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CHIROPEAN, THE LARGEST WOMAN'S CLUB IN THE CITY OF CHURCHES.

SEVERAL HUNDRED WOMEN DEVOTE AN AFTERNOON TO A DISCUSSION ON MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

Chiropean held its monthly meeting yesterday afternoon in the Knapp Mansion, in Bedford-ave., Brooklyn. The Committee on Municipal Affairs, with Dr. Katherine D. Burnette as chairman, had charge of the programme, on which were well-known New-York and Brooklyn women, who discussed public education in a practical and comprehensive manner.

After the usual luncheon, which was elaborately and beautifully served, Mrs. Alvah G. Brown, the president, called the members to order and presented Mrs. Charles L. Sicardi, who gave two enjoyable songs—"Bird and the Rose," by A. E. Harrocks, and "Auntie," by A. H. Behrend. Miss Grace M. D. Hallam was the accompanist.

Dr. Burnette then presented the subject for discussion, "What Are the Most Favorable and What the Most Discouraging Features of City Life?" Mrs. Charles O'H. Craigie was the first speaker. Her topic was "Public Libraries," and she spoke without notes. She presented the duty of the Commonwealth in providing suitable means for the education of her children, and stressed the public library as one of the most potent and necessary factors in this great and imperative work. Carlyle designated the public libraries as public universities. What the public schools are to the children the public libraries are to older students, who are unable, in many instances, to procure a different education. The sentiment of the whole country is now tending to the establishment of public libraries. They are essential factors in the cultivation of the vast populace in the great cities. Teachers need the libraries; they should have free access to them and should find just such books as would bear upon the branches they taught. The speaker instanced the public library at Worcester, Mass., as being the most practical in the United States. It was built especially to supplement the work of the city teachers, and there are rooms where they may take their pupils and use the library books for reference and supplementary work. In Kansas City the club women conduct the public library. They asked the city authorities for the dog-tax money, and this sum enables them to do much toward keeping the library up to a fine standard. The National Library at Washington is of inestimable value to the Senators and Congressmen who frame the laws of the country. If the highest legislative bodies in the land need the library for purposes of investigation and verification, how about the great untrained populace and its need for similar reference?

PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM.

Mrs. Cragie was followed by Mrs. George L. Wentworth, in a paper on "The Public School System." She said, in part: "In the present agitated condition of our schools, there seemed at first to be no favorable features to this question, but upon reflection I find several can be mentioned. The introduction of the kindergarten in our primary department is one. So much has been said from this platform in favor of this movement that it is unnecessary for me to make any comment. We all know that the first impression made upon the mind of the little beginner is apt to determine his future school career. It is in the elementary schools that a child should be trained to think and to express his thoughts. Another favorable feature is the penny provident fund. There is scarcely an idea which we can better afford to introduce into our public schools than the penny provident fund. Money, in the eyes of thousands of our young people of to-day, is simply something to get rid of; it must be spent. Our children must be taught a different value of money than they at present have, and the penny provident fund is doing much to impress this lesson.

"Then we have the military drills and the fire drills as a means of discipline. These are invaluable. Love of country is being inculcated in the young minds of to-day by exercises to commemorate memorable days in our history." Mrs. Wentworth then spoke of music, physical culture and the system of free lectures now so universal and so wonderfully educational. She was followed by Mrs. Alden, in a paper that embodied the two preceding subjects, "Opportunities for Self-Education—Disappearance of Individualism."

Mrs. James W. Fleming then gave two vocal selections—(a) "For All Eternity," by Angelo Mascherani, and (b) "For You," by Harrison Millard.

MORALS OF CHILDREN.

Mrs. Florence De Graff Shaw resumed the discussion of the afternoon in a learned paper on "Health, Education and Morals of Children in City and Country." She seemed to think those three essentials in the life and character of children were about evenly balanced in the training and experience learned by them in both places—the city and the country. Country and city life are equally necessary for the proper physical, mental and moral development of the child—for his experience and its general application to the question of his future.

Mrs. Virjie Bogue read a paper on "Parks and Monuments." She described the parks in a number of cities she had visited. City Park, in Portland, Ore., was, to her mind, the most beautiful and natural she had ever seen. Parks are necessary in city lives, as holding the mirror up to nature, so that at least much of her beauty may be observed by the city's inhabitants. Lincoln Park, in Chicago, Golden Gate Park in San Francisco, and public grounds and parks in some of the cities of South America were described. Monuments of national and universal heroes should be placed in the public parks of the world. They are incentive to young minds.

The discussion was closed by Dr. Katherine J. Townsend, who presented "Some Tenement Reflections and Suggestions" for Chiropean's consideration. She gave an exhaustive account of the life she sees in the tenements. She thought the women—the mothers—needed public training schools where they might be taught how to cook, care for their homes and children, and learn how necessary it is for cleanliness to enter into every household duty. The elder daughters of the tenement families came in for a share of Dr. Townsend's sympathy. She said they were generally the drudges of the household, the second mothers to the younger children when the busy mother had to go out bread-winning. She said that in her visits she rarely heard the tenement-dwellers wish for wealth; they usually wished for steady work and health. There should be public institutions where they might be trained to secure both these desirable and absolutely necessary factors to life and success and happiness.

