The Annual Report read March 26th 1919.

There is much that is interesting to tell of the Garden Club work during the past year.

The first lecture was given at an evening meeting of Miss John T. Stevens on April 15th, when Mr. Robbins gave an illustrated lecture on "Roses.

At Mrs. Oddy's meeting, Miss Hanison told us about "Tulip and Rock Gardening" and Mrs. Youngson Taylor was delightful in her talk on "Wild Flowers of New England" at the May meeting at Mrs. Hellwege's.

They will have the herb babe on "Dahlias," "Mrs. Harding on "Ponies," and Mrs. Rigby on "Chrysanthemums." The final meeting was at "Mrs. Helen Prince residence, where we had a very creditable Dahlias show. Miss Kening, Mrs. Bonner, Mrs. Tyler, Mrs. Hellwege and Mrs. Dunmore with very beautiful specimens.

It is pleasant to feel that our club has done more than contribute only to the pleasure of its members. Through the activity of our Projecter, Mrs. Kening, the红色ness at the Park Hospital at Norwalk. There received many gifts in the name of the "Fairfield Garden Club."

Mrs. Serling, assisted by members of the
Annual Meeting March 26th 1919

The Annual Meeting of the Garden Club was held at the home of Mrs. Ethelbee Hyde on March 26th at four o'clock. 28 members present. Minutes of the October 26th meeting read and approved. Also the Secretary's Annual Report, which was most interesting.

followed by the annual report of the treasurer, which showed a balance of $15.20.

The Nominating Committee reported the following names for Officers for the coming year:

President - Mrs. Frank W. Hyting
1st Vice President - Mrs. Horace H. Stine
2nd Vice President - Mrs. John H. Riordan
3rd Vice President - Mrs. Fred C. Bates
Secretary-Treasurer - Mrs. Mrs. N. Ethelmann

Executive Committee: Mrs. A. F. Fraenkel
Mrs. Mary S. Cramer

Mrs. Wallace took the chair while a motion was carried that the Secretary send the ballots for the Officers named.

The President, Mrs. Heising then gave an interesting talk on the work she had done through the winter at tending and planting.

She read a letter from theентр of the Red Cross.
Haven at Colonial expressing thanks to the Garden Club for all they had done through Miss Hening and asking that the carrying of plants etc. be continued.

It was decided by the Club that if Miss Hening was kind enough to continue the work the members would supply her with case of flowers and would go with her as often as possible. Miss Hening repeated going to Colonial with the money from the Garden Club—$10. which was given to buy roll for vegetables, plants and seeds with the approval of the Commanding Officer. Members of Club who asked to give up plants they could spare for that purpose. Miss Hening promised 1000 iris bulbs. For Colonial and Kaitan—Miss Ver Planche, two forsythias. Miss Hening reported the need of plants for a large circular bed at Kaitan. A motion was carried that the club cooperate in this work. Miss Hening spoke of the difficulty of getting access to the space for flowers at Colonial. A vote of thanks was sent to the retiring Secretary, Miss Wobson, and a rising vote of thanks for our President for the faithful work of the past year. Miss Hening then told the Club of the difficulties in
getting lectures - that it had been impossible to get a speaker the several afternoon evening meeting, it was decided not to have one this year. After discussion it was considere better to leave the number & dates of meeting additional to those called for in the Constitution to the Executive Committee. They had already changed Article VII which called for the Annual Meeting to be held the 1st Wednesday in March - preferring it to be left to their discretion to pick a date. This evening added the members to wear flowers at the Public Library - when possible - they are much appreciated. Stays to be more thoughtfull in responding to the teachers as to whether they would attend meetings or not. After a small tea from refreshments the meeting adjourned.

Sallie A. Holland
Dec. 7th 1862.
April 9th, 1919.

The regular meeting of the Garden Club was held at the home of Mrs. David H. Holland on Wednesday, April 9th. Twenty five members and a number of guests were present.

Mrs. Herring spoke of the work being done at Colonial Sand, Rantau. Seeds and vegetable plants bought for Colonial Sand, blue stokes, rose, and a few others at Rantau, and the large circular bed in front of the General Hospital Administration building is to be taken care of by a member of the club. An appeal was made for the surplus from the home gardens. Mrs. Herring told me of an invitation received by her from the New Rochelle Garden Club to attend a luncheon of that club on Thursday, April 16th. The invitation included some other members of our club. Mrs. Herring said she would accept and hoped I would go with her. Mrs. Hendrickson, Editor of the Garden Magazine, asked to the club on "Getting Back to Peace - in the Garden." First bringing to me an appeal from the
Committee for Devastated France, that when we buy our vegetable seeds we would include in the order some for France.

