# THE ONLY WOMAN'S PAGE

A WINTER JACKET AND HAT OF BLACK VELVET AND FUR.

## WORK OF ROBERT OWEN.

JOHN GRAHAM BROOKS TALKS ABOUT THE "FATHER OF THE FACTORY LAW."

ALWAYS A DREAMER OF DREAMS—ODD ENTRIES IN HIS DIARY—HIS WONDERFUL SCHOOL AND THE ATTACKS MADE UPON HIM.

John Graham Brooks gave a most interesting account yesterday morning in the Mendelssohn Glee Club Hall, before the League for Political Education, of the "Life and Work of Robert Owen, Worker and Dreamer," the father of the factory law reform, of co-operation and of municipal socialism. Mr. Brooks said in part:

"Owen completed the work of Le Play, so far as the doctrine and remedy are concerned, but, like the latter's followers, he had to turn from the rich and to the people for help in carrying out his schemes.

"His life began much like that of the usual Sunday-school book hero. As a boy he left a modest Welsh home with only $10 in his pocket. He apprenticed himself to a linen-draper, worked from 4 o'clock a. m. till 8 o'clock p. m., and yet tried to get a little time to read and improve his mind. His business ability was so marked that his employer consulted him as he would a partner long before he was old enough to occupy such a position, and he rose rapidly to be one of the first business men in England. But he was always a dreamer of dreams. He never ceased asking himself what kind of a race he and his partners were making while they were getting rich. In his diary he said: 'It seems as if the devil had hold of us, crushing out every hope of a better race.' Another entry records the fact that in the preceding year he had made $50,000 while the laborers were working ten, eleven and twelve hours a day for ten, nine and eight shillings a week. He sees that it is all controlled by economic law, and that he cannot change existing conditions as he wishes, but is convinced that he has no right to $50,000 a year on the condition of making for England a race of mothers unfit to bear children.

"He thought all this out before he said anything, and then he tried to induce other people to do something, only to be met by the same sort of arguments that would be used against similar propositions to-day. He was told by all polite and intelligent people that he was a dreamer and theorist, who became unreliable the minute he got off business ground; for they could not deny his capacity in that line. They told him that all these things were determined by economic law, and if he tried to change them he would only drive business out of the country and not help the laborers. They identified their private interests with the public good, just as people do to-day, and argued that, if they got rich and spent money freely, the people got it in the end. He lived through the rise of this philosophy, as well as of the modern capitalistic system out of which it grew.

"To all these arguments Owen replied that no country could be benefited by wealth gained at the cost of keeping the majority of its inhabitants in poverty, engaged in useless occupations in which they had no joy; that the manufacturers were making the future population of England criminal, and that they had no right to get rich at such a cost.

"At last he persuaded his partners to let him try his experiment. He bought out a manufacturing business in a town of about two thousand inhabitants in Scotland, and his first step was to organize it and make it pay. If it hadn't been for this his partners would have broken with him before they did. Then he refused to employ any child under ten, and cut two hours off the working hours. His partners protested, saying that he was ruining the business, but he said, 'You promised to let me try.' Next he opened a school for the children below factory age. He arranged a curriculum of object-lessons, manual training, singing and dancing, and hunted over half of Scotland for a teacher who could keep his temper. At last he found a man and a woman and established them in the school with the direction that they were never to show a sign of anger before the children and were never to punish them in any way. A school of this kind was a wonder in those days, and people came from all over the world to see it. Among the visitors were the Czar of Russia, the Duke of Kent, the Duke of Hesse, Lord Brougham and Lord Shaftesbury.

"Owen was allowed to continue his work for three years, and then attacks on him began to be made from all quarters, the clergy being his first and most bitter enemies. The village pastor began to work against him because the children were not taught the kind of theology he approved of; the Bishop of Exeter attacked him in a number of bitter letters, and 'The London Times' accused him of teaching 'monstrous abominations,' 'material and infernal atrocities' and 'bestialities.' From this time on Owen assumed an attitude of hostility toward the clergy which was entirely the result of their treatment of him. Under other circumstances he would never have had this quality in him.

"The doctors also entered the lists against him and made affidavit that a child of five or six years was not injured by working in a mill.

"At last his partners, partly from religious motives, turned against him, and he was obliged to give up the work. He came to America, where he tried several experiments, and, returning to England, resolved to appeal to the people. He spent $5000 in printing and distributing a pamphlet setting forth the evils of employing women and children in mills, and he finally succeeded in persuading some daring minds that it was necessary to educate the working classes into a capacity of doing business for themselves.

"The next lecture, 'Shaftesbury,' will be really a continuation of yesterday's subject, Mr. Brooks said, for Shaftesbury continued Owen's work and succeeded in securing the reforms which the latter tried in vain to get.