The general discussion that followed was taken part in by Miss Edna Doughty, of the Civitas Club; Mrs. Julia Powell, Miss Coppernoll, Mrs. Isaac H. Cory, of the Woman's Suffrage Association, and Mrs. Margaret W. Ravenshill.

Among the guests present were Mrs. Almon Gunnison, Miss Emmie Simis, of the Urban Club; Miss Alice Campbell, of Civitas; Mrs. George W. Brush, president of the Colonia; Miss Eliza McDonald, of the Flushing Woman's Club; Miss Mary E. Troutman and Mrs. Scrimgeour, of the Brooklyn Women's Health Protective Association; Mrs. J. Wesley Johnston, of Middletown, Conn., and Mrs. David G. Downey.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR THE WAIFS.

The Children's Aid Society asks for money and for voluntary help to make Christmas a happy day for the hundreds of boys and girls who are sheltered in its lodging-houses and the dundreds of others who are being educated in its industrial schools. The managers desire to gladden these little victims of poverty and misfortune with presents, dinners and clothing. This work is dependent upon the contributions of the people.

The society also needs money for its regular work, and it is encouraging to contributors to know how far money goes under the management of this institution. Twenty dollars will place a child in a country home, $10 will send a boy to the farm school of the society, $100 will provide hot dinners at one of the industrial schools for a month, $300 will support a kindergarten for a year and $500 will help to establish a night school and industrial class for older children.

The Only Woman's Page

THE DAY'S GOSSIP.

Another of the free musicals for working women will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at St. Bartholomew's Lyceum Hall, No. 207 East Forty-second-st. The doors are open to working women of any creed and any nationality. The programme includes instrumental music, singing, tales of travel and helpful suggestions. Hot tea and cakes are served to the four hundred women who attend these entertainments.

The third in the course of lectures given at St. James's Methodist Episcopal Church, Madison-ave. and One-hundred-and-twenty-sixth-st., by the Rev. Dr. E. S. Tipple will be delivered this evening, the subject being "Italian Skies and Swiss Valleys."

A bazaar was opened yesterday in the school hall of Holy Trinity Church, Brooklyn, by the Sisters of St. Dominic, and will be closed this evening. The proceeds are to go to St. Joseph's Sanitarium at Forestburg, near Monticello.

The regular monthly business meeting of the American Authors' Guild will be held this evening at No. 226 West Fifty-eighth-st.

An open meeting of the Lenox-ave. branch of the Unitarian Alliance will take place this afternoon, beginning at 3 o'clock, at the church, Lenox-ave. and One-hundred-and-twenty-first-st. The subject for the day will be "The Park System," given in a paper by Mrs. W. C. Savage. Music will be a feature of the afternoon, and will be contributed by Mrs. Emil L. Boas.

A meeting of the St. John's School Society will be held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. H. L. Richards, No. 8 West Thirty-ninth-st. An address will be made by Miss Grace Dodge. This society is composed of former pupils and teachers of St. John's School, founded by the late Dr. and Mrs. Theodore Irving. A cordial invitation is extended to all who were at any time connected with the school, either in New-York or Tarrytown.

The Committee on Child Culture of Chiropean will meet this afternoon at the home of the chairman, Mrs. Henry N. Meeker, No. 101 Hancock-st., Brooklyn. The question to be discussed will be "What can we learn from foreign nations in regard to bringing up children?"

The Lenox-ave. branch of the Unitarian Alliance will have an open meeting to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock in the parlors of the Lenox Avenue Unitarian Church, in West One-hundred-and-twenty-first-st. The subject for discussion will be "The Park System." Mrs. W. C. Savage will read the paper of the day. Mrs. Emily L. Boas will play a piano solo. Tea will be served at the close of the programme.

The Home and Country Committee of Chiropean will meet this afternoon at the home of the chairman, Mrs. Daniel T. Wilson, No. 164 Rodney-st., Brooklyn. The subject for discussion will be "Home Life in India."

The Quid Nunc Club has sent out invitations to a lecture to be given this evening at its headquarters, No. 181 Lenox-ave., by Charles P. Sawyer, on "College Athletics, with Some Remarks on Football." A discussion of the subject by several eminent authorities will follow the lecture, which will begin promptly at 8:15 o'clock.

A meeting of "Don't Worry Circle No. 3" will be held in the library room of St. James's Church, Seventy-first-st. and Madison-ave., this evening at 8 o'clock. Theodore F. Seward will preside. Admission is free.

