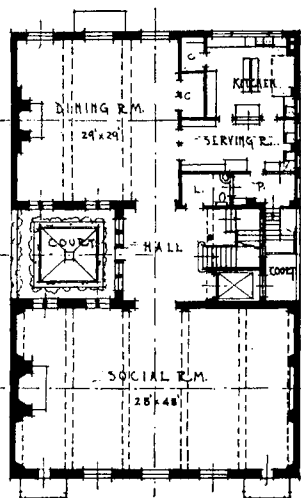


# HOME BUILDING PROJECT OF NATIVE DAUGHTERS

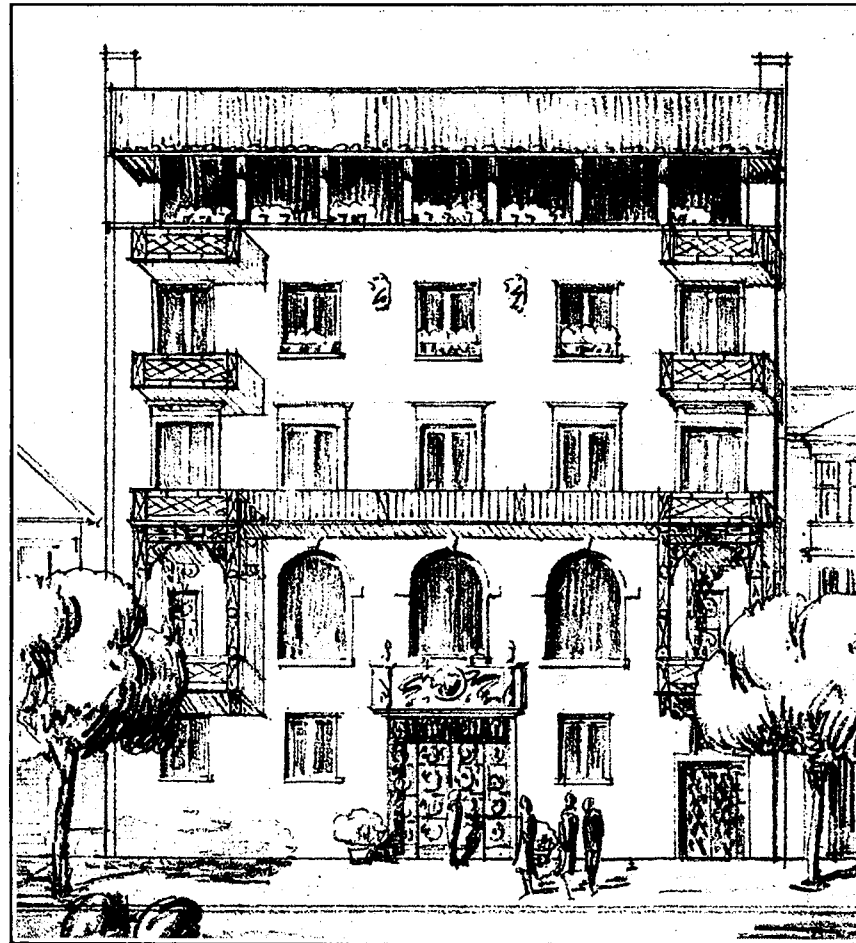
"A house is built of bricks and stones,  
Of sills and posts and piers;  
But a Home is built of loving deeds  
That stand a thousand years."

**WEBSTER TELLS US THAT A HOME** is a place of rest and security, in addition to being an abiding place of affections. This must have been the thought that prompted the Board of Relief, over twenty-five years ago, to establish the first Native Daughters' Home, which was then located in O'Farrell street, San Francisco. The second venture was the purchase of the property on Hyde street. When the earthquake and fire of 1906 destroyed the building, the Board of Relief sold the Hyde-street lot for \$3,500 and purchased property at 555 Baker street. Later, they acquired the adjoining property, at 553 Baker street. When this was cleared of debt, in 1919, the Board of Relief deeded the combined properties to the Grand Parlor.

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NEW NATIVE DAUGHTERS' HOME UNDER WAY IN SAN FRANCISCO.

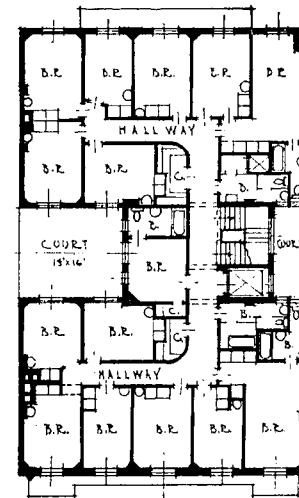
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the erection of the new Home. (2.) Authorize the Home Committee, in conjunction with the Board of Grand Trustees, to invest the Home funds now on deposit in the bank. (3.) In the event that the Grand Parlor decided not to build at the present time, authorize the Home Committee to expend the funds necessary to place the present Home buildings in a safe and livable condition.

Thaler and seconded by Dr. Louise C. Heilbron of San Diego Parlor No. 208: "That the Board of Grand Trustees, in conjunction with the Native Daughters' Home Committee, be given full power to act in regard to financing the expansion of the Home."

January 11 of this year the Board of Grand Trustees met in San Francisco, in conjunction with the Home Committee, and after hearing the latter's report, which recommended a first mortgage loan in the amount of \$40,000 at the rate of 6 percent per annum, the plan was approved and authorized by the Board of Grand Trustees.

The financial structure, therefore, is outlined as follows: Approximately \$45,000 available in funds collected yearly at fifty cents per capita; \$6,500 pledges by Subordinate Parlors (about \$3,800 of which amount has been paid); \$40,000 first mortgage; \$20,000 second mortgage, to cover furnishings and other additional building costs, not covered in the contract, which necessarily follow any



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the old Baker-street Home, it was impossible to give maximum service, but the future will enable members of the Order to fully appreciate the opportunities they may enjoy when the new building, now under way, is completed and occupied.

