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complish the co-ordination, but perhaps results would repay the efforts. "Sincerely yours, "BARAH S. PLATT DECKER."

Current Topics

By the Club Women.

The Sacajawea Statue Of High Artistic Merit.

The artistic Merit.

The artistic merits of the Sacajawea statue having been called into question, or rather, the guarantee that when the statue would arrive it would be a work of art and a credit to the city having been questioned, the association has thought best to publish the following letters. E will be a satisfaction to those subscribing to know that those in charge hedged themselves about with every precaution, and as far as can be learned, the work as it progresses proves the wisdom of choosing Miss Cooper to do it. In the beginning of the work an influential friend of the association in the east was applied to for information regarding a woman artist. He in turn wrote to his personal friend, Lorado Taft, and received this reply:

"I have given considerable thought to the statue proposition, and believe that

"I have given considerable thought to the status proposition, and believe that I know the right one to do the work. If it is to be done by a woman, no one is better fitted by training and temperment for this particular problem than Miss Alice Cooper, a former pupil of mine. Miss Caoper is of Denver, Colo., but is located in Chicago, and would be pleased to make some tenative sketches for such a figure as is proposed, and I would guarantee a good job. Very sincerely yours. LORADO TAFT."

As Mr. Taft is the best critic and authority on sculpture in the United States the association felt justified in placing the order without further inquiry. This confidence has been justified by a letter just received from the Henry-Bonnard Bronse company of New York, where the casting is being done. It says in part:

"We received the model of Bacajawea, which we find is very handsome, and when put in bronse will be greatly en-

working overtime on the status, and will also work Sundays, and will try our utmost to have it shipped by the end of April or the beginning of May in

Contributions this week have been re-ceived from Rabbi Wise, Mrs. Meier, Mrs. Frank, Mrs. Ben Selling, Mrs. A. Steinbach, Spokane clubs (2), Mrs. Henry Weinhard and several Idaho

Need Larger Endowments.

She said in part:

"If we care anything at all for progress, we must, I shink, either like or dislike intensely the college education of women. We all know more or less what educated men can accomplish, but we cannot possibly predict, even yet, what it will be like in 20 years' time, when the girls now in college form one third of all the college-bred people in the United States, or in 30 years' time when there will probably be as many women as men alive who have been to college.

"Not a single college for women by

"This strenuousness cannot continue. Colleges for women must receive large endowments in the near future. Women especially should, it seems to me, regard it as their first duty to provide liberally for the education of girls.

"If I were asked to name one quality above all others that distinguishes Bryn Mawr, I think I should reply scholarship. Bryn Mawr has always insisted that scholarship and research ability should be regarded first of all in making appointments. A long line of distinguished scholars have made their reputations at Bryn Mawr, and not one of them has left to go elsewhere, except to a few of the greatest institutions at largely increased salaries."

The Forestry Club Retains Same Official Board.

to accommodate several women who are anxious to join, but who attend other meetings on Tuesdays. The second amendment struck out the \$1 membership fee, and requires nothing but the yearly dues of \$1. Unlike most clubs, the Forestry has little use for money, at the exposition grounds will soon assuay, and the government forestry bureau is glad to furnish all the literature. bureau is glad to furnish all the literature necessary for that. The election resulted in retaining the entire board, which stands as follows: President, Mrs. A. H. Breyman; vice-president, Mrs. C. M. Cartwright and Mrs. A. L. Webb; Becretary, Mrs. J. C. Pritchard; treasurer, Mrs. M. A. Ogden.

Mrs. M. E. Shafford was made chairman of the program committee for the following year. Mrs. Wetmore will represent the Forestry club on reciprocity day at the Woman's club, May 26. The president reported that a digest of the forestry laws of the state was in course of preparation, and as soon as completed would be sent to the various clubs of the state.

At the close of the business session some fine musical numbers were given by Mrs. Gevurts, Miss Harris and Mrs. Flanders.