The Zodiac Club will meet to-night at the Advance Thought Exchange, No. 44 West Twenty-second-st. Applications for membership will be received by Caroline B. Somers, corresponding secretary, No. 44 West Twenty-second-st.

Frank Potter will sing at the musical to be given at Miss Annie Brown's school this evening.

A two days' conference of the National American W. S. A. will open to-day at Providence, R. I. Mrs. E. B. Chace is president of the association, and the vice-presidents are Mrs. A. C. Dewing, Mrs. Mary O. Arnold and A. B. Chace.

At the regular meeting of the New-York Household Economic Association, to be held this afternoon at the New-York Industrial Building, Lexington-ave. and Forty-third-st., B. L. Daus will lecture on "Domestic Architecture."

The United Benevolent Society of Jamaica is an association such as is rarely found in a country village. It includes members of all the Protestant churches in the village. One representative is chosen from each church to organize a committee from that church to work in behalf of the society. The first general meeting will be held to-day. The officers and heads of committees who will have charge of this year's work, which will be the relief of the poor, sick and needy, are as follows: President, Mrs. Charles H. Harris; secretary, Miss Florence McCormick; treasurer, Mrs. Granville Yeaton; chairman of Distributing Committee, Mrs. F. H. Remson. The heads of the church committees are: Grace Episcopal, Mrs. B. J. Brenton; Baptist, Mrs. J. A. Kehlbeck; Reformed, Mrs. John Amborman; German Evangelical, Mrs. Henry Glaser; Methodist Episcopal, Mrs. Thomas Lewis, and Presbyterian, Mrs. M. A. Higbie.

The Ray Palmer Club, of Newark, N. J., of which Mrs. Louise M. Sayre is president, will discuss current topics this afternoon. The special subjects will be "Midwinter Festivals" and "The United States and Cuba." The Rev. Louis S. Osborne will address the club on the current events of the day.

About one hundred and fifty women were present on Wednesday evening at the meeting held in Washington to consider the establishment of a National university. An organization was formed yesterday, and officers of George Washington Memorial were elected. The president is Mrs. Ellen A. Richardson, of Boston, and the secretary Mrs. Susanna Phelps Gage, of Ithaca, N. Y.

A novel entertainment will be given by the young people of the Rev. Dr. Crowe's church, West Eighty-first-st., to-night, in the vestry of the church. There will be twenty tableaus, illustrating advertisements well known to the public. Several firms to be thus presented have made generous contributions, which the young people will dispose of for the benefit of their association. Vocal and violin music will complete the programme.

TRAINED NURSES' RECEPTION.

ONE THOUSAND PEOPLE INVITED TO VISIT THE NEW CLUBROOMS.

The Metropolitan Trained Nurses' Club gave its annual reception yesterday afternoon, and for three hours its two houses were filled with guests, who thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity of going through the pretty blue furnished rooms. Blue and white are the colors of the club, and all the furnishings of the house, where possible, are in those colors.

A thousand invitations were sent out for the reception, among those who received cards being Mr. and Mrs. Lorillard Spencer, Dr. and Mrs. Charles McBurney, Dr. and Mrs. Cleveland, the Rev. and Mrs. David Greer, Mrs. Augustin Daly, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey E. Fiske, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick H. Hatch, Mr. and Mrs. George Preston and Mr. and Mrs. William D. Hatch.

The Reception Committee consisted of Miss Sarah Stevenson, of the Brooklyn Methodist Hospital, chairman; Mrs. M. W. Parke, of the Royal London Hospital; Miss McCosh, of Johns Hopkins, Baltimore; Miss S. S. Buckminster and Mrs. Vettum, of Mount Sinai, and Mrs. M. H. Willard, the president of the club. Miss McCosh and Mrs. Parke poured tea at a pretty smilax-trimmed table.

The reception-rooms were decorated with cut flowers, and music was furnished by Miss M. G. Blackman, pianist, and Miss C. S. Beach, violinist.

The nurses all wore their professional costumes, and in the blue and white rooms the effect was delightful.

A PRETTY ENTERTAINMENT.

A unique entertainment was given yesterday afternoon at the asylum building of the Society of Half-Orphans and Destitute Children, at the corner of Manhattan-ave. and One-hundred-and-fourth-st. The occasion was the annual meeting of the society. There are 220 children in the asylum, ranging from four to fourteen years old. Whenever the parents are able they contribute $1 a week to the maintenance of the children, who are exceedingly well kept and well fed. The entertainment given yesterday consisted of recitations, songs, speeches and a pageant of the nations by the children dressed in various colors of the nations represented. The assemblage was addressed by the Rev. Dr. Asa Blackburn, pastor of the Church of the Strangers, and the Rev. J. Balcom Shaw, of the West End Presbyterian Church. Among those present were Mrs. J. L. Sutherland, Mrs. Henry Howells, Mrs. Morris K. Jesup, Mrs. David S. Egleston, Julia H. Heney and Mrs. Emily A. Bittler.

