

Social Review.

ATHLETIC CLUB'S BENEFIT.

The entertainment given at the Reed Wednesday night for the benefit of the W. U. Athletic association was a success, as was assured by the talent secured for the program. Quite a full house was present. The song, "In Old Madrid" by a male quartette composed of Messrs. Kundret, Wulker, Lyle and Heritage was most pleasing, it being full of melody and expressively sung. The recitation by Miss Sara N. Brown, Salem's most talented elocutionist, was replete with fine shades of expression, and won for her an encore to which she responded in an equally masterful manner. The piano solo by Prof. Wulker was only another exhibition of his unusual skills as a pianist, and received a hearty encore, to which he responded with an exquisite selection. Miss Eibel Hughes delivered an exceedingly difficult recitation in a finished manner, which was highly appreciated. Miss Hughes possesses a clear voice and distinct enunciation, requisites of a good elocutionist. Miss Brown in her second recitation acquitted herself as creditably as before, and graciously responded to an encore with an appropriate selection describing the woes of the old farmer who upon seeing a football game for the first time mistook it for a free-for-all fight which he considered it his duty to stop. "Football Scenes" by the W. U. team was a realistic and humorous portrayal of some of the shenanigans incident to the game and the occasional serious consequences. The vocal solo, sung in a sweet, clear voice by Miss Adda Davenport, Salem's favorite vocalist, was enthusiastically encored, as it deserved to be, she graciously responding. The fancy club swinging by Prof. F. E. Brown was another illustration of the "poetry of motion" and was highly appreciated. The program was closed by a mandolin and guitar duet by Messrs. Sanders and Gillingham, which was most pleasing and well executed.

A. O. U. W. ENTERTAINMENT.

On Wednesday night at the conclusion of their meeting the members of the Degree of Honor and of Protection Lodge A. O. U. W. united in a literary and musical program arranged for the occasion. The boys' orchestra, consisting of Walt Holman, Roy Geuser, Will Skinner and Walt Warner gave a choice selection, which was followed by a character sketch by John W. West, who responded to the encore accorded him. Miss Lena Benoit sang a solo, which received well merited appreciation. Miss Lucia Cochran executed a pleasing piano solo which displayed to advantage her finished touch. Bass Wagner received a hearty encore to his exhibition of dramatic expression and impersonation, and Miss Annie Benoit sang in a very pleasing manner. A selection by the orchestra, followed by an encore, closed the entertainment, which was most enjoyable.

CONGREGATIONAL BAZAAR.

The church was prettily decorated and a fine program had been prepared for their entertainment last night, but several of the participants were unable to be present, hence their numbers were necessarily omitted. In the parlors were prettily trimmed booths presided over by young ladies of the church, and containing the usual articles obtainable at church fairs. The attendance was large, and all highly appreciated the song by the ladies quartet, composed of Misses White, Davis, Woodruff and Huelat, which was exceptionally well sung. The recitation by Master Jimmy Mott which followed was well delivered, as are all of his selections. Clifford Kantner acquitted himself admirably in his guitar solo, as also did Fred Bowersox in a recitation. Jimmy Mott's second recitation was equal in excellence to his first. The quartet, the choir, which was most pleasing, closed a good, though short program.

Don't Flatter.

Flatter a sensible person and you make him your enemy, or at least you disgust him. Flatter a fool and you make another of yourself. It is easy enough for the former to distinguish between mere flattery and deserved commendation, and when he receives fulsome compliments they assume the nature of an insult, in his estimation. The best friend anyone ever had was the one who would frankly but inoffensively tell him of his shortcomings and just as frankly and kindly notice his achievements. Such a friend is a treasure, but the mere flatterer is an intolerable nuisance.

ANOTHER DON'T

There is a very large family of "Don't's." This one is, don't call your gentleman friends by their christian names, nor allow them that privilege with yourself. It is death to dignity. You say you don't want to be stiff and dignified? You needn't be—just be dignified. It won't injure you in the estimation of people of refinement in the least. Of course there are exceptions—but don't make a practice of such familiarity.

A WOMAN'S LETTER.

A RAMBLE OVER VARIOUS GROUNDS OF DISCUSSION.

