

Annual Report of the young
Women's Guild of St. John Armenian
Church - 1952.

The officers for the year 1952 were:

Chairman Dorothy Kalajian
Vice Chairman Helen Kalajian
Recording Secretary Bettye Yeghessian
Corresponding Secretary Mary Lou
Jhannessian

Treasurer Helen Armandlian

Advisers: Victoria Kejian, Lucene Hancock,

Agnes Yagobian, and Stewart Artinian.

The past year was a very successful one in which we enjoyed working together for the benefit of the church. We find the true meaning of the Christian spirit in service to the Armenian church and community.

The clergymen blessed our executive board at the first meeting of the year to help us face our tasks with the realization of their importance.

We began our year by collecting funds for the Infantile Paralysis drive from our members. In the spring we held a family dinner. The high point of the year was our Mother's Day Banquet given on Mother's Day. We presented a fine American program after the dinner. In the fall we held a dinner dance which received a fine reception from the community. We also held 2 luncheons for our members.

We have tried to be helpful to the Trustees, the choir, the W.C.Y.O.A., the ^{Senior} Guild and the Sunday School giving our support as requested. We have also helped the International Institute.

One of the biggest achievements was the rewriting of our by laws under the supervision of our Bishop Sion Maroogian. The by laws were changed to more adequately cover the problems of our organization. The copies of the by laws were distributed in the fall.

We planned an educational program for the year but not too much was done about it. We are planning to do more concrete things for the coming ^{year} along the lines of special education.

The Young Women's Guild has been responsible for the past few years for the altar flowers and during 1952 a committee was organized which began refurbishing the altar so that it will be more beautiful. In recent years the altar pieces have been given little attention and we hope to improve its appearance.

All of our 85 members are enthusiastic about the plans for the coming year. Building a new church is a great incentive for all of us to work together. We have a large community which deserves a fine building for our house of worship and our educational and cultural activities. All of our money making ^{the projects} projects will benefit the building fund.

We have five officers for 1953
which will inspire us to work together
for the progress and preservation of
the Armenian church. They are:

Chairman: Dorothy Galajian
Vice Chairman: Helen Amundlian
Recording Secretary: Sarah Minassian
Corresponding Secretary: Marie
Jumajian
Treasurer: Victoria Keizian

Advisers: Zaven Hanoian, Sylvia
Antonian, Ross Yessarian, Agnes
Yagobian