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## THE SALISBURY ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED

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THE SALISBURY ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED exists because the public spirited citizens of Salisbury, Connecticut believed that various kinds of work making for town improvement could be done more effectively, and with less friction and misdirection of energy, by a business-like organization, than by the occasional efforts of small groups of persons. To put it concisely, The Association stands for coöperation in all civic matters that may properly be fostered by it, without duplicating or interfering with the activities of other existing organizations that are necessarily more limited in their scope.

The Association was incorporated, without capital stock, on August 23, 1902, and in the language of its corporate certificate, as amended in 1913,—“The purpose or object of this corporation is to generally further the best interests of the Town of Salisbury and to protect and develop its natural attractions; and to hold and conduct carnivals, fairs, athletic competitions, and horticultural exhibitions, competitions and meetings.”

In July, 1903, a very successful “Old Home Week” celebration was held under the auspices of The Association, at which time over a hundred persons became members of it, most of whom have retained continuous membership for the past ten years.

From time to time The Association has subscribed to various public improvements, and in the early years of its existence set out over five hundred shade trees along the town highways.

On September 1, 1913, The Association's first Fair, consisting principally of agricultural, horticultural and domestic exhibits, was conducted at Salisbury Center, and aroused a spirit of friendly competition that will surely result in the gradual improvement of all kinds of agricultural conditions in this locality. On account of the general interest shown in the Fair, both by exhibitors and by four to five thousand spectators, it will be held again in 1914.

The increase in membership has been so great during the past six months that 477 persons are now enrolled; 262 of them live in the Town of Salisbury and the other 215 represent twenty-two states of the Union and one foreign country. Although The Association's chief dependence is on its local membership, it can only attain its maximum strength by being a country-wide Salisbury society, as well. In the past, Salisbury has been the mother of towns, and has given of her best to Vermont, New York, Ohio and the West, and there are hundreds of people of Salisbury origin, living elsewhere, who still think of her with interest and affection. To all these, membership in The Association, entailing as it does an almost nominal pecuniary obligation, cannot be other than a social bond, enhancing in many ways the pleasure of occasional visits here, and renewing, by proxy, personal activity in behalf of the Town and its people.

There are too, aside from sentiment, material reasons for joining The Association. Each member is entitled to free admission to the Fair, and also receives a copy of any publication issued by The Association.

The Association intends to issue, annually, a volume similar to this one, so that, in the course of a few years the original sources of town history will be in print, and conveniently accessible. This work is of great importance as the original records whether in manuscript or on stone are liable to damage or loss, and the only sure method of preserving them for posterity is to place printed duplicates of them (so far as the data is concerned) in many hands, as speedily as possible.

The fiscal year of The Association commences on October 1st, and the membership fee for one year is \$1.00, paid in advance. Men, women and children everywhere, who have an interest in Salisbury and its welfare, are cordially invited to join The Association, which is unique in its inception and aims, and absolutely unhampered by "red tape" or self-interest, either in the acquisition of members, or in the administration of its affairs.

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