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The executive committee have met during the past year on five occasions, and voted loans to sixteen young ladies as against six last year, and twenty-six two years ago.

The sum loaned has exceeded by \$100, the amount received from young ladies in payment of notes and interest; which has been only a little more than half as much as that collected last year.

It is a painful fact that some of our beneficiaries fail to show their appreciation of the help they have received from the society, by cancelling as soon as possible, their indebtedness, several of those who left college before graduation not even paying the interest on their notes.

Your secretary has recently written to five young ladies, whose notes are of several years standing, asking them if possible to begin payment on these notes, and in only one instance has there been any response.

At the close of last year the amount in the treasury was larger than at the beginning of the year. This was due partly to the payment of several large notes, and partly to the small number of applications received during the year.

We are glad to report for the year just closed increased usefulness for our funds. The year opened with \$802.83 in the bank, to which has been added during the twelve months \$475.26 and closes with \$297.99 in the treasury, \$200 of which has been voted for loans for the coming term.

The past months have wrought changes in the little circle comprising our committee. Mrs. Magoun, Miss Edson, Mrs. Potter, Mrs. Safford and Mrs. Cooper have withdrawn from our number.

We parted with these ladies with regret, as we had learned to value highly their counsels in our work.

In their places we have welcomed Mrs. Gates, as our new president, Mrs. L. F. Parker, Mrs. Macy and Miss Greene, former members of the committee, Mrs. Parker having been the first president of the society, and Mrs. Sanders and Mrs. Beyer. The following resolutions were passed by the committee in connection

with Mrs. Magoun's retirement, and the death of Mrs. Edson in January last:

Resolved That in view of the positive refusal of Mrs. Magoun—for nineteen years the honored and efficient president of the Ladies' Education society—to accept a renomination to that office at the last annual meeting, the members of the ex-committee desire to express their deep regret at her withdrawal from the committee, whereby they lose her most valuable counsel and assistance, and to affirm their hearty appreciation of the faithfulness, the wisdom and the success with which she has so long filled the responsible position of president of the society and chairman of its ex-committee.

Resolved, That, the members of the ex-committee of the Ladies' Education society, being deeply grieved by the death of their friend and associate, Mrs. Edson, who has been during her residence in Grinnell a most faithful and valued member of the committee, desire to record their keen sense of the loss they experience in her removal from their number; their appreciation of the value of her assistance in their deliberations, her experienced and well balanced judgment and her earnest wish to accomplish the utmost for the cause of christian education; and their affectionate admiration, also, for the serene and quiet beauty of her unselfish daily life, her devotion to the Master whom she loved, her steady, unobtrusive, faithful work for him, and the rounded perfection and symmetry of her christian character.

They proffer to the husband and daughter their earnest sympathy in their irreparable loss, believing that the hallowed influence of the sweet and chastened life which has been so long with them must still abide and mitigate their grief.

We enter upon the new year with the belief that our work is an important one, the results of which are beyond our knowledge here; and praying the Lord to make us wise and faithful that all may be unto His glory.

H. M. BARNES, Sec.

Nov. 12th, 1889.