EN ROUTE FOR ELDORADO.

THIRTY-FIVE WOMEN SAIL IN THE GOOD SHIP CITY OF COLUMBIA FOR THE GOLD FIELDS.

"NO PLACE IN THE WORLD FOR MIDDLE-AGED WOMEN WITHOUT MONEY," SO A NUMBER RISK THEIR ALL TO WIN LIFE OR LOSE IT.

There is a golden land, far, far away, and for that golden land of Klondike the good ship City of Columbia set sail, or, more correctly, got up steam, yesterday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock. Of course steamers have sailed for the Klondike fields before, but the special interest in this case is the fact that among the gold-seekers is a party of women. The Harriet G., which sailed in November, numbered three or four women among her passengers, but this is a much larger party and is composed of an entirely different class of persons. For example, there are four trained nurses, a physician, a journalist and several women of means sufficient to maintain them in reasonable comfort. One of these is a gray-haired woman with a singularly delicate and refined face, unmistakably cultured, who frankly says that she is going partly because she likes travel and thinks the voyage will be delightful, and partly because she wishes her little fortune to be increased, and intends to "stake a claim." She knows "too much to invest in wildcat gold mine schemes in men's hands. The burnt child dreads the fire."

The remainder of the party consists of women who have passed years in wholesale or retail stores as stenographers and typewriters, as bookkeepers and in various other occupations. These have succeeded by strict economy in saving a few hundred dollars, and if it seems surprising that they should risk their hard-earned savings in such a perilous experiment the words of one of them may explain it. She said, a little bitterly:

"Of what use is $800 or $1,000 when one has perhaps many years to live without other income? There is no place for middle-aged women in the world unless they have money. We spend our lives in faithful work, and when we reach forty-five or fifty, with our faculties at their best, we are removed to make way for younger and prettier women. Once out of a place there is little hope of getting another, and how long can we live on the few hundreds saved? No; I am going to risk it. If I die of hardships the question is settled. If I live I'll have a fortune."

Some of the voyagers have money sufficient to bring them home if they fail. Others have risked every dollar they possess. The mere passage costs $850, and 1,500 pounds of baggage costs $150 more.

Two sturdy German women are of the party. They are to be the boarding-house keepers, and look as if they were strong enough and brave enough to meet any emergency. Most of the group, indeed, look thoroughly healthy and alert; the journalist, in particular, appears capable of conquering any and all obstacles by force of sheer muscle and grim determination. She is to correspond with two or three Southern papers, being from the South, and incidentally will "prospect" on her own account. Pick and shovel are included in her outfit, and she proposes to "rough it" with the men, if necessary, and undoubtedly other women will join her. Women who have daring enough to face the six months' voyage without a friend on board are not likely to weaken at the end.

The clothing outfit comprises bloomers of repellent cloth, lined with lambskin (wool and all), short skirt of the same, flannel waists, coat of repellent cloth, with heavy woollen interlining, and lining of sheepskin, wool outward, like Brian O'Lynn's, thick knitted stockings, as long as theatrical hose, moccasins of lambskin, extending above the knee, and fur cap that can be drawn completely over the ears and cheeks.

They are prepared, for summer, also, as they do not reach St. Michael's, their port of destination, until May, and in passing through the southern hemisphere they will encounter the midsummer of the antipodes.

The summer outfit is made like the winter, in thin woollen material, and differs little from an ordinary bicycle costume. In summer it is extremely hot in the Klondike region, and the prospectors will live in tents, both from necessity and preference, until the loghouses are built. Mr. Ladue, who practically owns Dawson City, has assured Mrs. Hanna Gould, the leader of the party, of every assistance in his power, and says:

"The men will turn in and help you like brothers; they will be so glad to have really good, nice women among them. The few women there are not of a desirable kind, as a rule, and there are many good fellows in the town, who will give a true, chivalrous devotion to such women as you are."

Dr. Gregg, a young physician from Pittsburg, is going with them. He will take charge of the hospital work, assisted by the nurses, but, of course, all will "prospect."

A large number of people gathered at Pier No. 26 to see the departure of the steamer. Many went on board to say bon voyage to their friends. They inspected the arrangements for comfort with natural interest. The staterooms are as large as on any of the ocean steamers, and everything seems as generously provided. Books and a piano are conspicuous in the grand salon.

Captain Baker, of the City of Columbia, and several others made speeches, and a bottle of champagne was broken as a libation to Neptune. Other bottles were broken in the various staterooms for "good luck."

Thirty-five women sailed. Among them were Mrs. Gould, Mrs. Henderson of Pittsburg, Mrs. Bell of New-Orleans, Mrs. S. E. Travers and Mrs. Joseph Watson. Many more will join the party in Seattle. They were singularly brave and cool in bidding farewell to their friends, seeming to regard the journey as little more than a trip to Europe. It is probable that many women will go to Klondike in the spring, if reports are favorable from these courageous pioneers. Communication will be easy, as the Valencia (Captain Ward) sailed from this port on Tuesday for Seattle, whence she will perform regular mail trips to St. Michael's, at the mouth of the Yukon.