### CLIO'S LITERARY DAY.

Clio listened to a varied programme yesterday, when papers, under three department heads, were given. Mrs. Henry Pelrce presided. Mrs. Benjamin Kenyon, of Phalo, read a paper on the "Philosophy of Plato," which naturally included much of interest regarding Socrates and his teachings—a digest of the "Symposium" and the "Republic" was given.

Under the Political Study Department, Mrs. J. Pierce, by request, read a paper on "Nominating Conventions," as a sequel to the paper on "Primaries," read before the club last month by Mrs. J. J. Hopper.

The Department of Physical Culture was ably represented by a talk on "The Circulation of the Blood," by Mrs. Malcolm McLean. An illustrated chart added much to the clear comprehension of the subject. The social tea which follows the exercises was somewhat abbreviated, as the president and many members belong to the National Society of New-England Women, and they were anxious to be down to the "Early Candle-light Tea," at the Waldorf.

### EARLY CANDLE-LIGHT TEA.

THE NEW-ENGLAND WOMEN ENTERTAIN THEIR GUESTS BY GIVING A BIRTHDAY PARTY.

It has been the custom for the National Society of New-England Women to celebrate the birthday of their organization by giving an elaborate dinner at one of the large hotels. This year they decided to return more nearly to the primitive habits of their ancestors, and so an "early candle-light tea" was the old-fashioned and novel entertainment to which their friends were bidden last evening in the small ballroom of the Waldorf. The assemblage bore little resemblance to its prototype of other days except in the name. The society itself numbers five hundred members, and these, with many guests, crowded the room beyond comfort, and the grandmothers of other days would have had some difficulty in recognizing their descendants in the handsome women in the up-to-date gowns and coiffures.

Mrs. Alfred Mills Judson, the president, and Mrs. William Gerry Slade and Mrs. Henry Clarke Coe received the guests.

The younger members of the society, who served on the Reception Committee, wore remarkably pretty gowns and attracted much attention. They were Miss L. Wetherbee, Miss Hattie Slade, Mrs. H. Niebuhr, Miss Hatie, Miss Van Sickle, Miss Whitcomb, Miss Hufcutt, Miss Hitchcock, Miss McLean, Miss Howes and the Misses Wilson.

From 5 to 6 o'clock several brilliant musical numbers were given under the direction of Mlle. H. T. Corradi. Mrs. Helen O'Donnell sang three contralto solos—"Oh, Happy Days!" "Leonore" and "Marian"; Mlle. Corradi sang three soprano numbers and Miss Marie Louise Todd gave a piano solo.

Among the guests were Mrs. Anna C. Ortega, General and Mrs. F. P. Earle, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hallstram, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore F. Seward, Mrs. J. Butler and Mrs. G. Cutler, of Montclair, and Colonel Evaris.

### INTERPRETING REAL LIFE.

MISS FORD, AT SHERRY'S, CONSIDERS MAETERLINCK'S METHOD.

Miss M. E. Ford gave the second of her series of conferences on "Modern Life in Poetry and Fiction" at Sherry's yesterday morning. The subject for consideration was "Maeterlinck's Method of Interpreting Real Life." The speaker asserted that this comparatively new literary genius has the right attitude toward living themes, and when the fogs, the yew trees and cypresses which now give rather a dismal atmosphere to his portrayals have been swept away, the world will learn what a grand message of spiritual truth he has to give.

Miss Ford spoke forcibly of the necessity of symbolism to explain the connection between the real and the ideal, of which only the true poet has the key. Illustrations were drawn from Dante and Schiller.

Symbolism, as applied to the "New Drama" of Maeterlinck, brought out many new and delightful thoughts, "for drama," said the speaker, "in its cognate form, means meditation, and only in the pauses of life do we hear the still, small voice that reveals great truths. Browning has said, where words fail to express our meanings, music oftentimes carries on the message, but Maeterlinck believes that beyond the boundary line of expressed thought divine illumination comes to the soul."

A résumé of the "Seven Sleeping Princesses" was given, with hints as to the real thoughts underlying the symbols, and a brief allusion to the later dramas closed the informal talk.

### FANNY DAVENPORT THE GUEST.

SHE DECLARES THE P. W. L. A GLORIOUS ORGANIZATION.

"ONLY WORK, WORK, WORK, AND YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH WHAT YOU WISH," WAS HER ADVICE TO THE LEAGUE.

Fanny Davenport was guest of honor yesterday afternoon at the regular monthly social of the Professional Woman's League, at No. 1,509 Broadway. In introducing her the president, Mrs. A. M. Palmer, said:

"She is the lady the League long has sought,
And sighed because it got her not."

"Now that we have her, we would like to keep her, but her engagements are so urgent that she says she must soon run away."

The club gave Miss Davenport an enthusiastic welcome and called for a speech. She apologized for having to extemporize one. She had intended to have a beautiful adress all written down and ready for the emergency, she said, but had been so ill for the preceding twenty-four hours that she had been unable to prepare a word. She then went on to say how proud and happy she was to be there; for, though she had no personal acquaintance with the League, she knew it was a glorious organization of brave, self-reliant women, and that was the kind of woman she admired.

