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THE KING'S DAUGHTERS.

Its Members Ride in Carriages and Wear Diamonds—They Also Include Hard Working Shop Girls and Cash Girls in Our Big Stores.

A richly dressed lady leading a shabby little waif of a girl boarded a train at Hartford one morning last summer and led her little charge through the long train, looking inquiringly into the faces of the passengers. Evidently she was seeking some kindly person to whose care she might consign the child, which she was sending into the country for a season. Seeing no face which inspired her with confidence to ask so great a favor, she retraced her steps to put her charge in care of the conductor, when a passenger beside her, a lady, removed her wrap and revealed over her heart a tiny silver Maltese cross tied with a purple ribbon. Instantly the lady approached her, touched the silver cross, whispered the mysterious words, "In his name," and told her all her need. "In his name," answered the traveler softly, and tenderly lifted the child on her lap, and cared for and amused her through the journey as lovingly as though she were her own.

A lady, whose elegance of attire and beauty of person attracted the attention and awakened the admiration of all who saw her, stepped out of one of the large and fashionable stores of New York to her carriage, which stood waiting at the door. The wild March wind caught her fluttering silken draperies, and rudely tore her cloak from about her. As she struggled against it a little silver cross fell from her dress and went tinkling down on the pavement. A mite of a girl with a scrap of shawl over her head darted out of the shelter of the doorway, picked up the silver trinket and drew its counterpart from her own shabby little frock. "It is the badge of the King's Daughters," said the lady, softly; "are you one, too?" She held out both her hands with a smile so gentle and tender that it was more precious to the shivering little girl than the money the lady left in her half frozen hand "In his name."

Who are these royal daughters of the king? What is their mission? What is the signification of the silver symbol they wear and the potency of the mystic motto, "In his name?"

In January, 1886, a circle of ten ladies met to discuss and arrange some plan which should unite all Christian women in one grand sisterhood of service. Adopting the system of Edward E. Hale's Ten Times One clubs they constituted themselves a Central Ten, around which should crystallize other Tens of workers, not assuming any authority or responsibility over them, but simply to form a nucleus around which they might cluster, and from which might radiate encouragement, advice and guidance. Of the various names proposed for the order that of the King's Daughters was most favorably received and finally adopted; the badge of the society was selected in the small silver cross tied with the royal color, the watchword chosen was the simple "In his name" of the apostles of old, and the mottoes of action selected were:

"Look forward and not back."
"Look out and not in."
"Look up and not down."
"Lend a hand."

The society as organized had no constitution and no code of laws save the one general regulation that whenever any reasonable request should be made "In his name" it should be granted without question or delay.

Never was less said or written, and never so few plans made for any work, as the design of the society was to move silently and steadily, and to secretly accomplish its purpose of bridging the chasm between the rich and the poor, and to unite all women engaged in any kind of good work in such a way as to secure to each the sympathy and co-operation of all. Yet from almost every state in the Union, and from most remote countries over the sea—India, Australia and New Zealand—from people in every walk in life, from pastors of churches, matrons of hospitals, teachers of schools, leaders of philanthropic societies, presidents of colleges, from the belles of Fifth avenue and the street gamin of the Bowery come tidings of the continual organization of tens upon tens of King's Daughters, until 8,600 silver crosses have been sold and 10,000 members have enrolled their names among the King's Daughters, although the society has been organized only two years.

As for the kind of work accomplished by this remarkable sisterhood, it is too varied and extensive to be recorded in detail. There are Tens that visit the sick, Tens that supply the hospitals and homes with flowers, Tens that support foreign missionaries, Tens that sing and Tens that sew, Tens that endow beds in hospitals, Tens that provide pleasant country homes for deserving poor, and Tens that simply "bridle their tongue" and "endeavor to live in love and charity with all men" all "In his name."