HANNAH S. GOULD

In charge of the Klondike expedition that sailed in the steamship Columbia yesterday.

WOMAN'S PAGE APPRECIATED.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: I am much interested in the Woman's Page of The Tribune, and wish you great success in your noble Sunshine work. Mrs. L. M. J.

Morristown, N. J.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: I would like to express my appreciation of The Tribune, and especially the Woman's Page, which is just perfect. Mrs. E. C. KREEMER.

Tremont, N. Y.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Your noble Sunshine work will gladden many hearts this Christmas that would otherwise be lonely and sad. The blessing will not be alone to those receiving, but to the kind hearts who give, also. Mrs. M. L.

No. 364 Amsterdam-ave.

TRIBUNE SUNSHINE SOCIETY

GOOD CHEER.

Have you had a kindness shown?
Pass it on.
'Twas not given for you alone—
Pass it on.
Let it travel down the years,
Let it wipe another's tears,
Till in heaven the deed appears—
Pass it on.

Communications have been received from M. K., M. J. F. Baker, Annie E. Richards, Hattie E. Armstrong, Mrs. Frank C. Loveland, Miss C. W. Rankin, Eliza R. Mitchell, Mary E. Thornton, Ruth Allerton, Elma M. Stebbins, M. C. Lane, Laura A. Reynolds, Mrs. H. G. Campbell, "Historic Silver," "A Constant Reader," Mabelle Biggart, Mary Bussing, "Young Mother," Mrs. M. M. Bryan, V. M. H., Mrs. F. S. Lufburrow, L. M. Phelan, A. M. Adams, Grace L. Loomis, "Secret of Health," Maud B. Munsell, Marie Johns, Mrs. J. J. Marsh, H. M. Candee, Mrs. H. E. Johnson, F. H., Desire C. Moulton, I. P. Bliss, C. H. Crandall, Nettie V. S. Bartlett, Mrs. E. S. Burdge, H. M. H., Mrs. James McGrath, H. G. See, C. C. Gettys, Lily M. Jones, M. E. W., Mrs. D. B. Hamilton, M. H. A., Mrs. S. C. B. Holcomb, C. C. Hussey, M. McKee and E. P.

NOTICE.

The President-General urgently requests that the members of the Sunshine Society put "T. S. S. member" on all communications sent to the society. The list is now so large that much time is consumed in verifying names.

Mrs. Nelson Mann sent a large box, which contained three quaint dollies, named Maude, Nellie and Tiny. Nellie has any number of Paris hats and a cape, muff and nightgown. Maude has brought her nightgown, too, and Tiny is, as her name signifies, extremely small, but she has a wardrobe that a belle might envy. Nellie carries a real sandalwood fan, that is attached to her gown by a white satin ribbon. The silk dress has a train, and the doll's long golden hair falls to her waist. This box of fascinating articles was once owned by a dear little girl who died some years ago. The "Little Mother" who secures these treasures will write to Mrs Mann and tell her how much sunshine and happiness these three little dollies are now daily making in their new home.

Mrs. William H. Chase has contributed a lovely doll, dressed in bright red, with stockings to match. The dress is exquisitely made, and there is a cape, hat and nightgown, all equally pretty. The doll's name is Gladys, and she carries in her hand a message to her new mistress. It reads as follows:

"My name is Gladys, true it is!
Indeed, I'd have no other.
And 'tis my pleasure to make glad
The heart of a 'Little Mother.'"

Ruth Allerton contributed a most generous box. The contents are as follows: One doll named Ethel, ten packages of paper dolls, a game, a box of note paper, a satin bag, one copy of "The Bonnie Briar Bush," one copy of "Pax Vobiscum," one copy of "Thanatopsis," a package of Scripture cards and leaflets, a silk letter-case and silk pieces. Ella M. Kimball sent a box of ferns and Christmas greens. Norton Johnson, a little boy of four years, contributed some paper soldiers. Mrs. N. R. Bronson sent a box which contained many pretty things, among them a dainty baby doll. This is the fourth baby dolly that has been contributed to the society. F. H. has forwarded many pretty Christmas cards. Miss M. P. Britt contributed a bag and a book. "A Friend" sent a box of embroidery silks, to be forwarded to a "shut-in"; she also inclosed 10 cents for postage. A pretty blue bag, containing paper dolls and Christmas cards, came from S. H. Larned. Kathryn L. Gage, Hudson, N. Y., sent a scrapbook and some Christmas cards. Miss Anna M. Underhill, Plainfield, N. J., and Miss Lillie Coward, Plainfield, N. J., together contributed eighteen pretty dolls for the "Little Mothers." "A Friend" contributed a pretty bag and book. A bundle containing pretty bags and needlebooks came from Miss K. A. Vanderhoof. Miss H. Weston sent a bundle of pieces and pictures for the Sunshine Mission. One of the classes in the Sunday-school of the Old First Presbyterian Church of New-York City contributed a package of Christmas cards, which are artistically arranged with ribbons. A box of flower seeds came without a name. Mrs. W. C. Simonson sent a large bundle of silk pieces. Mrs. C. B. Rice sent three decorated mottoes, with Christmas wishes printed on them, for the Sunshine Mission. H. M. W. contributed Christmas cards. Adeline Meeks Faas forwarded two bags, each of which held a dress pattern of the same material as the bags. M. E. B., of Newark, contributed a Christmas box, containing a pretty doll named Elsie, many bags and cards. Mrs. Emma Spencer Burdge has contributed a veritable Christmas box, which contained the following: Twin baby dolls in dainty caps, dresses and embroidered blankets; four "buttonhole" puzzles for the boys, two bags of generous proportions and many pictures. Mrs. Elvira Spencer contributed two pretty dolls. Miss Adele Burnham sent two artistic scrapbooks, entitled "Fun," which will bring many sunny smiles to the faces of the recipients. H. B. S. contributed a box containing many jolly articles for the "Little Mothers," such as trumpets, musical tops, games, etc.