In presenting this brief outline of the activities of the building project, attention of the membership must be called to the purposes for which the Order of Native Daughters of the Golden West was organized: "Its principal objects are social intercourse, mental improvement, and mutual benefit; the uniform administration of the rights, privileges and benefits of the Order of Native Daughters of the Golden West; perpetuating the memory of the founders of the State of California; the increase and diffusion of knowledge among its members; the improvement of the condition of its membership socially and materially by encouragement when in need, and providing for and comforting the sick and distressed members of the Order."

In our extreme desire and ambition to be of service to all worth-while projects which are presented to us from many outside sources, there is a possibility of overlooking opportunities to be of assistance and service to individual members.

For the past eight or nine years, the Home Committee has been working industriously and enthusiastically to build a better and bigger Home, which would enable them to extend greater service.

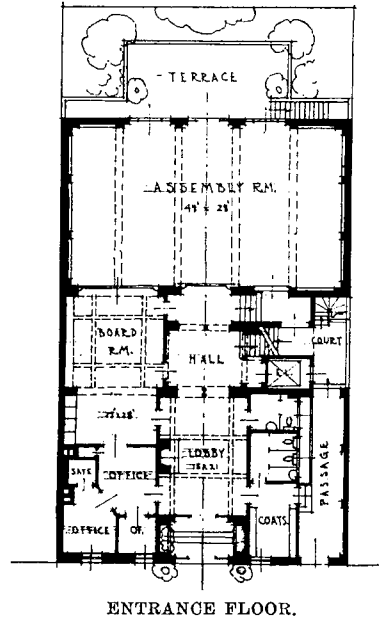
Last year, at the Modesto Grand Parlor, the Home Committee presented their annual report, placing the Home situation squarely before the members of the Grand Parlor, emphasizing the deficiencies of the structure then in use, and urging the members to consider the problem from all angles—not only the needs, but the ability of the Grand Parlor to assume the financial obligation involved in the erection and maintenance of a new Home building.

The Home Committee also urged that the Grand Parlor either: (1.) Authorize the Home Committee to accept the plans and proceed with

and it becomes necessary for them to venture forth into larger communities. The Home affords them an opportunity to be in a metropolitan city, with ideal surroundings, where many educational advantages are obtainable.

The Subordinate Parlors are indefatigable in their enthusiastic response to appeals made by other organizations and to the demands from community activities. At no time in the history of the Native Daughters have the Subordinate Parlors been called on to rally to a project which means something to each and every member of the Order. But the time has now arrived when they may be of invaluable assistance to a magnificent program which the Order is attempting to complete.

In addition, the plans for a proposed new structure were presented and left on display for inspection by the members of the Grand Parlor, the contract price being estimated at approximately \$84,000.



The Home Committee's plans met with the enthusiastic response and co-operation of the delegation. The Grand Parlor then adopted the following motion, made by Grand Trustee Sallie R.

Extensive work has already been done by individual members of the Order, also by some of the Parlors, but to insure the fulfillment of this plan the enthusiastic co-operation of each and every member of the Order must be had. Until this spark has spread into a flame, our progress will be but passive. In the final analysis, the Subordinate Parlors are the backbone of the Order. The Grand Parlor is largely affected by the condition and progress of these individual units.

Let us, therefore, inject enthusiasm, the greatest asset in the world, into the plan. Enthusiasm tramples over prejudice and opposition, spurns inaction, storms the citadel of its objective and, like an avalanche, overwhelms and engulfs all obstacles. It is nothing more or less than faith in action. Faith and initiative, rightly combined, remove mountainous barriers and achieve the unheard-of and miraculous.

building project.

As apparent from this outline, it is necessary to have additional money—to provide for furnishings and for any additional building costs which are bound to work into a plan of this kind. Inasmuch as the treasuries of the Subordinate Parlors contain over \$100,000 in cash, not including

bonds and other investments, the Sub-Finance Committee, which was appointed to work out the details of the \$20,000 second mortgage, could see no better or more profitable way of handling this financing than to ask the Subordinate Parlors to loan the required amount to the Grand Parlor at the rate of 6 percent per annum, payable semi-annually, thus making it a strictly business transaction.

This idea met with the unanimous approval of the Home Committee and the Board of Grand Trustees, at the meeting held January 11, 1928. This plan would return to the Parlors more than the 4 percent interest their funds are earning in term savings accounts. The loans for the second financing will be secured by a second deed of trust for the entire amount of such advances. Participating certificates will be issued to each Parlor making a loan, to the amount of its investment.

The new Home building is to be a class "B" structure. As can be seen from the accompanying illustrations, it is well designed and provided with all modern conveniences. The contract for its construction has been awarded at approximately \$84,000. Furnishings, and any additional building costs, will be cared for out of the funds loaned by the Subordinate Parlors for the second financing.

Plans are being formulated for the laying of the cornerstone some time in April. The tentative date of completion of building operations is September 1, 1928.

The Native Daughters' Home performs many "loving deeds." It is a refuge where older members of the Order may be cared for when home ties are broken and families scattered.

In many of California's smaller cities opportunities for young girls and women are limited,

Set the germ of enthusiasm afloat—carry it in your attitude and manner—it spreads like contagion and influences every fibre of your industry before you realize it.

Some of the Subordinate Parlors have already shown their extreme interest and enthusiasm in this plan, thereby enabling the Committee to work with greater satisfaction. Let all rally to this appeal, and let the Home Committee know just what your ideas are concerning this matter.

"Attempt the end, and never stand to doubt; Nothing's so hard, but search will find it out."