

### MAN AND THE SOIL.

Dr. R. V. Pierce of Buffalo, author of the Common Sense Medical Adviser, says "why does not the farmer treat his own body as he treats the land he cultivates. He puts back in phosphate what he takes out in crops, or the land would grow poor. The farmer should put back into his body the vital elements exhausted by labor, or by ill-health induced by some chronic disease." Further, he says, "the great value of my Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is in its vitalizing power. It gives strength to the stomach and purity to the blood. It is like the phosphates which supply nature with the substances that build up the crops. The far-reaching action of



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### IN SOCIETY

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of comedy, "The Loves of Mary Ann."

Mrs. P. H. Raymond's most excellent address, filled with reminiscences, and containing much interesting information, is given for the benefit of many who had not the pleasure of attending this meeting and who are well acquainted with the early struggle for a satisfactory library building.

Mrs. Raymond said: "Although the securing of a public library was one of the aims of the Salem Woman's Club when the club was first organized, or rather before its organization, no move was made along that line until October tenth, nineteen hundred and three, when the club held an informal discussion of means of securing a public library and the following ladies were appointed as a library committee: Mrs. T. T. Geer, Mrs. Cook M. Jones, and Mrs. L. R. Traver, by Mrs. Cusick, then president of the club.

"On November twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and three, the committee submitted the appointment of a committee of fifteen ladies to interview business men of Salem and ask for suggestions for the beginning of a public library. They also reported against asking for a Carnegie library until we had started one of our own; they concluded with these words: 'We would suggest that if the citizens of Salem seem to be not interested in the starting of a library, the Woman's Club make the beginning for a library.' The report was adopted and subsequent events will show that the citizens of Salem were not only not interested, but in most cases were strongly opposed to the project, and the Woman's Club had to make the beginning. On January ninth, nineteen hundred and four, the committee of fifteen was appointed as follows: Mesdames Geer, Kelliber, F. A. Moore, Traver, C. M. Jones, Calbreath, E. E. Waters, Stockton, Prescott Dodd, C. P. Bishop, H. P. Raymond, Irwin, and Miss Meredith. Mrs. Geer resigned the chairmanship and Mrs. Kelliber was appointed in her place. Soon after this a book-social was held at the residence of

Mrs. T. T. Geer and about fifty books were donated. This was the nucleus of the Salem Public Library. Mrs. Kelliber, who gave more of her time and energy to the library work than any other woman in the city, solicited books from friends in the East. Some were received from Portland and Mrs. Kelliber and Mrs. A. N. Bush personally donated a large number of books. Donations were constantly received from the public. Some of these were books which no one, not even the donors, wanted, some being out of date textbooks, but some were good and all could be counted. An effort was then made by the committee to secure part of the council chamber in the City Hall for a library room, but we met with little encouragement and in most cases with strong opposition; members said there was no need of a public library, no one would patronize it; Odd Fellows and Masons had libraries, and that was enough. Fortunate for our cause, Mr. F. W. Waters was mayor at this time, and was heartily in sympathy with our work, and it was due to his quiet, persistent work with individual members of the council that they at last, some time in November, nineteen hundred and four, granted us the use of the east end of the council chamber, provided it should not cost them anything; they afterwards gave us light and heat. The club voted to defray the expenses of furnishing the room, but money was scarce, and what there was was needed to purchase necessary books; so the committee visited lumber offices and mills, got a few boards from this one and a few from that, interviewed carpenters and begged a few hours' work to put up shelves and make paper-racks; and they responded generously. The chairman, assisted by one of the committee, stained and varnished the shelves; they were not sandpapered, but they held books. Some second-hand tables were bought and we covered them with felt, procured a small desk—and the furnishings were complete at a minimum expense. Ten friends of the cause pledged a dollar a month for about two years to pay for magazines, others gave us a year's subscription or let us have their magazines after they had read them. State and daily papers were secured, so

that when the library opened it made a very fair showing for the small amount of money expended.

"May seventh, nineteen hundred and four, it was decided to adopt a library constitution an by-laws. May fourteenth, the committee reported a constitution and by-laws which were adopted by the club. The club was to elect a president and six trustees from the club members, two for three years, two for two years and two for one year. President and two trustees were to be elected each year. Mr. Kelliber was unanimously elected president and the following board of trustees was chosen: Three-year term: Mrs. F. A. Moore, Mrs. P. H. Raymond; two-year term: Mrs. G. H. Irwin, Mrs. Traver; one-year term: Mrs. F. W. Waters, Mrs. T. T. Geer. These ladies, with the names following, served at different times on the library board until it was turned over to the council: Doctor Staples, Mrs. Munroe, Mrs. Catlin, Mrs. Gillingham, Mrs. J. P. Jones, Mrs. A. N. Bush, Mrs. William Brown, Mrs. A. N. Moores. Then the work of building up the library began in earnest. The club dues and fees were small, so in order to save expense the ladies did the janitor work themselves, sweeping and mopping the council chamber, washing windows, and on one occasion, cleaning the cuspidors.