Mr. Barven said: "No life will be the same as it was before the war - even in the garden at home." He then spoke of the Quarantine Bill, No. 37, which will deprive gardeners of many of the choice things of well-known garden flowers, including: Verbena, Chid Drummondii, Pæonies, and Alce as Cyclamen, or agapanes, can be brought in. Mr. Barven brought to our attention a most valuable book on plant culture, written by William Robinson, entitled "English Boys of Garden." Mr. Barven seemed to think New England in the Club, a list of twenty plants that would grow in the shade - (both sides of the house)."

Elizabeth A. Barven
May 14th

The regular meeting of the Garden Club was held at the home of Mrs. Randall on May 14th. Thirty members and several guests were present.

Mrs. Herring told of an invitation received by her to attend a luncheon at the Flushing Garden Club to be held on Monday, May 19th.

Mrs. Herring spoke of the gifts of bulbs, seeds, plants, and shrubs from Mrs. Randolph, which filled an army truck, from Mrs. Van,qen, quantities of handiwork, from Mrs. Peterson, a few.

Mrs. Grace, seeds. The work at Camp Kanata is progressing finely, in spite of a shortage of all garden implements; the appeal was made for flowers and baby books. Mrs. Van Buren told of her visit to the Camp, and of Mrs. Hering's trip among the sick soldiers, bringing them cooks, jelly, flowers, all useful and situation deep appreciation for her kindness. Mrs. Bonner was appointed Chairman - for all flowers are taken to

to ACLP, and a week or a month from the middle of May. Mrs. Herring spoke of the meeting on June 15th when the Garden Club will be elect...
tained at the Kenyon Gardens. That Mr. Brooks will tell of the work of the children at the Garden.
An appeal was presented from the American Committee for Devastated France for help in sending farming kits—consisting of a potato, seed
and hot T. France—Price $2.50 each. No action was taken. He then listened to a delightful
beery, spring-time talk on "Early Flowers" given by
John Mrs. Britton of the New York Botanical
Gardens, illustrated by blooming specimens from
the Gardens. Elizabeth E. Stimson
May 24th, 1919

The regular meeting of the Plainfield Garden Club was held at the home of Miss Francis V. Sent on May 24th - twenty members and several guests were present. Mrs. Herring gave a short talk on the work of Rayton of the generous gifts in plants, shrubs and seeds received since the last meeting.

Two truck loads from the T. S. Nubivers, one truck load from the Elizabeth Anger's 1880 iris roots from Mr. Fass. Rose bushes from Mr. Peterson - 100 Geraniums from Mr. Verry. Thoroughly Mrs. Shilow, whose late visit ending a large gift of flower seeds. Mrs. Shilow's talk addressed the meeting on "Gardens: Past & Present" which was interesting and instructive. After the lecture, Mrs. Herring told us inside of the progress of the work at Rayton - by laying out of flower beds and of the Hospital Garden which the soldiers delight in - where a summer house is being built to which the sick soldiers can be taken in wheel chairs. People have
been laid to bring water to the garden which makes the care of the chose things easier. The Camp officials do all they can to show their appreciation of the kindness and untiring effort of the President of the Garden Club and of the generous friends who have given her abundantly.

In answer to an appeal from the American Committee for the arts of France and to the interest of each consisting of a spade, hoe, and rake (15 cents a pair) it was on motion voted to send 12 sets.

Mrs. Hening announced that she had received a letter from John to speak at the White House on the 20th. The meeting then adjourned.

Elizabeth A. Stillman
June 11th, 1919

The Garden Club held a delightful oil painting meeting on June 11th at the mining garden, at the special request of the Officers of the association. Mrs. Richard, the President, welcomed the Club with a few gracious words. Mrs. Bereng responded with a short business meeting, after which the President introduced the Club to the pleasure of listening to an interesting talk by Mrs. F. W. Cook, the superintendent of the garden. She told of the work of the many children on their own plots of ground. She also shared the hard work and individual characteristics of plant growing in the way the work was done. Some children have been interested enough to have a vegetable garden at home as a result of the instruction received.

