

The recently established Scholarship Endowment Fund supplements tuition for both needy students and needy teachers-in-training.

In the field of education, the Maud Brown Pendleton Student Loan Fund and Scholarship, established at Pacific University, the New England College of the Northwest, has provided the means for many students to complete their undergraduate education.

The Emma Hardy Slade Student Loan Funds, established at Middlebury College, Vermont; Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts; and Austin College, Sherman, Texas; and administered by the schools, provide loans for Juniors and Seniors having two generations of American ancestry.

The patriotic projects include a long time interest of the National Society in the men of the various branches of the armed services. In 1919, during the establishment of the Soldiers', Sailors', Marines' and Airmen's Club in New York City, the National Society endowed three rooms. Since then, the Society has continued its interest in the Club whose pleasant accommodations provide enlisted men and women rooms and meals at reduced prices.

Work of the Veterans' Hospital Committee is nationwide and reflects the members' gratitude to and interest in those veterans whose wartime injuries require short or long time care. Personal service as well as financial assistance are Colony and National objectives.

Members' work with and financial support of U.S.O. clubs originated in San Francisco in order to serve the many troops going to and

returning from Vietnam. Recognition of the need to support the overseas U.S.O. clubs used by American servicemen prompted the members of the National Society to broaden its interest in clubs based in Europe and the Orient.

To members of New England Women, American Defense means more than guns. It means the defense of spiritual and religious rights and the defense against attacks made on American ideals and traditions.

Publications

The *National Society of New England Women Yearbook*, a resume of the work accomplished during the year by the Colonies and the National Society as well as the Congress proceedings, is compiled for publication in the Fall.

The Clipper is published four times a year and provides up-to-date information on the activities of the National Society and the Colonies.

The New England Benediction

"May the purity of the snows of New England; the uprightness of her fir trees; the strength of her hills; the peace of her valleys and the faith in God of our forefathers abide in our hearts and be manifested in our lives."

(Mrs. Flynn Guernsey Austin
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The National Society of New England Women was organized January 24, 1895 by Mrs. William Gerry Slade and incorporated in the State of New York February 20, 1895. The object of the Society was "to bring together women of similar background of New England ancestry to engage in charitable, educational and patriotic work and thus perpetuate the lofty ideals and examples of their forefathers."

Eligibility

Women over the age of eighteen years, with proof of lineal descent from an ancestor born in New England prior to the adoption of the Constitution of the United States in 1789 or before 1700 in Nassau and Suffolk Counties, Long Island.

Membership

In addition to Regular Members there is a provision for a Membership-at-Large for those women who wish to be affiliated with the Society but live in areas where there are no Colonies.

Recognizing the advantage of enrolling younger members, the members established a Cradle Roll Membership for the enrollment of children from birth to six years old and a Junior Membership for those six years old through eighteen years.

There is a Life Membership fee of Five hundred dollars for those who prefer this type of membership.

For more information contact:

Insignia

The insignia is as interesting as it is symbolic. The six crests of the New England States are equally spaced on a golden circle. Massachusetts is represented by the figure of the Indian chief, Massasoit; Rhode Island, the anchor; Maine, the pine tree; New Hampshire, the ship; Vermont, the stag's head and Connecticut, the three intertwined grape vines. The stalk of maize signifies remembrance of the Colony saved from starvation by this Indian manna in the wilderness.

Colors

The colors are red and white and the explanation is this: The good ship Mayflower sailed from England under the flag of Saint George, white flag with red cross. This flag, with the addition of the crowned monogram of the King, was used in 1643 when the colonies of Plymouth, Massachusetts Bay, Connecticut and New Haven formed an alliance under the name of the United Colonies of New England, from which colonies we proudly claim our heritage.

Programs

Relative to the purpose for which they exist, the programs at the Colony Meetings generally have some New England background - brought out through history, literature, arts and artists, music, persons, places, antiques and heirlooms.

Meetings

The National Board of Management, consisting of National Officers, Directors, and Colony Presidents, meets in October and May. The National Congress is held in May. Founder's Day has been celebrated annually by the Colonies since 1895 during the third week in January.

Dues

Colony dues vary but the Application Fee to the National Society is \$50.00 plus \$25.00 National Dues.

Cradle Roll Application Fee is \$1.00. Junior Application Fee is \$5.00 plus \$1.00 Annual Dues, which may be paid up through the applicant's eighteenth birthday.

Colonies

With New York City the headquarters of the Society in 1895 branches were organized in other parts of the United States and by 1905 the Society had expanded from coast to coast. Members in New York City, the original group, became members of the New York City Colony and after the reorganization of the Society in 1913, all Colonies were brought under an organization known as the National Society of New England Women. The name Colony, rather than branch, as it reminds one of the Colonial period, was suggested by the niece of the New England poet, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

Projects

Charitable projects of the National Society are: Kurn Hattin Homes, Inc., a residential school for underprivileged boys and girls at Westminster Vermont, has long been benefited financially from National Society and Colony support for its many activities; and the Clarke School For Hearing & Speech, the first institution using the oral method of teaching the deaf, is a more recent interest of the Society and has benefited from Colony donations.