"I have been self-reliant myself," she said, "almost from babyhood. I left home when I was twelve years old, and from that day to this I have never received aid from man, woman or child. I tell this to show what a woman can do if she is determined. Only work, work, work, and you will be sure to accomplish what you wish."

Miss Davenport was gowned in a dark green walking costume, made with a Russian blouse, and trimmed with black and gold braid. Her large hat was trimmed with fur and violets, and she carried an immense bouquet of violets.

Other members and guests present were Mme. Lamperte, Mrs. Charles Collin, Mrs. Virginia Montgomery, Mrs. Marthon, Dr. Jessie T. Boyle, Mrs. Arnold Schramm, Mrs. Andrew Mander, Mrs. J. R. Kroon, Mrs. Kenneth Lee, Mrs. Janetta Salisbury, Mrs. Robert Edison, Mrs. Mary D. Fiske, Mrs. Mary Coles, Mrs. Julia Coe, of Chicago; Mrs. Barney Williams, Mrs. Jacob Hess, Mrs. Sol Smith, Mrs. Mary Scott Rowland, Mrs. Katherine Foote, Mrs. Belle Gray Taylor, Mrs. C. A. Doremus, Mrs. Clarence Burns, Mrs. Rachel McAuley, Mrs. Edwin Knowles and "Aunt Louisa."

Mme. Lamperti and Mrs. Coe were both called upon for speeches, and both responded. Mme. Lamperti said that her imperfect English prevented her from doing more than express her great appreciation of the League's hospitality. Mrs. Coe, at the request of one of the members, exhibited a couple of handkerchiefs which she had designed, one for Georgia Cayvan, in her favorite flower, the violet, and the other for Mrs. Kendal, with a clover decoration. She asked Miss Davenport what her favorite flower was, and on learning that the actress was unable to choose between red roses and lilies of the valley, she asked permission to design something for her. The design will be shown to the League members next Monday afternoon, when Mrs. Coe is to lecture to them.

The regular programme was arranged by Miss Fanny M. Spencer, the League's chairman of music. Almost every composition was by a woman. Two songs by Miss H. B. Judd, "A Norse Lullaby" and "A Lover's Philosophy," were sung by Miss Etta Miller Orchard, accompanied by the composer. Miss Marie Parcello sang six little contralto songs of her own composition. Two songs by Miss Spencer, an "Ecstasy" and a "Love Song," were sung by Miss Ivy Herriott, accompanied by the composer. Two songs by masculine composers were sung by a League pupil, Miss Mabel Denman. A paper on "Women Who Write," by Miss Spencer, was also included in the programme.

The rooms were beautifully decorated for the social by Mrs. Frederick Faubel, chairman of the Reception Committee. Bunting and ribbon, in the League colors, yellow and navy blue, with tulips and red roses, were the materials used.

The refreshments were in charge of Mrs. George Hervey Smith.

### A BENEFIT CONCERT AND DANCE.

The benefit concert and subscription dance given last evening at the Hotel San Remo by the College Women's Club for the Scholarship Fund proved a great success, both socially and financially. There was a large representation of the various colleges and fraternities present, and the delightful corps d'esprit existing between them was everywhere apparent.

The concert programme included vocal, piano and 'cello solos. Among the participants were J. Stanford Brown, Robert Thrane, Mrs. Maud Pratt Chase, Miss Laura Sanford, W. Theodore Van Yorx and Miss Grace Preston. The services of Mrs. Chase, Miss Preston, Mr. Van Yorx and Robert Thrane were secured through the courtesy of Victor Thrane. Mrs. Florence Buckingham Joyce acted as accompanist. The dancing, which did not begin until a late hour, owing to the fourteen numbers of the programme, included waltzes, two-steps, lanciers and pokas.

The patronesses of this function were Mrs. Amzi L. Barber, Mrs. J. Jarrett Blodgett, Mrs. Angus Cameron, Mrs. Benjamin Silliman Church, Mrs. Vernon Mansfield Davis, Mrs. R. Ogden Doremus, Mrs. Charles H. Eaton, Mrs. William Alexander Ewing, Mrs. Edwin Fowler, Countess Festetics, Mrs. George V. Foster, Mrs. John M. Gardner, Mrs. Henry Bridges Hebert, Mrs. John W. Hutchinson, jr., Mrs. William J. Johnston, Miss Ruth Lawrence, Mrs. George P. Lawton, Mrs. Janvier Le Duc, Mrs. William Alden Lombard, Mrs. James Robert McKee, Mrs. Donald McLean, Mrs. Roger A. Pryor, Mrs. Charles H. Raymond, Mrs. Ellis Rowan, Mrs. John Risley Putnam, Mrs. Adlai E. Stevenson, Mrs. A. B. Stone, Miss Mary Van Buren Vanderpoel, Miss Mariana Valezquez, Mrs. Ellen Hardin Walworth, Mrs. Charles W. Wetmore and Mrs. Joshua Wilbour.

