

GOOD WORK DONE BY LITTLE GIRLS

King's Daughters Devoted to Christian Charity and Helpfulness.

DRAW NO LINES OF SECT

Outgrowth of Little Circle Gathered by Margaret Bottomo—Some Instances of What They Do and How.

BY FREDERIC J. HASKIN. WASHINGTON, April 16.—(Special Correspondence.)—In every city, in almost every town, in many villages, in hamlets, and in remote country districts throughout the United States, bands of women are daily going about doing every kind of helpful, charitable work. They proceed quietly and without ostentation. There is no uniform to distinguish them from other people who come and go, but if you will look closely you will find in the lace at the throat or on a chain, a tiny silver cross of Maltese design, bearing the letters, "L. H. N."

Work Done by the Circles. The objects of the order are "the development of spiritual life and the stimulation of Christian activities." For the purpose of making the work more effective the local organizations, known as circles, are gathered into county or city unions, and these into state and National organizations.

Every field of effort is covered in their daily duties. They visit the sick, attend to the aged and the incurable; missions, Sunday Schools, sewing circles, and countless other helpful things spring up in the path where the feet of these good women tread, marking their way like the flowers of Spring. The question of religious denominations will not enter into the matter at all. While many circles are formed in churches for church work alone, and many include members of only one denomination, many others do the work that happens to lie nearest, and not because the general society belongs to any particular religious cult.

Always Ready to Help Somebody.

Notice the names chosen; and the spirit of willingness and earnestness will be guessed: the Whatsoever Circle, the Willing Hands, the Willing Hearts, the Friends of the Needy, the Friends of the Lonely, and the Friends of the Poor. Sometimes the names of good men and women are given to memorial circles. In New York a great work is being done in the slums. At the Frank Bottomo memorial, on the East Side, there is a free kindergarten, a Sunday school, a penny provident fund, a mothers' club, all established in memory of Mrs. Bottomo's son, a physician, who gave his life in loving service to the poor. This same band of workers has given vacation trips to 2000 women and children in the hot summer days, and a bowl of bread and milk is served each morning to eighty little children. This big city has its flower mission circles, which distribute plants among the children of the tenements, who take the wan little ones for a day or two in the country and who support floating hospitals for ailing babies in summer time.

What Blind Girls Do.

A circle of blind girls in California recently made gray pin-cushions for a hospital and filled the bottles with perfume to be sent to the patients. Another circle of blind girls in Tennessee, lodged in a home built for them by the King's Daughters, has achieved most interesting things in bakery, lace-making and knitted work. A general work in the New England states has been to find safe for these things made by "shut-in" girls, who cannot leave their beds or chairs. From large firms the Daughters have taken orders for mops, wash-rags, dishcloths, etc., and the girls who were able to earn a living by making these articles. Each consignment bears the affidavit of the various circles to the effect that the shut-in has no contagious disease. In Mississippi a visiting officer of the order was approached by a young negro girl, who said that she was a member of a circle of the King's Daughters composed of other negro girls of her age.

Gave Life for a Stranger.

It was a Mississippi woman who proved a martyr to her little cross and its meaning. Mrs. Mary Thompson, the daughter of the late Episcopal bishop of that state, was spending the summer in the mountains of North Carolina, when she found a little post-mistress there who could not leave her post to go to the bed of a dying relative. Mrs. Howe had herself sworn in as assistant and took charge of the post. She contracted typhoid fever while at her post and died from doing a kind service for a stranger.

girls under the tuition of an American missionary is making scrap-books to send to unfortunates in the leper colony. At Hotchkiss, Colo., the lack of denominational prejudice was proved when "The King's Daughters of the City" combined and bought a communion service for each of the two churches, the Baptist and the Methodist. The Virginia branches are planning a rest-room for the use of visitors at the Jamestown Exposition, just as other state organizations did at St. Louis and Portland. At Merced, Cal., a home for aged women is supported by circles of this order. In Detroit the work takes the form of social settlements, and cooking and other industrial classes are formed and supported for the benefit of the poor.

Raised Widow's Mortgage.

A band of children in a little Missouri town raised the mortgage of \$85 on a poor widow's home, employed a nurse for her when she fell ill and paid her funeral expenses when she died. In Oakland, Cal., a home for incurables has been in successful operation for several years, the building being also offered as a refuge for sufferers from the San Francisco disaster. Tennessee circles are building such a home and have also established a reform school for boys and a home for aged women in Memphis.