The president, assisted by her daugh-

Mrs. E. C. Skiles.

Associations That Are Helping Womankind.

While the public is not hearing very

Items of Interest From W. C. T. U. Sources.

Purity in art and literature, which is a very timely one, as it is through this department that the unions are in many places doing effective civic improvement work.

The annual convention of the national W. C. T. U. will be held in Los Angeles October 25 to November 2. That city has the honor of having the largest W. C. T. U. in the world, it numbering over 700 members. Mrs. Lucy Blanchard is the president. There are six or seven other unions in the city. It goes without saying that the convention there will be an enthusiastic one.

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In far-away Egypt another temperance stake has been driven. Miss Belle Kearney. late organiser of young women's branches, lately organized a young woman's branch in the College of American Mission at Assiout, Egypt, with 90 members. Verily, "All around the world the ribbon white is twined." State President Additon gave an interesting talk at a meeting of the woman's auxiliary of Multnomah Typographical union by special invitation Tuesday evening. Mrs. Additon has made a deep study of social problems and always has something interesting to say.

Bureau of Information An Accomplished Fact.

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At last a national bureau of information has been established for club work, and in the next issue of the Federation Bulletin will make its bow to the public. It is in charge of Mrs. Mary I. Wood, chairman of the committee, with headquarters at Portsmouth.

The bureau is not established for the purpose of relieving officers or committees of responsibility, but in the first instance to preserve in a business-like fashion the yearbooks, publication and history of the organization; secondly to establish a distributing point which will make a foundation of work; thirdly, to establish a distributing point which will make a foundation of work; thirdly, to bring about a nearer relation between the individual and the federation. Nearly all national organizations have a center of this sort. The Daughters of the American Revolution, with a total membership scarcely larger than the New York state federation. has headquarters at an expense of several thousand dollars a year. The Daughters of the Revolution, a still smaller organization, maintains an office in New York state federation, the National Civic federation, the National Child Labor committee and many others have recognized the force and effect of

Statistics That Prove College Education Desirable.

Progress Club Enjoys Musical Treat.

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A club musicale furnished the entertainment for the Progress club at its regular meeting this week and was held at the home of Mrs. F. P. Young, whose house was exquisitely decorated in the club colors—yellow and white—for the occasion. The flowers used for the purpose were jonquils and lilies.

Richard Strauss was the special subject for the day. Mrs. E. E. Coovert, who has but recently returned from Europe, where she has been completing her musical studies, save an entertaining talk on the great composer, whom she had heard, and made her talk specially entertaining by exhibiting a handsome portrait of him, which she had brought with her from Germany.

Mrs. Young read a carefully prepared paper on Strauss, which was full of valuable information. A fine musical program followed, opening with a Strauss serenade, for four hands, played by Mrs. Prulit and Mrs. Mr. L. Pratt: Mrs. Marshall followed with a beautiful plano solo; a trio for mandollp, mandola and plano was extremely well rendered by Miss Cook, Mrs. Young and Miss Clark, the program closing with two exquisite vocal solos by Mrs. Amedee Smith, who generously responded to an enthusiastic encore. Dainty refreshments, artistically served, closed the afternoon.

House Without Kitchen

Club Headquarters

But Not in Fraternal Building.

An adjourned meeting of the federated clubs of the city was held at the home of Mrs. Samuels on Thursday to consider a proposition to take a room in the Fraternal building at the fair. The plan seemed most desirable, and would have been a great attraction, and done much for the club work of the state, but the expense under present conditions, was beyond what the clubs of the city felt like assuming. As several of the clubs of the city and state will have individual headquarters and all other women's fraternal organizations will have rooms in this, or other buildings, there will be no lack of places in which to exchange fraternal greetings and extend club hospitality.

Froebel Society Holds Interesting Meeting.