The cash girls above referred to are known as "the little doorkeepers," whose unique motto is "Lord, keep thou the door of my mouth;" and there are Heartsease Tens of little children who cultivate pansies for the hospitals. There are the Quiet Tens in schools, and the Courteous Tens, who claim that "King's Daughters should ever display the manners of the court;" the Old Maids' Tens of helpful unappropriated blessings, and the Old Lady's Ten, whose youngest member is more than 80 years old, and whose oldest member donned the silver cross on her 100th birthday; the Faithful Tens in guilds, the Look-up Tens in deaf mutes' homes; and even in the Home for Incurables the patients waiting for death have organized themselves into a Considerate Ten, who shall endeavor to make their nurses' labors as light as possible. One of the young ladies' Tens in Boston sent loads of sand to the tenement yards in the city for poor children to play in, and the graduating class of a fashionable boarding school calling themselves the Continuing Ten have adopted a little girl, and intend to provide for her and give her all the advantages of culture and education which they have received. Musical Tens of the most cultured and gifted ladies in the city devote their talents to the entertainment of the poor, and also, through their use in charitable concerts, accumulate funds for the support of various missions, thus bringing into use the talent of the wealthy for the benefit of the poor.—New York Sun.

Night Sessions in Congress.

"Night sessions for debate only" are the greatest curiosities of a congressional session. No vote can be taken at them and no call for a quorum made, and as a consequence very few members attend except those who are to speak. The galleries are always empty except for the regular crowd of hearers who huddle in the men's seats near the clock, and even the pages and doorkeepers talk politics in the lobby to keep themselves awake until the lights go out. There have been instances where the member who was speaking had no audience at all, and on one occasion after a debater had got through and left the hall the sleepy chairman had to send a page afer him to bring him back and adjourn the committee. There had been no one else in the house while he was speaking, and when he left he took the committee with him. The chairman could not get it adjourn d because there was no one to make the motion, and rather than stay up all night he brought the member back. It is needless to say that there was no objection to the adjournment, and that the motion was carried unanimously.—New York Press "Every Day Talk."

Nubia's Whistling Tree.

In Nubia there are groves of acacia extending over 100 miles square. "The most conspicuous species," says Dr. Schweinfurth, "is the acacia fistula. Its Arabic name is 'soffar,' meaning flute or pipe. From the larvæ of insects, which have worked their way into the inside, their ivory white shoots are often distorted in form and swollen out at their base into a globular, bladder like gall about one inch in diameter. After the insect has emerged from a circular hole, this thorn like shoot becomes a sort of musical instrument, upon which the wind, as it plays, produces the regular sound of a flute. On this account the natives of the Soudan name the acacia the whistling tree."—The Coronado.

Diphtheria from Poultry.

In Skiatos, one of the Grecian isles, there has been no case of diphtheria for over thirty years until the summer of 1884, when a child died of the disease, and in the course of five months there were over 100 cases, with thirty six deaths, in a community of about 4,000. Careful investigations of the origin of the epidemic resulted in tracing it to a flock of infected turkeys received from Salonka, and which on examination showed unmistakable evidence of the diphtheria process. Dr. Paulinis, the reporter (Bulletin Medical), concluded from this experience that the diphtheria of the ordinary barn yard fowls was similar in its course and symptoms to the disease occurring in man, and that it could be carried from the one to the other, sometimes through the medium of the air.—Chicago News.

In a Scotch Railway Station.

[Scene—Scotch railway station. Ticket collector, in making his collection, finds an old gentleman fumbling in his pockets for his ticket.] Ticket Collector—Tickets please? Old Gentleman—I'm just lookin' for it. Ticket Collector—Well, I'll look in again in a few minutes. See and have it ready then. Ticket collector returns shortly; but the old gentleman is still hunting for it. Ticket Collector (suddenly)—Why you have it in your mouth, man! Old Gentleman (giving him the ticket)—Oh, so I hae! Here you are! Another Gentleman in the carriage, as the train moves on, to first gentleman—I'm afraid you're losing your memory, sir. Old Gentleman—Nae fear o' that; nae fear o' that! The ticket was a fornicht auld, and I wis jist sookin' the date aff't! Tableau.—The Argonaut.

Sash Weights from Tin Cans.

There is no secret about the process. The only thing is to have a proper sized furnace and to get up a sufficient heat. The business has developed of late, but manufacturers say the margin of profit is small. It costs more to melt the scraps than common iron. Chips ready for the furnace cost $7 a ton. The sash weights produced are of a superior quality. The business is like the case of old rubber, an illustration of the use of waste material. The tin can companies and other manufacturers of tin goods formerly dumped hundreds of tons into space, but now these scraps are utilized, and the irresponsible small boy works the ash fields to his profit in companionship with the blithesome goat.—Commercial Bulletin.

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