President-General of the T. S. S.: I write as a newcomer to this work in the Indian mission, and fear I am a little late for making the approaching Christmas all it should be in the way of good cheer and benefit to these children. However, in looking over a package of letters in the outgoing superintendent's office I find a goodly list of such as have evidently learned the right way to show that they have understood the true meaning of Christmas. We are needing simple games, substantial toys, bright picture-books, with plenty of easy reading; pictures suitable for the walls, mottoes, bright ribbons for the girls; for the boys, ties, handkerchiefs; for all, second-hand songbooks suitable for home or Government Indian schools. The Government furnishes plain food and clothing, but for all brightness we are chiefly dependent on our own ingenuity and the kind help of benevolent friends. We have just fitted up a pleasant sitting-room for the boys, which is next to my room. I see much of them when they are out of school and are free from their duties about the house. I often wish it were possible for more favored children to see and appreciate the eager joy that fills the hearts of these poor children when they have free use of a few toys or picture-books. There are still two more rooms to be fitted up. It is a deep pleasure to see these rough Indian boys change their manners, put on cleaner faces and take hold of their work with a self-respecting spirit.

In case we are not too late to be remembered by you, I shall take pains to write you fully after Christmas. Truly yours,

Mrs. H. W. SPRAY, Matron.

Indian Mission, Harlem, Mont.

After the gifts have been distributed to the Little Mothers and others who have claims on the T. S. S., all cards, books, etc., that may be left will be used to fill a box to be sent to the Indian children in Montana.

Will S. S., of Lenox, Mass., send full name to T. S. S.? Her excellent recipes for home-made candies entitle to membership. Will C. G. L. mail Tribune Supplements to Miss Frances C. Williams, New-London, Conn.? M. E. S., of Yonkers: Please send Sunshine pages and novels to Mrs. H. Stone, Stowe, Chautauqua County, N. Y.

FOR PROFESSIONAL WOMEN.

A BAZAAR IN WHICH THE PRETTIEST DISPLAY IS MADE OF DOLLS.

TWO EXQUISITE SCREENS PAINTED BY CABANET OFFERED AT LOW FIGURES—THEATRE BOXES SOLD BY SUBSCRIPTION.

Every one who has visited the Professional Woman's League bazaar, which opened yesterday noon in the small ballroom at the Waldorf, is agreed that it is the prettiest thing in the fair line that he has ever seen. The members have worked so hard to produce this result that some of them are now in a state of temporary collapse, but there is ever an earnest worker ready to step into the place of every fallen hero, and the affair is such a success that no one minds little things like this.

The first thing one notices on entering the ballroom is the huge golden beehive where the league sewing class displays its wares. Above the booth electric lights blazon forth the words, "How doth the," and the beehive, with its evidences of many hours of labor, is supposed to complete the sentence, "How doth the little busy bee improve each shining hour!" The bees in attendance wear black satin gowns, barred on the bodice with little ruchings of yellow chiffon. On their shoulders are little clusters of yellow wings, and on their heads are black and yellow bees, magnified to bonnet size.

The bees have a busy time showing the bride doll and her trousseau of four hundred pieces to her many admirers. Every inspection brings to light fresh wonders in the wardrobe of this fortunate young person. The latest discovery is that she has a hot-water bag and a lorgnette, and that her gowns are copied from Worth models. The beehive was erected at the expense of the chairman, Mrs. de Almagre.

Next to the beehive is a wonderful lemonade well, attended by Rebeccas in gorgeous array. The chairman of the Well Committee, Miss Oldcastle, with her first assistant, Mrs. C. J. P. Child, constructed this fountain just before the fair opened. It is made of canvas, painted to resemble a stone wall, and is sheltered by a canopy, hung with evergreens and silver tinsel. Besides helping to make this well, Miss Oldcastle also made her own costume.