The Portland Freebel society heid its regular monthly meeting at St. Helen's hall Friday at 3 o'clock. Miss Helen M. Stafford was chairman of the day and an unusually fine program was rendered. The first number was a song, "Raindrops," by the training class. Miss Stafford gave a talk on "Work in the Kindergarten in April," which was followed by another song by the class. "Child Life in the Tenement District of New York" was finely treated by Sister Agnes Marie. is and a most interesting afternoon closed with a plane sole by Miss Helen Stafford. Several visitors were present and a good attendance of the members.

Attracts Wide Attention.

Mrs. Abigail Scott Duniway of Portland, Or., is about to publish through
A.C. McClurg & Co. a novel entitled
"From the West to the West." It will
cortain under the guise of fiction an
interesting and realistic picture of the
perils, hardships, and romantic incidents of her own pioneer travel across
the plains 50 years ago. The book will
be especially timely in connection vich
the approaching Lewis and Clark exposition.—Woman's Journal. Boston.

GOSSIP OF SOME CURRENT BOOKS

oblest defenders of "The White Christ," bough never bowing his knee to the larg or acknowledging allegiance to the hirstian priests.

From beginning to end Mr. Rennet's brightest and most "catchy" little books ory is one of intense dramatic situation all compelling interest. It is full of the spring output. Its plot, though hardly new or entirely original, is full of interest and alive with incident and action:

Each character in the book is marked with atrong individuality, and this alone would make the story well worth the reader's time. The heroine, Elizabeth

The White Christ"—By Robtitle of the book: "A Story of the Days of Charlemagne," at once explains the rather startling tile, and the reader realises that it feals with the wars carried on in the mans of "The White Christ" by that was defender of Christianity Charles the Great king of the Franks from 78 to the against the Saxons, Saracens, Greeks, Lombards and a score of other minor grincipalities. The story opens in the sarly morning of April, 778, when a Frisian trade ship is drifting with the bott the down the Scine estuary, having on board Rothada, the king's little daughter, who is returning from her souvent home, and his nephew, Roland. An attacking party of Danes sweep down upon them and after a slaughter of the crew, the serious wounding of Rothads is about to become their victim, when she, with what respectively the crew and her wounded cousin are rescued by the timely appearance of Olvie gives eafe convoy to the Tranks to the king, who is encamped on the banks of the Garonne, beneath the Laman walls of Cassenenii.

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This incident brings into the book as kross the two historic characters of Roland and Olvir" and adds another romance to the story of their lives. As is well known through history, "Olvir, the Viking King," caust in his fortunes for a time with King Charles and through these wars was one of the most aring and courageous soldiers and noblest defendars of "The While Christ," though never bowing his knee to the ling or acknowledging allegiance to the line of the care of the franks in the massacre of the three its last in the part of the

an Irish nobleman of wealth and position.

The fortunes of war were against the gay young Irishman and by the time his child-wife had grown into beautiful young womanhood, and he could have claimed his own, he found himself not only robbed of his vast estates by the English crown, but considered an Irish rebel, and a despised Jacobite. exiled from his own country and a stranger to his wife, whom he had not seen since the day when, as a boy of 15 years, he had been married to Lord Sunderland's little daughter Elizabeth.

Grown into womanhood, Lady Clancarty became one of the famous belles of her time, and the most beautiful woman in England, and in consequence was courted and sued for by many young noblemen at the court of the Dutch king, William. Either through sentiment, or preversity, she defed the indignation of her ambitious, hypocritical family and positively refused to obtain a divorce from her exiled husband, of whom she had scarcely a remembrance.

Later the husband appeared under an assumed name. Failing in love with him brought natural and many compilcations. This part of the story has many thrilling scenes and exciting adventures: love, hate and revenge each playing their full part. "Spencer," the brother of Lady Clancarty, is one of the brother of Lady Clancarty, is one of the striking characters of the book, and the author has omitted nothing in the make-up of a narrow-minded self-righteous bigot. Indeed, so perfect are all her characters that she seems to have drawn them first and the plot is the sequence, for each man find woman of the story speaks and acts for itself; or in other words, the individuality of each stands alone without aid or embellishment and the story is just what the actors make it without a single puppet to drape a rag upon.

