

WOMEN'S CLUBS AND WORK

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Ancient Art Revived by Women.

One of the most highly satisfactory enterprises that have been started recently by benevolent women for the benefit of women is the Italian lace school at Richmond Hill house, New York. Little over a year old, it has far outgrown the fondest expectations of its promoters.

About two years ago, while visiting Italy Miss Florence Colgate became interested in the industry. Femininity Italiane, which is an institution Italy which was established and is supported by a number of wealthy women, whose desire it is to preserve the native art of making and embroidering. The older women had not forgotten the cunning of beautiful stitches, but for want of patronage the art had sunk to a very low ebb. It was a work of pure patriotism on the part of these women, who undertook and succeeded in putting on a convincing basis the ancient art.

In America it is proving itself more than a patriotic movement, for it is bringing desirable employment to many Italian girls who do not take kindly to factory work and find themselves reluctant to do piece work at home which is detrimental both to the health of the worker and to the consumer.

The Italian girls seem to show an innate talent in their making, and as the progress they make astonishes the patronesses of the institution. The designs for all the laces are taken from antique engravings in the museums of old families. Some exquisite stitches were studied in paintings by Botticelli, Raphael and others.

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This last year the most exquisite lace and linen shirtwaists ever returned from the Richmond Hill school, and with the present craze for extravagant white costumes there is not much danger that the demand for the products of the school. It is in a way solving a very difficult problem, too, by providing employment for the Italian girls, the most helpless of all our foreign immigrants.

The officers of the school are Miss Conate, chairman; Mrs. Amari, secretary; Miss Elizabeth S. Williams, recording secretary; James D. Merriman, treasurer and Gino C. Sprenger, 174th street, New York, corresponding secretary.

An Anti-Suffragist Called to Account.

In answering the argument of Miss Bissell who is a paid employe of the Anti-Suffragist society, Miss Alice Blackwell says in part: "Miss Bissell says that 'a woman's first duty is to bear and rear good citizens.' She implies that women could not or would not do this if they had the ballot and she quotes the low birth rate of France. But in France women have not the ballot. On the other hand, in England, Scotland and Ireland, where women vote for all officers except members of parliament, families are generally large—a clear proof that there is no connection whatever between race suicide and the ballot.

Miss Bissell said that "three fourths of the women active in social or political reforms in Massachusetts are anti-suffragists." Colonel T. W. Higginson, who knows Massachusetts much better than Miss Bissell does, thinks just the contrary. He says it is a remarkable fact, about which those who have watched this movement for 20 years can hardly be mistaken, that almost any woman who reaches a certain point of intellectual or moral development, will presently be found desiring the ballot for her sex.

The Colorado story coming from Miss Bissell ought to be received with caution. A few years ago she made a trip to Colorado and on her return published in the Outlook an article containing such gross errors of fact that even the Outlook was compelled to admit a correction.

Distinguished Lecturer Guest of the W. C. T. U.

Miss Lucy Broad of Oak Park, Cornwall, will arrive in Portland about September 1 from the orient and will fill a two weeks engagement in and about Portland. Miss Broad has recently visited Japan and Korea and will give the Korean and Japanese outlook on Christianity and temperance. Miss Broad is a most interesting speaker and as her missionary work has taken her to many foreign countries her fund of information is well nigh inexhaustible. Any society desiring her services should apply at its earliest convenience.

For Better Work And for Better Pay.

The Woman's Educational and Industrial union of Boston has launched a new enterprise in the salesman training class. Five of the leading department store owners have selected 24 young women in their employ to take a special training in the trade school directed by the union. The saleswomen are released from their duties at the store from 8:30 to 11:15 a. m., and again from 4 to 5:30 p. m., to attend classes which have been arranged to give instruction along special lines. The store pays \$3 per week to the girl during the time she is in training and with the special equipment gained she is sure of prompt advancement when she becomes a full-fledged clerk.

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Crape Only In Massachusetts.

The Butte (Montana) Miner, speaking of the possible speedy coming of woman suffrage in the west, says: "The victory would be an encouraging triumph for a worthy cause, and there would be no more crape worn outside of Massachusetts. By some strange caprice of nature, most of the anti-suffrage propaganda has the hallmark of the party spirit in those degenerate days is kept bubbling more by the flame of the lamps than by the fire of patriotism."

New Books And Their Publishers

A HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES AND ITS PEOPLE

By Elroy M. Avery. A very clear idea may be had of the period of time covered by the history from the author's preface in which he says: "The volume is devoted to the period between active colonization and the final struggle for the conquest of New France. As a whole, the period herein treated, the neglected period of American history, lacks the dramatic characteristics of the years that went before and of those that came later. It is convenient to divide it into three parts, one point of division coinciding with the accession of William and Mary to the English throne and the other falling about 1715.

An Efficient Worker Did Much for Forestry.

During the past week many club women have received a neat little pamphlet in memoriam of Mrs. Lydia Phillips Williams, from her friend and co-worker, Mary Alcott McKusick. It opens with a beautiful little four-stanza poem, which is touching in its hope and aspiration. Then follows a brief but graphic sketch of Mrs. Williams as teacher, wife, mother and church and club worker. After reading it one is almost sure to wonder why the masterpiece called her from among the living, and a field in which she was trying to preserve the best and noblest of the creator. Mrs. Williams' last and most brilliant work in the forestry department was the general federation, of which committee she was for a long time chairman and to whom is largely due the efficient work that organization has done in the preservation of the forests of the country.