LITTLE CIGARETTE-MAKER.

Next comes the Oriental booth, and here a little Turkish girl, named Hanine, made cigarettes all the afternoon and evening. In order to carry on this operation in her booth, Miss Grace Huntington, the chairman, was obliged to become a regularly licensed cigar-maker. Hanine wore a wonderful robe of red silk and gold, and Mme. M. Moghabghab, her countrywoman, who sold Oriental jewelry, was gowned with equal splendor.

Directly facing the entrance is the doll booth, from which much is always expected at Professional Woman's League bazaars, and which is never disappointing. Miss Lillian Russell's counterpart occupies the place of honor, and on either side of her stands the "Lady of Quality" and Roland Buckstone as One Hundred and One in "Change Alley." Two other "Lady of Quality" dolls represent Miss Florence Cowron as Mistress Anne and Miss Ethel Knight Molleson as Betty Tantlillon. Two dolls are dressed as characters in "A Virginia Courtship," one being Miss Percy Haswell as Mistress Prudence and the other Miss Kate Lisar as Mistress Betty Fairfax. A magnificent lady in black satin, with a court train, represents Miss Madeline Bouton in "The White Heather," and Miss Louisa Allen Coller sends a counterpart of herself as Mrs. Fitzhugh in "The Man from Mexico." A sweet doll, whose gown is all net and silver spangles, is Mora, in "Superba." She was dressed by Miss Nellie Daly. Leander, from the same play, was gorgeously dressed in red velvet and gold braid by Miss Anna Stannard. Julia Marlowe as Mary in "Bonnie Prince Charlie" was dressed by Mrs. Sol Smith.

Other notables in the booth are the Cuban doll, dressed by Miss E. Marie; the Visiting Committee doll, dressed by the chairman, Aunt Louisa; the fencing class doll, the physical culture doll, and Miss Polly Glot, the language class doll. Polly wears the Yale colors, and carries a package of books in four languages. She was dressed by Miss Oldcastle. The fencing class doll was dressed by Miss Florence V. Tansky, and wears a short green velvet frock and a mask. The physical culture doll was dressed by Mme. Aurelia Poti, in a miniature copy of the costume she usually wears herself.

Scattered among the larger dolls are fifty little ones, about three inches in length. They are jointed, have real hair and have been beautifully dressed by Miss Lillian Russell's nieces, the Misses Ruby and Helen Ross.

The prices of the dolls range from 25 cents up, and are all moderate.

Two booths have been arranged for the special benefit of the matron—the artistic home decoration booth and the housewife booth. The housewives wear white caps, kerchiefs and aprons, which are most becoming to them, and sell a variety of articles, ranging from aprons to jellies. The home decorations comprise many beautiful things, which can be bought here for much less than they would cost anywhere else. The most valuable articles are two screens, painted by Cabanet, and marked at $600 and $650. The former of these could not be bought for less than $1,000 anywhere else. At this booth, boxes, donated by the different managers, for nearly all the theatres in the city are being sold by subscription.

A pretty booth in the anteroom is devoted to the sale of violets. The table is covered with moss, and the white canopy over it is trimmed with foliage and violets. One of the attendants at this booth is Miss Chystal Herne, a daughter of James A. Herne, of "Shore Acres," and a niece of Mrs. John Herne, the chairman.

The college booth is provided with an unlimited stocks of footballs, golf sticks, foils, masks, and all sorts of things used by athletes. The chairman, Mrs. Frederick Faubel, decorated it herself, and worked so hard over it that she was obliged to stay at home yesterday. Mrs. Sallie M. Corey taking her place.

An orange tree, in charge of Miss Bijou Fernandez, holds a prize in every orange, a silver watch being one of these.

It is expected that Miss Maxine Elliott will be in attendance at one of the booths this afternoon.

NEWS OF THE STORES.

AT JAMES M'CUTCHEON & CO.'S, NO. 14 WEST TWENTY-THIRD-ST.

It is with the words "fine linens" that the name McCutcheon & Co. is associated. Christmas gifts, as a rule, are either artistic, amusing or practical, and the last is generally the least attractive of the three to the giver as well as to the receiver. But for the same amount of money that might be spent upon gewgaws elsewhere acceptable and more serviceable souvenirs can be selected from Messrs. James McCutcheon & Co.'s stock. Artistically embroidered and initialled handkerchiefs, that are everyday reminders of the donor; table linen with the accompanying doilies and centre-pieces are often more welcome than bric-a-brac. Bearing these facts in mind a purchase made at "The Linen Store" may bring about more pleasure to all concerned than if money is spent elsewhere upon less useful articles.

AT ERICO BROTHERS', NO. 889 BROADWAY.