Mrs. Bereng spoke of the pleasure in attending the luncheon at the mining garden Club and of the work of the club. She ended with a note of progress of the work at the camp. The plants have been given by Jerrold facade. The name of the seeds from Mrs. Gertrude Woodfill. Martin - 4 John S. Johnston.
have donated garden benches. It was voted on motion to re-new our membership in the Homasassa Farmers Garden Association.

After adjournment refreshments were served and all were interested in inspecting the children's garden plots.

Elizabeth A. Stillman
Dec'y
June 25th, 1919

The Plainfield Garden Club held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Blandford on June 15th. Sixteen members were present.

The club was fortunate in having Miss Helen Van Sickle, assistant editor of the Garden Magazine, as lecturer for the day. She spoke with much enthusiasm and to the delight of those present on "The Home and the Garden." After the lecture the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Miss Harding spoke of the planting being done at Holtonana, a rather remote island, and of flowers being distributed at Holtonana over at Biltmore. Miss Harding told us of her visits to Miss Biltmore's wonderful gardens in England - six different ones.

The rock garden was in full bloom and very pretty. Various places for holding the autumn flower show were discussed.

Members were asked to save containers in which to plant specimen flowers for the exhibit. Miss Harding asked the members to express their opinions in regard
to continuing the Garden Club - so many who belong show no interest - the question was fully discussed, all agreeing that to give up the Garden Club would be a real loss to each member present - the way in which to deal with the "dead goods" was left to a future meeting. The secretary was instructed to expose to Miss John the pleasant, delightful talk had given the club.

Elizabeth S. Stillman

Sec'y.
July 9th. 1919

The regular meeting of the Garden Club was held at Mrs. Stackhouse's porch 500 Wednesday, July 9th. 10 members and one guest present. After the minutes of the previous meeting were adopted, President told me of the progress of the work at Volmer & Hanigan, which was threshed to with much interest. A discussion followed of various pertaining to the Club, among which that of the securing back of interest of many members. We wondered how they could be reached.

Mrs. Hilbrandt then read an amusing sketch written on the raising of a few vegetables at much expense of time and money. Mrs. Fleming and Mrs. Williams both pointed her with garden lore. 

Elizabeth Stebbins
August 15th, 1919

The regular meeting of the Garden Club was held at the home of Miss Yates on Wednesday, August 8th. A delightful picnic party was held in the lovely garden. All club members and a number of guests were present.

Notice was given that the Executive Board had voted to omit the meeting of September 15th, the next one will be held on September 24th, at the home of Miss Jones, whom we hope to have a talk from Miss Sullivan.

The business told us that she was trying to arrange with Miss Hayes for our last meeting in October - subject, "The Wild Bird" - how to attract them. The lecture will be illustrated and to be held in the Congregational Parish House on Thursday the 23rd. (instead of Wednesday the 22nd). It will be open to the public for a small entrance fee. A letter was read from Miss Yates regarding an evening lecture, illustrated by making pictures of birds for the price of 10c. It was voted to inquire about our first spring meeting. Miss Milliken offered to entertain the Club at her house.
A discussion was held on what would be good work for our club in the line of "Voca Imperium". It was thought to begin with the care of the City Park, as a step in the right direction.

The President will appoint a committee to have the matter in charge. Mrs. Hennis spoke of the growth of the work in Kansas, and many of her experiences there. The summer house is completed and furnished. Mrs. Mead has given four large wicker chairs (from the M.T. H. building that is being dismantled at the Camp) for the use of the convalescent soldiers in the summer home. The Secretary was instructed to send a vote of thanks to Mrs. Mead.

Committees were appointed for the Flower Show to be held on September 20th:

- Mrs. Snodgrass—Chairman of Arrangement Committee
- Mrs. Mellick—same committee
- Mrs. Warren—Chairman of Floraizing "Mrs. Connor"
- "Mrs. Connor"—gardens for exhibits
- Mrs. Utter—Publicity Chairman

Mrs. Hennis said she would accept the demand accret in the classification of exhibits.

Elizabeth A. Fullman
September 24th, 1919

The regular meeting of the Garden Club was held at the home of Mrs. Burns on Wednesday, September 24th. Twenty-nine members and several guests were present. Mrs. Herring spoke of the great success of the Dublin Show. The secretary was instructed to write a note of thanks to Mrs. Van Norden for not omitting in allowing the club to use the Yaden Auto-mobile Club Rooms for the exhibition.