## ORGANIZATION OF LEISURE.

MRS. WENDELL T. BUSH SPEAKS ON THIS SUBJECT TO BROOKLYN WOMEN.

THE DIFFICULTIES MET WITH IN SELECTING ANY LINE OF PHILANTHROPIC WORK, THE SUBJECT OF A PAPER BY MRS. WELCH.

The regular meeting of the Brooklyn Woman's Club was held yesterday afternoon in their rooms, in the Young Women's Christian Association Building. Mrs. Truman J. Backus called the meeting to order, and a report was read for the Committee on Current Topics by Mrs. Franklin W. Hooper. The meeting was then in the hands of the Committee on Home and Social Relations, Mrs. W. D. Faris, chairman. A paper was read by Mrs. Wendell T. Bush, her subject being "The Organization of Leisure," and she spoke, in part, as follows:

Think how many thousands of women in this country are free to do what we are doing now. Never, in France before the Revolution, or in Rome under the empire, was there anything like the present leisure of women in our American towns. For leisure, I take it, is an opportunity to do what we choose. The thing we choose may be swinging in a hammock, or it may be exhausting work, like investigating, shop by shop, the treatment of saleswomen in a great city. In either case the woman who does what she pleases for one hour a day or for ten is employing spare time.

One of the queerest things we all do is to forget that we are at liberty. A young girl told me she "would like ever so much to join the committee," but she couldn't possibly, because at the time of the meetings—Thursday mornings—she always polished her silver bureau set. I knew another who had been so busy putting sachets in her trunks that she had not seen her friends to say goodby. We constantly hear women speak with envy of the beautiful leisure of the past, but they exaggerate that past leisure. They forget that the possibility of spare time was rare until the middle of this century. People were either rich or poor, and the rich were few. We can hardly estimate the change that has come about in the numbers of people who have what the English call "middle-class" incomes. The increase is believed by our statisticians to be even greater here than in England. No better proof can be found than the fact that so many women are free to devote themselves to associations for culture and philanthropy.

Of course, I am not thinking that the mere gain in the number of comfortable incomes has made all this leisure possible. The differences are caused by other things—the number of children, the number of servants, the health of the family. No! Increased wealth is not all. Another economic change is no less momentous, although it is the apparently small fact that we have given up sewing. At the time of the Civil War and long afterward women were busy with endless sewing. When they finished the housekeeping they turned to the sewing, and if the family sewing was ever finished, they helped the sewing circle at the church. To-day in many a household no sewing but the mending is ever done. Now, since every garment purchased represents the time and labor of sewing saved to the purchaser, it is not surprising that the period during which there has been so great an increase in the numbers of women engaged in the production of clothing should have brought forth indications of rapidly growing leisure among the women of another class. From the census of 1890 I learn something about benevolent institutions of the kinds that are usually managed by women. In the five great States—New-York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Ohio—these institutions had sixty-eight thousand inmates. Think of the time that is voluntarily given to carry on these works. More and more women are taking unsalaried places in the public schools.

Not only are women educating themselves to take pleasure in social usefulness, but they are educating themselves also to better methods of work. If the enthusiasm has grown in their philanthropies, the intelligence has grown in their clubs, for it is in the clubs like this that we learn to weigh the comparative worth of our charitable undertakings. I call the great rush into clubs a movement toward further education. Some clubs begin ignorant and purposeless; they talk vaguely in their constitutions of mutual improvement. By degrees they grow definite; they do something in particular. They join the State Federation and learn what other clubs are doing. They join the General Federation, and at last a committee representing them all draws up a programme like the report just published for making public education the common subject of interest in all women's clubs.

The second paper of the afternoon was "A Question of Choice," by Mrs. Margaret H. Welch. She gave a careful exposition of the difficulties to be faced in selecting any line of social or philanthropic work. A general discussion followed. The programme was varied by two musical numbers from Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher Howard and Mrs. Skeffington Norton.

The private parlor of the club was opened yesterday. It has been newly decorated and refurnished by a special committee, of which Mrs. Albert Hamilton Brockway was chairman.

### THE FAIR IN CHINATOWN.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MORNING STAR MISSION HUNDREDS OF MONGOLIANS TURN OUT.

Chinatown is the gayest part of the great metropolis just now, with silken banners, flying pennants, Chinese lanterns and curiously fuzzy confections of gilt paper and peacocks' feathers and fringe dangling above each door, and, right in the midst of it all, the fair for the benefit of the Morning Star Mission, No. 17 Doyers-st., has, with infinite wisdom, thrown open its doors.

This is the season of the Chinese New Year, and every Chinaman in the State who could get here is on hand to celebrate it. All work is suspended, and feasting and jollity hold the day.