All the Christmas presents this year are marvellously pretty, while the choice is endless, and the supply, one would imagine, far more than sufficient to meet the largest possible demand. For rareness in design and perfection of detail The Tribune readers can be recommended to one of the most fascinating bazaars in the city, Erico Brothers, where an exhibition of Italian industries is on view. To those interested in the beautiful works of art from Venice, an opportunity of inspecting some typical specimens in New-York is now afforded them. And to those whose personal acquaintance with the fair "Queen of the Adriatic" has made the unfading beauty of her arts a joy in their memory forever, this display may, in these dark, wintry days, help to recall somewhat of that bright vision of delight, and will certainly well repay the spending of an hour or two in visiting this collection. Among the rare treasures are many ornaments of hammered iron, fashioned from antique Venetian and Florentine models; exquisitely designed specimens of Italian faience, and Salviati glass of fantastic grace and charm; carved wood fireplaces, desks, cabinets, stands and chairs, upholstered with magnificent examples of brocades, silk damasks and old velvets, with designs and colorings reproduced from antique Florentine work. Statuary, tortoise-shell goods, gold-decorated and Venetian glass are among the smaller objects worthy of special mention as beautiful holiday gifts in this remarkable exhibition.

MORE APPROPRIATIONS PASSED ON.

INCREASES AWARDED TO THE FIRE AND PARK DEPARTMENTS—JOHN PIERCE GETS THE HALL OF RECORDS CONTRACT.

President Barker of the Tax Department, who has been ill in his home for a few days, was able to attend the meeting of the Board of Estimate in the Mayor's office yesterday, and the consideration of the budget for 1898 was resumed. The total appropriation for the Fire Department was fixed at $1,841,433. The appropriation provides for 120 new firemen. Additions were made to the appropriation for the Park Department, so as to provide for additional policemen for the parks on the North Side.

The president of the village of Edgewater sent a letter to the Board stating that the fiscal year of that village, which, he said, has a population of 16,000 and spends $5,500 a month, ends in May, and the present authorities cannot provide beyond that time. He had heard that the Board of Estimate had decided to make up its budget as if there was to be no Greater New-York consolidation, and he was afraid that his village would have no money after May 1.

The contract for building the new Hall of Records was awarded to John Pierce, of New-York, whose bid of $1,937,900 was one of the highest. The stone to be used is Maine granite, which has been selected for its whiteness and durability of color. It was used in the Capitol, at Albany, and in the Capitol, at Augusta, Me., and also in the American Surety Building and the Central National Bank Building. The Board of Estimate also appropriated $2,200,000 bonds to defray the expenses of the building.

UNDER A WRONG NAME.

JESSE GAGNON CONVICTED FOR ILLEGAL PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY—A BROTHER OF G. S. GAGNON—RECORDS OF THE MEN.

Jesse Gagnon was convicted in General Sessions on Wednesday upon the charge of practising dentistry under the false name of Jackson in December, 1895. His counsel, Messrs. Howe & Hummel, demurred to the indictment on the ground of the unconstitutionality of the Dental law. The demurrer being overruled, trial was repeatedly adjourned at the request of the defendant, who on Wednesday pleaded guilty to the charge. Gagnon is the brother of George S. Gagnon, who assaulted F. D. Beard with a bottle in the Astoria Hotel.

The Gagnons are known over the country as illegal practitioners of dentistry. In 1887 they had an office in St. Paul, Minn., where the brother was known as "Diamond George." He later had an office at No. 182 State-st., Chicago. Dr. Henry A. Knight, of St. Paul, late secretary of the Minnesota State Board of Dental Examiners, caused a warrant to issue for the arrest of Philip Gagnon, supposed to be Jesse, who extracted teeth in connection with a theatrical troupe at Delano, in that State, in the spring of 1890. Philip was held in $150 bail, which he forfeited, going to Seattle, Wash. The secretary of the Illinois State Board of Dental Examiners reported that he had written to the Chicago place letters of warning, but was told that the Gagnons only had money invested there, but did not practise.

In July, 1896, the Gagnons carried on an advertising dental business in and about Poughkeepsie under the name of Jackson. They stayed at the Nelson House, where, pursuant to their advertisements, they threw away money to the crowd from the hotel window and the tail of a cart. At this time the name of Thomas E. Jackson was registered with the County Clerk as a graduate of the Western Dental College, of Kansas City. Under date of December 31, 1895, the dean of that college informed the officers of the New-York State Dental Society that this Thomas E. Jackson had been killed in Illinois, and a short time before his death had written to the college saying that he had been robbed of his diploma and wanted to get another one.

The Attorney-General of Utah, under date of January 23, 1896, informed the society that Olaf Nelson, alias Olaf Gagnon, alias Jesse Gagnon, twenty-five years old, and corresponding in general appearance to the description of Jesse Gagnon, convicted on Wednesday, had served a term from December 25, 1891, to January 5, 1893, for counterfeiting coin. The defendant gave his age Wednesday as thir