

THE LATER YEARS

For eleven years, 1917-1928, the library occupied the old Post Office Building. We gave it a coat of paint, put in electricity and enjoyed it until, as at other times, we outgrew it, and the room which had at first seemed so spacious seemed uncomfortably small. But we took courage because, slowly but surely, we could see better days approaching. On February 1, 1928 the corner stone of the present building was laid and on September 22 of the same year we began work in it, and that work has grown and flourished wonderfully.

The people of the town have been very kind and have supplemented our income with their gifts. A large part of the money which the A.K.O. society had given us was spent for historical pictures which are hung in the gallery. Mr. C.H. Street, one of the Library Board, gave us a piano for the Club Room; and we have received a legacy from the estate of Grove J. Tuttle, with no conditions attached, which we have used for the purchase of books.

From time to time, with our increased income, we have been able to make various additions and improvements. Over the fireplaces in each end of the building a space had been left for mural paintings; these were done by Mr. Charles D. Hubbard, and placed there in 1930. In the same year we bought a new bulletin board to show the library hours daily, and we decided that three evenings a week would also be desirable. In 1932 we added an electric clock which controls the outside lighting until 11 P.M.

A musical evening is held annually in September in memory of Mr. Hagaman.

Our State Grant, like our various small buildings, was outgrown in 1931, but in spite of the depression, we can still "carry on".

Not the least of our service to the town is the supplying of the various outside schools with loans of books which are changed every two or three weeks.

Up-to-date the books number nearly 10,000 which is the dividing line between the small and the large libraries, and the borrower's cards issued between 2500 and 3000.

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