"For a while the ladies took turns acting as librarian, but this did not prove satisfactory. Some of the members, assisted by outside friends, paid a certain sum each month and hired Miss F. Phillips to act as librarian at twenty dollars a month. But books were needed, reference books for the school children, for it was the aim of the club from the start to make the library attractive and useful to the young people, and good, reference books are expensive, so we gave entertainments of divers sorts. We had concerts, card parties, gave a charity ball; we staged the "Crisis" at the Grand opera house, and before we were through ran a lunch room during the Cherry Fair—anything to make money for the library. Some of the entertainments, while good money-makers, were not of a high classical order, and the club was criticized for not educating the public to a higher standard; so to please the critics we secured Mary Kuntz Baker, a dramatic reader of national fame, to read "Monsieur Beaucaire." The entertainment was delightful, but alas! for net results! The "Huskies" netted us \$126.75; the Baker reading, seventy-five cents! Educating the public has never been a financial success in Salem. Sometimes the library board took charge of the entertainments, but the club was the source to which we looked for money, and the club minutes commonly contained these sentences: "Mrs. Kelliber gave an interesting account of the library work and asked for more money." October eighth, nineteen hundred and four, Mrs. Kelliber reported one thousand volumes in the library and on December of the same year additional shelves for four thousand volumes were reported. October, nineteen hundred and five, the club tendered the library to the city, but the council refused to accept it and asked the club to keep charge of it.

"All questions as to there being no one to patronize the library had long since been answered, for from the first opening, the attendance was much greater than had been anticipated even by the most sanguine of its friends.

"In January, nineteen hundred and four, the council voted three hundred dollars to aid the library, and in December, the same year, this amount was increased to five hundred dollars. January twelfth, nineteen hundred and seven, the club discussed the advisability of trying to procure a Carnegie building, but nothing could be done until a suitable site could be secured. In November, nineteen hundred and twelve, a concert was given to raise money for a library site, and from that time dates the rise of real estate in Salem. If any ladies known to be on the library board walked past a vacant lot and looked at it, the price went up a thousand dollars in twenty-four hours. Two sites were selected at different times and a payment made to bind the bargain, but in each case the owner refused to sign the deed when asked to do so—a fortunate thing, for neither site was as beautiful as the present one.

"In May, nineteen hundred and nine, the matter of purchasing the present site was taken up, and in June the library board secured an option on the lot for five thousand, five hundred dollars, the most that the administrator, Mr. Charles McNary, had been offered for the lot up to that time; but, as on previous occasions, the lot rapidly increased

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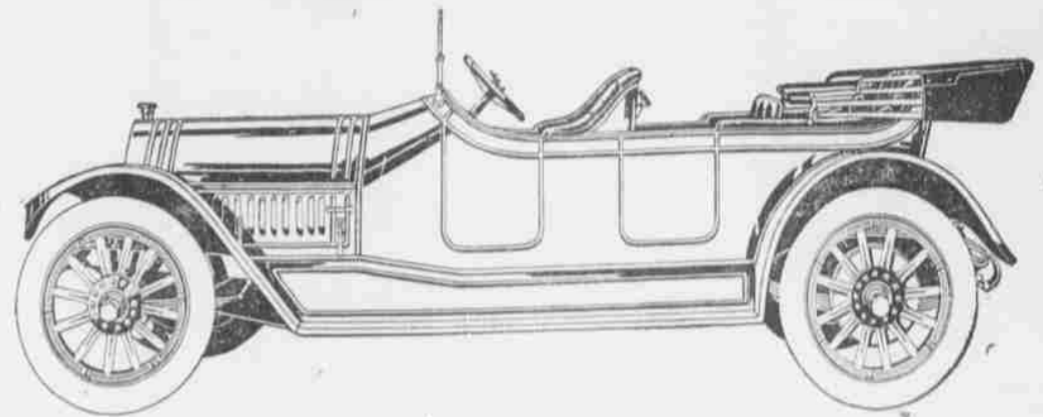
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