In front of the little mission—the work of which among the Chinese has been going on successfully for the last five years—a crowd of shock-headed gamins were engaged in setting of firecrackers, pausing meanwhile to keep "tab" on the visitors to the fair.

"Here's a white boy goin' Chinee!" shouts a street Arab of Celtic extraction; "he's go up an' look!" and, with a whoop and bound, they clattered up the narrow staircase and entered the low chapel, whose columns, chandeliers and improved booths were gayly decorated with the Chinese and American colors.

The pastor of the mission, Fung Y. Mow, a scholarly looking man in clerical dress, was there to greet the guests. He was ably assisted by the committee of American men and women who are interested in the mission work.

Mrs. Fung Y. Mow was there also, a dainty little woman in American dress, and she held in her arms a plump and pretty baby six months old, while Master Theodore, four years old, in sailor suit, circled about the room.

Mrs. Mow speaks no English, as she has been in this country but a few months. There were many other Chinese there in European dress, but the majority were in their native costumes.

Walking about were funny little figures, reproductions of the "Cat and the Cherub;" their long thin pigtails were eked out with crimson silk, their tight green trousers were girted about their small ankles, their purple, silk-wadded coats were gay as Joseph's traditional garment, and their round heads were crowned with a sort of horsehair helmet, with a little round button at the top.

In the Chinese booths are tiny blue and white shoes, jars of Canton ginger, silk embroideries, Chinese pictures, curious dishes, fans, dragons, paper flowers, joss sticks and strange contrivances.

There are pretty porcelain garden seats, teakwood tabourettes and stools, and whole tables full of the sacred Chinese lilies in bloom.

There are also Japanese and American booths, with pretty American girls in attendance, and in a cosey corner ice cream, cake and coffee are served. In the evenings the Chinese band discourses the native music, but during the day the gramaphone interrupts the buzz of conversation with the stirring notes of "El Capitan" and "The Cherubs"; ranged in front of it are rows of children spellbound with delight.

The fair will be open to-day and to-morrow afternoon and evening, and affords an excellent opportunity for visiting this neighborhood, so distinctively Oriental. There are about three thousand Chinese living in this part of the city, while Sundays and the present holiday season quadruple that number.

Services are held at this mission every Sabbath at 5, 6 and 8 o'clock p. m., the evening service being in Chinese. There is a night school connected with the work, and the principal says they need more teachers.

The committee in charge of the Sunday-school work and the fair consists of Mrs. L. M. Ralph, chairman; J. H. Ralph, treasurer; George Repp, secretary; Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Whitehead, Miss Idell, Miss Maude Ralph, Miss Flora Fingarr, Miss Sylvester, Miss Mackey, F. L. Hanford, Everett Wood, Frederick Martens, Fung Y. Mow, Li Wong, Chow Gum and Tong Gow.

### APPOINTMENT OF A WOMAN DOCTOR.

Albany, Jan. 24.—Eleanor MacAllister, of Newburg, has been appointed as woman physician in the Manhattan State Hospital, at a salary of $1,000 a year.

### NOT INTERESTED IN VOTING.

Whether woman suffrage in Ohio is a failure or not seems to be a mooted question with some people. President Hugh Buckley, however, of the Cleveland Board of Elections, declares that it is a failure, and that if he were a member of the Legislature he would work for the repeal of the present law allowing women to vote. As the reason for the faith that is in him, Mr. Buckley declares that experience shows that the women themselves are taking no interest in voting.

"At the last spring elections," says Mr. Buckley, "we were compelled to provide 200,000 ballots and new registration books, and yet only 400 registered and only 228 voted. The expense of these votes was about $7,000, as this was the amount it cost the city to receive them."

Mr. Buckley dates this loss of interest in politics for women from the defeat, last year, of Mrs. E. M. Avery, who was their candidate for member of the Board of Education.