The President expressed a desire for a full attendance at the next meeting of the Club on October 7th, at which time the future work of the club would be discussed. Mrs. Herring spoke of the lecture to be given by Mrs. Mayne on Thursday, October 13th, on "Wild Fruits," and arrangements were made which will be completed before the next meeting.

A dinner given of a "Year to be remembered" by the Garden Club on Monday, September 26th, in the summer home Hospital grounds at Rainier Avenue, so that club members may see what has been done with seeds, plants, and shrubs in one season to beautify the deadlake Park, under the direction and the untiring work of our President.
Mr. Harris was appointed Chairman of the Sea talk.
Mr. Dunbar, Chairman of Transportation.

The Club then listened to a delightfully informal talk by Mrs. Otis of Badiams on "Fall Planting." Mrs. Otis brought many flowers from her garden to show what may be had in any late autumn garden.

Elizabeth A. Tillman

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**GARDEN CLUB VISITS CAMP RARITAN**

The Plainfield Garden Club had a very delightful social meeting yesterday afternoon at Camp Raritan, where the Club has done much to turn the cereals barren waste into a refreshing oasis with its many flourishing plants and bright blooming flowers, which, under the supervision of the faithful and uniring president, Mrs. F. O. Kresse, were planted and encouraged to grow in the most unpromising soil.

The members of the club and officers of the camp met in the summer house built at the club's direction for a friendly cup of tea.

The president thanked the officers for their co-operation and great interest in the efforts to make the wilderness bloom, and the commandant of the post, Col. Andrews, responded, telling of their pride and pleasure in showing their special display when guests arrived from Washington—there was no other camp like theirs—and all the thousands of plants, gifts through the Plainfield Garden Club.
October 8th, 1909

The last regular meeting of the Garden Club for 1909 was held at the home of Mrs. Reilly on Wednesday, October 7th. 37 Members in attendance.

The report of the previous meeting was read and approved. The President then read the following notice which had been sent to each member:

"At the meeting of the Hampden Garden Club on October 7th, the work for the coming year will be discussed. It being deemed wise to make such plans this fall as after the Annual Meeting the opening work will be upon us. It takes time to plan in the life of our Club when the question arises whether a new project shall proceed or stand still. Shall we take up some form of civic work entirely suited to our line of thought, something which will make us stand for something for others as well as a pleasure for ourselves. Suggestions for such work from the members will be welcomed by the Executive Committee. Will you come to the meeting prepared to give your suggestions and talk about the suggestions of others?"
A lengthy discussion followed on several suggestions previously made. Such as the definite name for the Club, the decision upon. Mr. Fleming spoke of the possibility of the re-establishment of the linkage with the gardens at Kaitaia, and the need for the Club to come again. He also made an appeal for several thousand dollars to be planted as Kaitaia this Autumn.

It was voted that the Club's balance in trustees' hands be used for that purpose. Mr. Fleming asked if all Members of the Club could take snaps shots of the gardens at Kaitaia at this time. The motion was agreed to.

Our President gave notice that at the Annual Meeting the Club would be asked to vote upon committing the latter part of Article III in the Constitution, reading: Held for the second Wednesday in March of each year, the Club voted back year that the Annual Meeting shall be called at the discretion of this Executive Committee. The question of the always absent Member was brought up after the annual interest.
discussion. Mrs. Warren made the following
motion: "A Member absent from future executive
meetings without sending an excuse to the
Secretary shall forfeit her membership." Motion
carried and ordered printed, to be sent to each
member with the bill for membership dues.

Members present were asked to send two or
more glasses of jello to Miss Van Proosdink, on
account of Miss Van Proosdink's health. Flower and fruit
buddies of Plainfield. Mrs. Herring spoke
of the coming lecture to be given by Mr. Barry
on "Our Wild Beasts: How to Attract Them to the
Friend's House of the Congregational Church on
Thursday, October 25, 1915." I fail to remember
whether this lecture to take place of a regular meeting. Secretary to send
its notice as usual.

C. A. Stillman
Annual Report of the Plainfield Garden Club for 1919

To me it was a pleasure to attempt the Annual Report of our Garden Club, that the year of 1919 was the most interesting of the five years of the Club's life, because of the many interested, and of the number of good things that happened at home and abroad. The Club had nine regular meetings with an average attendance of 91.1 and one public lecture. We have listened to lectures and unusual talks from Mrs. Hazen and Miss Jones of the Garden Magazine, Mrs. Potter from the New York Botanical Garden, Mrs. Taylor from Reading and one good friend Mrs. Steele from Philadelphia on such pleasing subjects as Spring Flowers and Autumn Flowers; Harding Park and Parent Home and the Garden; and Coming Back to Place in the Garden.