"Sometimes," said Uncle Eben, "de house dat has de biggest families an' de littlest (uh-key seems ter hab de most Christmas in 'em)." It is eminently correct in his conclusions. It is not necessary that all things be on an elegant scale to render the Christmas-tide joyous. It is the pleasure of freely giving, or, of "loving and giving," and thankfully receiving that constitutes a true Christmas. Yes it is LOVING AND GIVING that counts. Don't bestow a gift without the accompaniment of love. What is meant by "love" is, at least friendly affection. So often we hear it said, "I don't like her, but she gave me something last year." Don't you think the listener must have thought that perhaps the same thing had been said of her? Don't cheapen the significance of your gift to a loved one by making a present to someone whom you don't love. And always make the love that prompts the gift more prominent than the gift itself. Don't forget, too that

A Dainty Appearance

is an important part of the whole. Don't be content to simply buy a thing, a book, for instance, and leave it in its "store clothes," but make it attractive by tying with a pretty ribbon, thrusting a sprig of holly, or mistletoe through the bow. It will then show that you took an interest and pleasure in preparing it. There are few things so plain or so pretty that they cannot be made more so with little trouble.

LITTLE ACTS OF KINDNESS

that count most. Let one be habitually cross and unkind, and an occasional good deed seems in the nature of a freak, and we wonder what is the object of such a change. It is the person who daily performs some slight kind, thoughtful act who is most loved,—the one who does these little things as though they found pleasure in performing them, (as indeed they do) and not as though they had been considering whether or not it was their duty to do a kind deed, and had performed it as a matter of duty, not love. We little know how long a thoughtful little act will live in the memory of one who profits by it. There was once a young girl who was away from her home and among stranger-friends. She worked hard, all day long. But at the house where she made her home there was one of those thoughtful girls, and every few days, all through the long hot summer, when the girl who worked down town got home she found in her room a fresh bouquet of the prettiest flowers the garden afforded, in a pretty vase which was a cherished possession of the girl who stayed at home, because a dear friend of hers who knew of her fondness for dainty china had given it to her. Do you think the flowers or the thoughtfulness passed unnoticed? No, indeed; and one day when the receiver of the delicate attention was thanking her giver the latter said, "I enjoy doing things for you, for you appreciate it so much. Now,—," mentioning her sister, "never even says 'thank-you' for anything I do for her."

A HEARTY "THANK-YOU"

speaks volumes. Never say "thanks" unless you wish and intend to utterly "quench" someone. There's nothing that cools one's ardor for bestowing favors more than that word "thanks." One would rather hear "No, thank-you," than that, "You may feel just as grateful, but it never seems so. One Sunday two women boarded a street car. One had been to the library, and had several books and periodicals. The other was going to call on a sick friend. Something happened to the car, as often occurs, and a long delay was inevitable. The library woman picked up a book and commenced reading. The other, very fond of reading, but without much time for it, looked longingly at the pile of magazines. Her way was such that it was easy for her to approach strangers, so she finally asked if she might glance through one of the books "while we wait?" Very gracious assent was given, and the time soon passed, though it was nearly an hour before the car proceeded. The book was returned with a heartfelt "thank-you," to which the owner responded, "You are very welcome." That word "very." How much it added to the genuineness of the reply! The speaker never dreamed how long it would be remembered, nor how much the favored one wished for an opportunity to return the kindness.

MANY WOMEN WOULDN'T

No, indeed, they wouldn't have been so nice about it. They would have glanced up in a surprised, supercilious, how-dare-you-address-me manner that would have made that street car a far more cold and dreary place, and would have said "Ye-es," with a very peculiar inflection; then when the book was returned instead of saying anything in reply to the "thank-you," the head would have been inclined forward, very stiffly and barely perceptibly, the lips tightly closed, and eyes upon the floor.

IT'S VERY AMUSING

sometimes provoking, and always disgusting to see how suspicious some women are of others. Why, some of them can't give a ready and courteous answer to the question, "Is this—street?" In the tone of their reply and their haughty bearing they seem to say "I'm not a city directory," or "Yonder is a policeman." And especially if the questioner's clothing happens not to be so good as that of the questioned. Men never treat each other in that way. In some such things women are the inferior of men. They are too narrow. Too many of them act as if they thought themselves the only good women in the universe and as if it would be contamination to have to answer a question. It is very seldom that any but a good woman will approach another woman. The fact that their conscience permits them to is sufficient guarantee of their worthiness. There is too much holding aloof from each other among women. An extract from Olive Schreiner's "Dreams" is applicable here.

"I said I had come to arraign my brother, man. God said, 'What has he done?'"

I said, "He has taken my sister, woman, and has stricken her, and thrust her into the streets; she lies there prostrate. I am here to arraign him; that the kingdom be taken from him, because he is not worthy, and given unto me. My hands are pure."