## 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 E. R. Gardeneir, E. C. W., Frederick M. Geer, Annette Rittenhouse, "Unknown," Marietta E. MacGregor, M. L. T., Jennie Frew, Gertrude E. Morrow, J. B. Clark, Gerald Secor Couzens, Sudie H. Wilcox, C. L. Hendrickson, M. S. S. W., Thomas V. Agena, K. B. Grant Colfax Tullar, Annie L. Mahler, Mrs. Frances Tracy, M. E. Wickham, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Westover, Mary S. Shon, Mrs. Thomas S. Burr, Alice P. Covert, Robert Hill, L. A. Brainerd, Pauline C. Hall, Mrs. Spencer Sockmond and daughter, Master John Keefe, Helena Babbage, M. A. C., Mrs. Sara Carolyn Smith, Beulah M. Banon, Lillian Parish, K., Beatrice Gordon Davis, H. B., Ethalinda McGarrah, Caroline L. Michell, Mrs. G. S. Laurence, M. S. De Forest, Alice M. Woods, Fannie Fairbanks, Mrs. Elmer G. Sammis, M. E. C., W. R. Sturdevant, Lillian A. Brainerd, S. Amelia Thorn, T. Tillemont Thomason, Cora W. Trow, Mrs. H. T. C., Mrs. M. H. Holcomb, Mrs. F. C. Hartwell, E. Sewell, Mrs. S. F. Peck, E. W. Underhill, Margaret E. Bradbury, Jane B. Pierson, M. S. H., Hattie L. Webster, K. N. S., Mrs. E. P. Judd, Katherine B. Campbell, Mrs. M. E. McClary, Miss C. B. Bennett, Miss L. W. Boynton, M. F. F., Virginia Ostrom Wilkie, E. Boeg, Mrs. W. Brush, Mrs. C. L. Bingham, Alice Snow Terwilliger, E. N. Ingraham, Mrs. S., Mrs. F. W. Nickerson, jr., John Stuart, Mary Peck Gray, Mrs. E. Finlay, K., Mrs. C. J. P., J. V. T. W., Mrs. George W. Tooker, Hattie Mael Jones, L. H. W., Mrs. J. W. Barlow, Allie E. Brigham, Mrs. B. F. Hudson, Miss Anna Haviland, Elizabeth H. Strong, Mrs. M. H. L., Mrs. L. P. Waters, Mrs. B. C. Browne, Miss Lily Hoffner Wood, Jennie M. Ayars, Mary Louise Clark, Mary M. Gow, Mrs. R. F. James, C. C. K., W. R. Sturtevant, Susie M. Snyder, Mrs. R. C. Morse, Mrs. S. H. Ellis, H. J. G., Kate A. Chetwood, Mrs. Edward D. Truesdell, Mrs. H. M. Nesmith, Mrs. T. J. T., Mary McReynolds, Mrs. T. P. Jenkins, W. B. S., Mrs. H. W. Hathaway, Miss Alice Van Iderstein, Mrs. Joseph E. Bailey, R. S. V., Lily M. Jones, Bessie Hawkins, Theodore F. Seward, Abby S. Wells, E. M. S., Mrs. C. E. Robinson, Mrs. G. R. Bishop, "From Hudson," the Rev. Edmund A. Angell, Daniel Westover, J. M. V. B., Miss Fannie Chalon, C. Augustus Rice, Miss M. P. Britt, G. E. F., C. Howard Young, Mrs. F. T. Gaddis, Miss F. Cotheal, Annie J. McGuire, Mrs. E. S. Wright, Mrs. C. F. Maas, J. C. Dodd, Eleanor Brodie Chester, Mrs. Emma K. Brown, Mrs. Sarah E. Fairman, Mrs. S. T. Marshall, Mrs. Louise B. Dodge, E. B. T., Miss E. B. Johnson, Mrs. R. D. Baldwin, Violinda, Annie E. Andrew, Isa V. Cockle, A., W. H. D., Alice V. Tibbals, A. G. C., J. W. W., Isabel Shirley, Ruth Sayer, Mrs. John Maxwell, Kathryn L. Gage, E. L. Lindsley, Mrs. David F. Atkins, A. Selleck, A. G. F., A. S. T. J., Maude Munsell, Jennie S. Lewis and "A Sunshine Lover."

The following contributions have been received: A package of calendars and cards from Mrs. Edward Clarke; E. Sewell sent a large bundle of papers; Miss L. W. Boynton forwarded a roll of music; four books and some cards with pressed seaweed were received from Mrs. D. F. A.; from Despina and Eugenia came a book to be sent to a child; Elizabeth Pierson sent two books as her dues; a box of booklets and cards were sent by Jane B. Pierson; a package of pictures and several calendars were forwarded by K. H. Crane; a pair of dainty white bootees was contributed by Margaret E. Bradbury; E. R. Hawley sent reading matter; Mrs. Kenneth John Muir forwarded a large and valuable bundle of clothing; Willie Painter brought to the office a package of "Harper's Round Table," two copies of "Child Garden" and a book called "Pleasant Pastime Pictures."

A roll of pictures was received from Roger L. Totten; Miss May Stelle forwarded pretty 1898 calendars; magazines came from B. Z. Nicholas; silk scraps and pictures came from S. Amelia Thorn; a pretty scrapbook and reading matter were forwarded by Kathrina Miller; M. A. C. sent a bundle which contained many dainty calendars for 1898; Miss Wilcox contributed a lovely violet calendar; a pretty card came from M. Holmes; Miss Mary Beasley forwarded calendar foundations; Mrs. Sarah E. Fairman and the Misses Fairman sent beautiful scrap pictures and cards; Helen M. Curtiss forwarded a scrapbook over which she has evidently spent much time, as it is arranged with many lovely pictures with appropriate quotations written under them; E. B. Totten contributed a magazine. Woman's Pages were sent by R. K. Avery, H. M. and Mary A. Carlisle; E came in a letter from Mrs. B., to be used in forwarding sunshine.