Shortly before her death, which was very sudden, she addressed the American forestry congress, saying: "I extend to this body fraternal greetings from the General Federation of Reserve Clubs, 50,000 strong, a great reserve force that is coming to your aid in forestry, although as yet you may regard us as the awkward squad. For some years ago, to our work only three years ago, but the committee question if any department of the general federation can show so great an increase of interest during the past three years as we have added work in forestry, and the committee are enthusiastically spreading the propaganda of forestry to your aid in preservation and irrigation. Like a prairie fire interest among state federations in preservation of large blocks of forest is spreading and blazing up here and there, from the cypress groves of California to the spruce-clad slopes of New Hampshire."

As the speaker explained how the work had been done to cover both agriculture and scientific forestry, she gave interesting details of the special work of the Thursday club of St. Paul, under whose auspices the school children of that city have purchased and set out 14,000 fruit trees, and told that of the California club, which has planted tree plantings, besides raising \$5,000 to improve their park in San Francisco. In Carolina, 25 miles of hard shell road have, through the efforts of the clubwomen, been bordered with shade trees. In Massachusetts they have done much toward ridding the state of the brown-tail and gypsy moth.

New York Federation Rejects Mixed Program.

New York State Federation of Women's clubs is enjoined by its constitution to hold three president's convocations during the year. This year the meetings were held at Albany, at Binghamton, and Buffalo. Mrs. Stoddard Hammond, president, tried to ascertain the wishes of the clubs in arranging the October 4th state convention in order to gain time for discussion it should be omitted, because music is not appreciated when the hearers' minds are filled with practical and serious consideration.

This question of giving more time to discussion of reports and the elimination of entertainment features from business sessions is arousing consideration in many state federations. The general opinion seems to be that music is a desirable feature of convention meetings, but that a special time should be allotted to it. The solution will be acceptable to many delegates who have protested against the practice of a mixed program of business and pleasure, on the ground that they come to the convention frequently at considerable personal sacrifice of time and money. They find the hours given to all too short for full consideration of subjects that are to engage the active co-operation of many clubwomen for an entire year. The saleswomen are released from their duties at the store from 8:30 to 11:15 a. m., and again from 4 to 5:30 p. m., to attend classes which have been arranged to give instruction along special lines. The store pays \$3 per week to the girl during the time she is in training and with the special equipment gained she is sure of prompt advancement when she becomes a full-fledged clerk.

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In the September Century an interesting pictorial feature will be four pages reproduced from pictures by G. W. Posters of excavations for railroad terminals in New York City, showing a bird's-eye view of the excavation for the new Pennsylvania railway station, a section of the same at Thirty-third street looking east, a view in the excavation for the new Fulton and Church streets, the colored front piece of the station will be a reproduction of Mr. Sigmund de Ivanowski's portrait of Miss Ethel Barrymore in the play "Captain Jinks"; and there will be photographic insets of Clifford W. Ashley's "Spearling a Swordfish," and Howard G. Chubb's "The Lady in the Silver Dress."

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Whitcomb College, Walla Walla, Wash. Scholarship in the Conservatory of Music, value \$100.

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Mrs. Walter Reed, Portland, Oregon. Textbook of singing, Lessons to the value of \$100.

McMinnville College, McMinnville, Oregon. Two scholarships, one in either college or preparatory department, value \$50; one in the department of music, value \$60.

Pacific University, Forest Grove, Oregon. Two scholarships. One day scholarship in the academy or college, value \$50. One scholarship or a girl with a year's tuition in drawing, board, room, etc., in Herick Hall, \$150.

Pacific College, Newberg, Oregon. One scholarship in either college or preparatory department, value \$50.

Max Myer, 343 Alder street, Portland, Oregon. One scholarship good for one year, \$100; one scholarship in water color painting or pastel, \$100.

Holmes Business College, Portland, Oregon. For scholarship in combined scholarship one year, value \$100; one academic or civil service scholarship, one year, \$50; one of short-hand scholarships, six months, \$60; night course, any department, one year, \$50.

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Oregon Expert College, Portland, Oregon. One scholarship in telegraphy and typewriting, value \$75. Another scholarship in telegraphy, typewriting and station work, value \$100.

Portland Business College, Portland, Oregon. For a three-year principal. Four scholarships, as follows: One for 12 months in combined course, value \$100; one for 6 months in combined course, value \$50; one for 6 months in combined course, value \$70; one for 6 months in shorthand or business course, value \$100.

Rose City Business College, Portland, Oregon. No scholarships; one combined course for one school year, value \$80; one 6 months' course in shorthand or bookkeeping, \$50.

Capitol Business College, Salem, Oregon. One scholarship, good for 6 months' tuition in either department, value \$100.

Albany College, Albany, Oregon. Tuition for one school year in either academic or college department, value \$100.

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Western Academy of Music, Election and Dramatic Art, W. M. Hammas, principal, Portland, Oregon. One scholarship in choice of vocal, piano, violin, mandolin, elocution, oratory and dramatic art, value \$200.

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