This power of character delineation is a wonderful gift and a rare one, but

"The Book of Tea; an Interpretation of Japanese Life"—By Okakura-Kakuro. This volume treats especially of the idea believes in the importance of tea and tea drinking to oriental life and humanity at large, and traces the develop-ment of the tea ceremony from its earliest conception in the Tang dynasty and from Lutiwi, the father of tea down to the present time.

"The Book of Tea," in short, is an analysis of Japanese life, its unique enalysis of Japanese life, its unique idealization, sympathy, courtesy and artistic insight. Mr. Okakura adheres strictly to Japanese customs and costume, and is a prominent member of the party of reaction against a wholesale introduction of western ways into Japan; but his books are written in most excellent English—Tluent, picturesque and vivid. Fox, Duffield & Co. are his publishers.

Spencer, through the sordid ambition of her father, Lord Sunderland, was married at the age of 11 to Lord Clancarty. The book contains several quaint and priction.

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Literary Notes. A History of Russian Literature

A History of Russian Literature. Among books in belies lettres to be published this season few will take precedence over Prince Kropotkin's "Russian Literature," announced by McClure-Phillips for publication this month. The book bears a sub-title "Idealities and Realities," which show the point of view that Prince Kropotkin has taken toward his subject. The volume is a complete history of Russian letters from its very beginning in folklore and mythology down to the present day, laying stress upon the great figures such as Pushkin, Gogol, etc., especially men of recent generations and of our time, such as Tolstol, Dostolevski, Tourkenieff and Gorki, with many of whom Kropot-

Letters of Henrik Ibsen. These letters, which were announced to appear some time ago, by Fox, Duffield & Co., have been detained until the early part of April. The difficulty of translation together with the extent of correspondmade the later date imperative. A few of the letters, chosen from Ibsea s correspondence with George Brandes and published in "The International Quarterly" and "The Critic," have attracted keen attention. The entire book is des-tined, in all probability, to take the piace of the autobiography proposed by the great dramatist, which illness and advancing years, however, have made unitkely of fulfillment.

as Pushkin, Gogol, etc., especially men of recent generations and of our time, such as Tolstol, Dostolevski, Tourkenieff and Gorki, with many of whom Kropotkin was personally acquainted. The book adds immensely to its value as a history by the many quotations from translated masterpisces which it contains. They offer an unrivated opportunity to become acquainted with the best that there is in Russian literature at first hand.

"Good Things and Grace"—By Isabel Goodhue, is announced for early publication by Paul Elder & Co., San Francisco. This unique little volume consists of exquisite ethical recipes, contained to the color of peculiar interest to people of ventually treated, but producing very witty and agreeable moral concections, such as "Ginzer Snaps," "Game Pis."

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President Lewis A. Riley of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation company, in his annual report, says that one of the company's mines near Tamaqua has been on fire for 47 years. Regarding the offoris now made to quench these subterranean fires the report says:

"A portion of the outcrop of the Mammoth vein in this locality has been on fire since 1857, the fire being confined by water filling the workings below the water level and cut-offs on the outcrop. Before opening the colliery below water level it is necessary either to extinguish the fire of get it under control. During the past year efforts have been made with this end in view which have met with a large measure of success. A boller plant and pumping machinery have been erected on the bank of the Little Schuylkill river at Tamaqua for the purpose of pumping water to the level of the outcrop. A branch of the Fanther creek railroad has been extended nearly two miles to reach the outcrop, and more holes have been put down at various places where there were indications of fire. The fire is being extinguished by washing fine coal dirt through bore holes on the fire and filling up the vacant spaces so as to cut off the air supply."