Will the T. S. S. member who offered the beautiful Sunday-school hymns, cards and sheets of music, please send them directly to The Tribune office?

Any member desiring cancelled postage stamps will please address Neallia Fondieu, Wolf Creek, Tenn.

Hand in hand with angels
Through the world we go;
Brighter eyes are on us
Than we blind ones know;
Tenderer voices cheer us
Than we deaf will own;
Never, walking heavenward,
Can we walk alone.

Sent by Mrs. S. Bernstein, of Philadelphia, Penn.

J. A. D., of Newark, N. J., feels that two stanzas of a hymn, familiar to Sunday-school children of other days, will appeal to Sunshine folks of to-day:

SCATTER SEEDS OF KINDNESS.

Let us gather up the sunbeams
Lying all around our path;
Let us take the wheat and roses,
Casting out the thorns and chaff.
Let us find our sweetest comfort
In the blessings of to-day,
With a patient hand removing
All the briers from the way.

Strange we never prize the music
Till the sweet-voiced bird has flown;
Strange that we should slight the violets
Till the lovely flowers are gone;
Strange that summer skies and sunshine
Never seem one-half so fair
As when winter's snowy pinions
Shake the white down in the air.

Mrs. Julia Powell, a member of the Brooklyn Board of Education, sent as her dues for 1898 four books for children. They include several beautiful fairy tales. Reading matter came from J. C. M., Miss Lenora Stranger and E. B. S.; three bundles, two of papers and one with "The Household Realm," came without names; Mrs. B. F. Hudson contributed two dainty blotters as dues; a package of silk pieces came from a T. S. S. member; Mrs. F. C. Parsons sent two pretty calendars and four dollies; a box of calendars was sent without a name; three dainty blotters from Mrs. L. Reynolds came as dues; Mrs. John Maxwell contributed a box of calendars and a poem which had been asked for; a dainty Tennyson calendar and a booklet came from Miss Schanck; Mrs. Cornelius L. Wells sent a box of pretty calendars; L. Morris, a pair of warm mittens; M. W. R., a box of aprons, workbags, and other articles, both useful and fancy; P. C. M., a book of fairy tales; Mrs. Seth Abrams, foreign stamps; Mrs. Alexander S. Webb, four calendars in leather frames, and from A. V. N. Tibbals came a box of sugar cookies. M. F. sent a case of books by express, and inclosed $1 to defray the expense of forwarding them.

Mrs. Louise C. Norton, of Hightstown, N. J., is going to distribute heaps of priceless sunshine and pay her T. S. S. dues for the year by entertaining four "Little Mothers" for two weeks in her home next summer.

Dues in poems have also been received from Mrs. J. Newcomb, Tacoma, Wash.; M. E. W., Tenafly, N. J.; Mrs. Margaretta McCreary, New-York City; Charles A. King, Candelaria, Nev.; Mrs. Ormond, Mount Vernon; Florence H. Leggett and C. M. Crosby, New-York City.

Some copies of the poem, "The Field of Monterey," asked for by G. W. Holdredge, have been sent to the T. S. S., and will be forwarded to him when full address is given. The Rev. Dr. Lockwood would like the address of the member who so kindly sent him some copies of "The Universalist Leader." Katherine B. Campbell received the poem, "A Restful Hour in Beulah Land," from Mrs. J. F. Baker and Miss A. E. Brigham, and wishes them to know that the poems are now on their way across the Atlantic to cheer and comfort a lovable, young, motherless girl, lying on a bed of pain in a hospital in the far north of Scotland.

The response to the request for the poem "Little Benny" was most generous. If the contributors outside the society who only gave initials will send names and addresses, Sunshine badges will be forwarded. If any member desires "The Home Mission Monthly" or "Woman's Work for Women," Presbyterian publications, will they please inform the T. S. S. office? "Little Shut-in," who answered the puzzle, is entitled to a badge, but it cannot be sent without the name and address.

Charles A. King, of Candelaria, Nev., is ever faithful and zealous in his good work of distributing sunshine. His report for 1897 is as follows: Total number of letters written, 518, and 439 separate lots of papers, books and magazines "passed on" to other members. Mr. King desires to thank the senders of reading matter that came without names, and says: "The many papers, etc., I have received have not only brought much sunshine to me, but have enabled me to send it to others lonely and suffering."

If G. F. B., of New-York, will send to this office the beautiful "leaflets" mentioned in his letter they will all be distributed. Address The Tribune Sunshine Society. Several Sunday-schools out West will be glad to get a few of the songs.

Lina Hunter, of Brooklyn, is truly grateful to all who so generously remembered her with reading matter. Miss Hunter has reached, after fourteen years of suffering, that sad state of invalidism where she can neither read, write nor sew, and is dependent upon friends to read to her. The happy Sunshiners may think of some other little gifts that will brighten the long days.