I showed them. God said, "Thy hands are pure. Lift up thy robe."

I raised it; my feet were red, blood-red, as if I had trodden in wine. God said, "How is this?"

I said, "Dear Lord, the streets on earth are full of mire. If I should walk straight on in them my outer robe might become bespotted, you see how white it is! Therefore I pick my way."

God said, "O n what?" I was silent. I went out softly. I was afraid the angels would see me."

Just think of that when you are tempted to pick your way too daintily. You are on this earth, and you'll have to make the best of it, and school yourself to come in contact with the rest of the inhabitants. The woman who is shielded, or shields herself from the world is not worthy of the commendation that the woman who bravely and sensibly takes her place in the struggle. Unless she does that, it is always a doubt whether or not she would have been brave to combat evils. The woman who is always so overly particular reminds sensible people of the man who gets a substitute for his place in time of war.

MARION.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Were Dismissed at 3:30 Yesterday for the Holidays.

The public schools were dismissed at 3:30 yesterday for the Christmas holidays, and will not resume until December 30th. New Years day will be observed as a holiday. There is a mistaken idea that the teachers are given the whole of the vacation; they are given only the two days, Christmas and New Years, and have to teach their full time, so none is lost to the district.

There were short exercises in all the rooms yesterday afternoon, but no public exercises were prepared, as would have been had the schools closed nearer Christmas day.

The schools have all been well attended this month, despite the inclement weather of the past week, and little sickness prevails among pupils.

Teachers will submit their monthly reports for December on January 2d, and will show 19 days of school taught in the month.

The principals' meeting will be held on the 4th prox. at 10 a. m., and the regular meeting of the teachers' association at 3:30 p. m. on Monday, the 6th. Many of the teachers are quite disappointed because the school board



THREE ATTRACTIVE TOILETTES.

At the right is a handsome gown for home wear. In the center is a full cape of old rose and silver white brocade, lined with imitation ermine. At the left is a moonlight blue shot tulle evening gown for a young girl. There is a flounce of Spanish lace at the bottom of the skirt and the waist is of the "baby" variety.

UNIVERSITY NOTES.

Miss Helen Matthews recited in chapel Monday morning.

The gymnasium will be at the disposal of the students during the holidays, except Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Miss Edna Price recited a beautiful selection in chapel Tuesday.

Zadoc J. Riggs and Al. Swegle went to Portland Thursday afternoon, to take the Shaasta limited for San Francisco, where they will visit friends and take in the sights. They expect to return about January 1.

Owing to unfavorable outlook for a successful football game at Salem Xmas day between the Portland University and Willamette University football teams, the football association of old Willamette held a short business meeting Thursday morning, when it was decided that if they play Portland Xmas, they will necessarily have to go to the metropolis. Such action was necessary on the part of the Salem team as their funds are about diminished and having the Portland team come to Salem would mean an additional expense of probably \$100 which they decided was too much, taking their present financial condition into consideration.

The University Glee club, consisting of about twenty young ladies and gentlemen, are busy every morning practicing a number of choice selections at the chapel. It is reported that this club may give a number of concerts at Willamette valley towns during the coming summer.

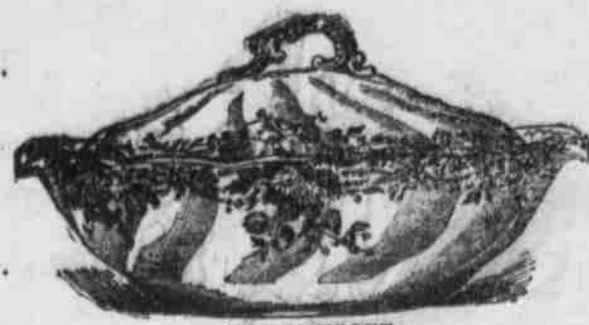
Considerable amusement was had to the English composition class Friday. The professor had been speaking of the uniformity in the pronunciation of such words as round, sound and bound, when a pupil remarked that there was probably another rule for the pronunciation of soup and go-u-p, for the reason that soup was not pronounced like go-u-p. The professor inquired the pronunciation of go-u-p, when the pupil replied, "go up," amidst great laughter from the class.

The holiday issue of the Collegian is a creditable issue and reflects great credit on the editorial staff. The covers are artistically trimmed in cardinal and old gold—the college colors—while the magazine is replete with excellent reading matter. It also contains poems written by Mr. Callison and Miss Agnes Brown and a story by Guy C. Miller.

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Sentimental Tommy,

BY J. M. BARRIE.

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