We were fortunate in having Mrs. Mayne of Meriden who spoke the Bird Talk and gave us a lecture on Our Wild Birds. How to attract them, illustrated by many unusual pictures taken by herself, when we were able to invite all bird lovers.

On June 15th a charming visit of gardens made the Club meeting was held at the Monro...
On Bank Board

Edward J. Noble, chairman of the board of the Life Savers Corporation, today was elected a director of the Commercial National Bank & Trust Company.
Leads Meeting

Leroy A. Lincoln, president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, will be chairman of the annual convention of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents to be held here December 5 and 6. He will make the opening address.
Garden, as guests of the Officers of the Association. The look of surprise and delight that met me as I entered the Garden was well received. The children in the Garden, and of its influence on the home. Our mid-summer meetings were most informal and pleasant, and held on the premises of the members, we worked and listened to readings by members. A delightful afternoon was spent at Rainton House, the Club gave a party in the summer house in the Hospital Garden. The Offices and Members club was greatly enjoyed by all. The garden was in a state of blooming beauty, we were astonished at the results of the nurturing work of our President. The flower show on October 20th was a great success, so many exhibited that all available space filled with a remarkable collection of dahlias, asters, calendula, marigolds, cosmos, and others. The pleasure given the public paid for all the work attending such an exhibition. The rents through the Rainton's Farm Garden Association, &c, ranging from &c, each kit containing a spade, a rake, and a hoe. The rents for membership to this Association, &c, were normal contributions of jelly to the Planet House.
and fruit fields of Plainfield, and stone, which was gratefully acknowledged. The work at Colonia was continued until the authorities decided to close the hospital. Many shrubs and plants were set out and trees planted. Flowers were taken each week to the soldiers in the wards as long as allowed.

But the greatest thing of all was the phenomenal work done by our President of创造性 to decide it is beyond any words. As I will read a clipping from the Times-News which covers the ground.

Early in the spring or late in the autumn of 1918, one member of the Garden Club who worked very constantly in their visits to the hospital of Camp Ranston near asked by Colonel Andrews, the Commandant, if they could undertake the work of beautifying the grounds around some parts of the hospital which covered one hundred acres.

The author was rather指的是, in all who saw the place late year agreed that the vast expanse of yellow grass and glades of unpainted buildings, the muddily road, general appearance of the Place, made them feel that it being beautify out of such conditions also one requiring the most untold task of
Patriotism and unlimited faith. Neither are lacking in the camp of our President, nor in the minds of the work. The camp authorities and pris. roads and camps and homes. All about the sections of the Camp where the administration buildings are located. The banana and other buildings have been planted a delicate gray. The garden that has surrounded these buildings with flower beds and hardy native shrubs. The club members have assisted this planting by giving plants, shrubs and seeds most gratefully. The garden about 79. feet, 500 feet, planted and donated hundreds of dollars into shrubs and plants. Nearly 200 Philadelphians and various gifts of seeds. The 500 fruit trees made a splendid gift of hundreds of cannas bulbs which planted and planted. The gray buildings are a most valuable asset to our work, as well as many gladiola bulbs.

The waste places have been made to known to thebounded delight of the camp authorities and the joy its fame has gone abroad. And in Washington it has come to be known as the "greatest park in the Park of the Country." Plans are submitted by Mrs. Hering and accepted by the Colonel fo
large cement entrance posts, which are now built and
their gray surface will next year be green with Nature.
The group of hospital buildings he about
half a mile from the administration buildings and
that a real attractive little hospital garden has
been made and surrounded to eat flowered all
summer. Vines were made of black seeders, rose
also spray the walls, and a charming large
summer house has been built with a vine green-
roof and buttercup brown sides; on the latter for
a vine grew and throned, and at one end a
wide opening has been made with chimney runways
so that in habitants from the hospital wards
near by can be seated in their chairs through
the garden into the summer house.

Whatever Mr. Pinney may say - the Club
knows: it would necessarily help accomplished
but in our President and her alone.

Respectfully submitted

Elizabeth L. Fellows