### THE DAY'S GOSSIP.

The Society for Political Study meeting at 3 o'clock this afternoon at Grand Central Palace, Lexington-ave. and Forty-third-st., will be entertained with a paper on "Thomas Benton" by Mrs. May Benton Bedell.

"Litchfield Cathedral" will be the subject of the lecture given by Alfred M. Collet this morning at the rooms of the Church Club, No. 578 Fifth-ave. These lectures are under the auspices of the Associates of Sisters of St. Mary.

At the home of Mrs. James M. Townsend, jr., No. 318 West Seventy-fifth-st., Mrs. Mary H. Flint will give her fourth lecture this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The subject will be "Famous Portals and Gateways," illustrated with lantern slides.

Mrs. Milward Adams's Tuesday lecture this morning at No. 605 Carnegie Studios will be on "Dramatic Action in the Drama and Opera of To-day."

Mrs. Charles Goldzier, a disciple of Delsarte, will give a lecture-concert illustrating the great master's method at Hardman Hall, Fifth-ave. and Nineteenth-st., this morning, beginning at 11 o'clock.

The twenty-second annual meeting of the American Purity Alliance will be held this evening at the Isaac T. Hopper Home, No. 110 Second-ave. Among the speakers will be the Rev. Anna Garlin Spencer, of Providence, R. I.

Miss Marion Coppernoll will continue her lecture readings this morning at the home of Mrs. George L. Burr, No. 153 Taylor-st., Brooklyn. Her subject will be "The Historic Novel," and she will read selections from Scott and Thackeray.

The Municipal Committee of Chiropean will meet this afternoon at Mrs. Walter J. Barron's, No. 461 Redford-ave, Brooklyn. Mrs. Mary Trautman, president of the Woman's Health Protective Association of New-York, will address the committee, and Mrs. Ellen Scrimgeour will also speak.

The "Motley in England Club," of Brooklyn, will meet this afternoon at Miss Dean's, No. 198 Hooper-st. Mrs. Mead will read a paper on "English Colleges and Schools," which will be followed by an article on "English Potteries" by Mrs. Cowperthwaite. The discussion to follow will be opened by Mrs. Clement.

The National Federation of Women's Musical Clubs will hold its first meeting in Steinway Hall, Chicago, to-day.

A special meeting and informal reception of the Knickerbocker Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will be held in the chapter rooms at No. 226 West Fifty-eighth-st., this afternoon, to celebrate the anniversary of the presentation of the chapter charter.

The National Association of Manufacturers will open its three days' session to-day at Masonic Temple, Twenty-third-st. and Sixth-ave. The committees will hold their meetings at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. These meetings will be watched with great interest by many of the business women of the city.

The Mizpah Society of the King's Daughters, connected with the Harlem Presbyterian Church, in One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth-st., near Madison-ave., of which the Rev. Dr. Maitland Alexander is pastor, held its annual tea on Friday last at the home of the vice-president, Mrs. Carman T. Smith, No. 208 West One-hundred-and-thirtieth-st. The officers of this society are: President, Mrs. E. P. Whitehorne; vice-president, Mrs. Carman T. Smith; secretary and treasurer, Miss S. Burchell. Among those present were Mrs. E. S. Phillips, Mrs. John Ray, Mrs. Herring, Miss Spies, Miss Millie Smith, Miss Simms and Mrs. E. Smith. The society meets on the third Friday of each month to make clothing for the children of the Silver Cross Day Nursery.

Mrs. George Millard, of the Dakota, Seventy-second-st. and Central Park West, will receive on Tuesdays in February. She will be assisted in receiving by Mrs. John B. Gleason. Mrs. Henry White Cannon, of No. 288 Madison-ave., receives on Tuesdays in January and February. Mrs. H. C. F. Koch, of Lenox-ave. and One-hundred-and-twenty-third-st., receives on Tuesdays until Lent.

The Twentieth Century Club met last night at the home of Mrs. Bulkley, No. 46 Remsen-st., Brooklyn. The subject considered was "The Drama from Different Points of View."

Miss Anne Elsie Singleton lectured yesterday afternoon at the Henry Bradford Simmons studio, No. 2 West Twenty-third-st., on "Sentiment and Power of Color as Applied to Personal Adornment."

A conversazione, interspersed with music and recitations, was given at Walton Hall, No. 509 Fifth-ave., last evening, under the auspices of the women of the New-York Branch of the American Section of the Theosophical Society.

The City History Club met yesterday afternoon at the home of its president, Mrs. Robert Abbe, No. 11 West Fiftieth-st. "The Period of Discovery and Early Trade in New-Netherlands" was the subject considered.

Mrs. Ruth McEnery Stuart gave a reading yesterday for the benefit of the Brooklyn Training School for Women at the home of Eugene G. Blackford.

The programme of the Kalmia Club, Lambertville, N. J., which met last evening, included an interesting paper on "Witchcraft," with appropriate readings by Mrs. Samuel W.