Most Loved in New Orleans.

In New Orleans the order maintains a home for crippled children, the building of which is due to the best-known member of the order, Miss Sophie Wright, the "woman beloved of New Orleans." Miss Wright, herself a cripple since she was 3 years old, led in the work of raising the needed \$900 to erect this building, because she knew what it meant to be a little child who suffered, who could not run and play with the other children. This frail, white-haired woman, whose sweet face has been marked with suffering, is of such potent influence in her city that it is said if her activities should be discontinued, He brought his friends, others came and still others, boys and men, girls and women, asking help in every form. She secured the needed funds, and Miss Wright secured it for all of them somehow. There are only two conditions with which the applicant must comply in coming to the school: He must be employed during the day-school hours, and he must be unable to pay for the tuition.

It was midnight before Mr. Bryan began his address. He said his sole design was that the Democratic party should enter the campaign with the strongest Democrats it could find in order to bring out a triumphant vote. It was not necessary for him, he thought to be a candidate for any of the offices, as there was enough for him in private life, provided he could get his ideas into operation. He said: "When I see so many Democratic principles put in operation by a Republican President I can imagine what joy it would be to have a Republican President in the White House. At some time in the future I shall decide what my place is to be in the next campaign. But I want to say it will take me a long time to get my ideas into operation for the country for the future I have already decided."

Tomorrow—"Daughters of the American Revolution."

LONDON HONORS PREMIERS

Freedom of City for Colonials—Roberts and Botha Chat.

LONDON, April 16.—The Colonial Premiers were presented with the freedom of the city at the Guild Hall this afternoon. The subsequent were entertained at luncheon by the Lord Mayor and the City Corporation. Each of the visitors received letters patent as a freeman, enclosed in a gold case. The Premiers drove to the Guild Hall, General Botha, the Transvaal Premier, as "the Benjamin of the Brotherhood," riding with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian Premier.

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Roumanian Troops Avenge Peasant Crimes on Aged.

BUCHAREST, April 16.—The Adevrut publishes particulars concerning the repressive measures made use of recently in the suppression of the peasant revolt. It appears that at Viatu, when the soldiers appeared, the peasants fled to the forests, leaving behind them only some helpless old men and women. The soldiers, who were 82 years of age. They were all executed under martial law. The Burgomaster's grandsons, aged 14, was compelled to witness the execution.

Cost of New Spanish Navy.

MADRID, April 16.—The Minister of Marine in an interview today declared that the naval programme to be presented at the opening of the Cortes comprises fresh expenditures amounting to \$300,000 annually for several years. The appropriations approved by the naval committee included the construction of a defensive squadron, the improvement of the coast defenses and the reorganization of the arsenals. It is understood that the total of appropriations demanded amount to \$400,000.

King Edward in Malta.

VALETTA, Malta, April 16.—King Edward yesterday after reviewing the naval brigade, unveiled a statue of the late Sir Adrian Dingli, an eminent chief justice. The King and queen will leave on Wednesday for Gozo, whence they will go to Palermo, and finally to Naples. There the King will leave the Royal yacht and the queen will continue her cruise.

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Leader Acclaimed by Brooklyn Democracy.

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South United for Bryan.

Mr. Tyler said the people of the South are practically united for Mr. Bryan, and that the mention of his name is as potent in flashing a magic spell of enthusiasm as it was in '86. A message from the Southern Democracy was delivered by Mr. James, who hailed Mr. Bryan as one of the pioneers of the Democratic party and added: "The Southern Democracy tonight gathered about William Bryan. 'The Democracy of all Dixie' proclaimed that it wants Bryan to lead in the next great fight."

Terrestrial Band Captured.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 16.—Twenty-five members of the fighting organization of the Social Revolutionists were arrested yesterday, among them being seven adopted here, but the mother states that she signed no papers, and that the adoption was in no way legal. Several weeks ago the girl, now a full-grown young woman, wrote to her mother and asked for money. The mother sent her transportation to this city, but so far has received no word from her daughter, and is hourly awaiting her arrival. Mrs. Brown lives with her two sons at 1090 Powell street.

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