guilds and Propaganda Councils. Open meeting.

H. A. BROWN, Secretary,

15, St. John's Church Road, Hackney.

KENTISH TOWN EDUCATIONAL CENTRE-341, Kentish Town Road

(Opposite Tube and Midland Railway Stations). PROGRAMME.

Mar. 1st.—" Mind Your Own Business," Mr. Geo. L. Holyoake.

" 15th.—" Codlin and Short," Mr. Woodley.

Mr. E. LYON, Sec.

42, St. Paul's Road, Camden Town, N.W.

Kentish Town Women's Co-operative Guild.

President - Mrs. WOODLEY.

Meetings are held at Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, on the Second and Fourth Wednesday in the month at 2-30 and 8 o'clock alternately. Members are heartily invited to join. Subscription, 3d. per quarter.

PROGRAMME.

Mar. 8.—Miss L. Harriss (Central Office). " 22.—Election of Officers.

> Secretary, Mrs. IRISH, 56, Spencer Road, Dartmouth Park Hill, Kentish Town.

NEW SOUTHGATE and BOWES PARK. Women's Co-operative Guild

meets at Shaftesbury Hall, near Bowes Park Station, at 7-30 p.m., on the Second and Fourth Wednesday C. E. M. TODD, Sec. in the month.

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are cordially invited to attend. No fee. Music at nominal cost.

An ELEMENTARY SINGING CLASS for those who desire to improve their knowledge of music will be held every Thursday evening at Warmington House, at 8 o'clock. No fee. Music at nominal cost.

Mr. ELLIOTT, Choir Conductor.

Mr. CANNON, Secretary,

47, Denny Road, Edmonton.

The Tottenham Educational and Propaganda Council meet at Warmington House the First and Third Monday in each month at 8 p.m.

PROGRAMME.

Mar. 6.—"Co-operation and Politics." Mr. W. R. Jackson.

" 20.—Five-minutes papers by members of Women's Guild.

Secretary-Mr. A. W. BURVILLE,

45, Lawrence Road, South Tottenham.

The Women's Co-operative Guild. President - - Mrs. Fox.

Meets at Warmington House, 744, High Road, every Monday at 2-30 p.m. All women Co-operators cordially invited to join. Subscription, 4d. per quarter. PROGRAMME.

Mar. 6.—Social Afternoon.

- " 13.—Mrs. Munks will speak on "Child Labour and Education."
 - , 20.—"Minority Report," by Mrs. Abel and Mrs. Walters.
- " 27.—Report on "Efficiency of Co-operative Employees," by Mrs. Munks.

Lectures, discussions, and social intercourse. Mrs. J. NICOL, Secretary,

104, Seaford Road, South Tottenham

The Tottenham Junior Guild

meets at Warmington House every Wednesday, 6 to 8 p.m. Singing, social subjects, &c.

Mrs. ELLIS, Secretary,

62, Elmar Road, South Tottenham.

SILVER STREET EDUCATIONAL AND PROPAGANDA CENTRE— Tanner's End Mission, Bull Lane,

Silver Street.

(Second and Fourth Thursday in each month, 8 p.m.) PROGRAMME.

- Mar. 9.—Propaganda Concert. Arranged by the Council.
 - " 23.—"Our German Cousins." Mr. A. E. Ashley.

WOOD GREEN EDUCATIONAL AND PROPAGANDA MEETINGS,

123, Lordship Lane, Wood Green. The Co-operative Propaganda Council of the district will meet on the Second and Fourth Thursday in each month. PROGRAMME.

- Mar. 9.—"The Imperative Utility of Drawing." Mr. H. Drake.
 - " 23.—" Dickens and his Works." Mr. E. Elliott.

F. G. GILBERT, Secretary,

84, Risley Avenue, Lordship Lane.

Women's Guild-Wood Green Branch. President - Mrs. WEBB.

Meetings are held at the Friends' Meeting House, Station Road, every Thursday at 2-30. Subscription, 1s. per year.

PROGRAMME.

Mar. 2.—" Emergency Funds." Mrs. Johnson.

" 9.—" Ideal Homes." Mrs. Steer.

" 16.—Delegates' Reports.

" 23.—" Women and the Work of an Education Committee." Mrs. Ashford.

" 30.—"The German Worker." Mrs. Richardson. April 6.—Quarterly Meeting.

A. FOULKES SMITH, Hon. Sec.,

36, Homecroft Road, Wood Green.

The Junior Co-operative Guild

meets at Noel Park School, Gladstone Avenue, on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Young people welcomed.

Singing, social subjects, &c. Secretary—Mrs. GILBERT,

84, Risley Avenue, Lordship Lane.

HOLLOWAY EDUCATIONAL CENTRE-Above the Stores, 144, Seven Sisters Road. (Entrance from Thane Villas.)

The Co-operative Propaganda Council of the district will meet at 8 p.m. All Co-operators

welcomed.

(Second and Fourth Monday in each month.) PROGRAMME.

- Mar. 13.—" The Position of Woman in Literature." Mr. F. Webb.
 - " 27.—" Esperanto: The Story of a Modern Miracle." Mr. E. Elliott.

Women's Co-operative Guild—Holloway Branch.

President - - - Mrs. G. H. PARKER.

Meetings are held every Wednesday afternoon at

- 2-30 in the Guildroom, 144, Seven Sisters Road (entrance Thane Villas). All ladies cordially invited. PROGRAMME.
- Mar. 8.—Reports by Mrs. Thurbon and Mrs. Parker.
 - " 15.—Miss Kidd.
 - " 22.—Question Box.
 - " 29.—Reports by Mrs. Ames and Mrs. Pearson. Nomination of President, Treasurer, and two Committee.

Mrs. R. THURBON, Hon. Sec.,

21, Alsen Road, Holloway.