Only Woman's Page

CHIROPEAN'S GREAT DAY.

THIRD ANNIVERSARY AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

MRS. A. G. BROWN LAYS DOWN THE GAVEL AND MRS. EDWIN KNOWLES IS INSTALLED AS THE NEW PRESIDENT.

As usual, Chiropean rose superior even to the elements, its members turning out almost en masse yesterday to celebrate its third anniversary with an elaborate breakfast at the Knapp Mansion.

Although there was no suspicion of spring in the air, many beautiful toilets were in evidence. From 11 to 1:30 o'clock an informal reception was held in the parlors by the retiring Board of Officers, who received individual expressions of sincere regret at the laying down of their official batons, while the new Board was as cordially welcomed and fealty promised.

Among the tokens exchanged which showed the esteem in which the retiring officers were held was an exquisite gold and enamelled pin given to Mrs. Daniel T. Wilson by the Committee on Home and Country, of which she was chairman. The pin was a five-pointed star, on each point of which glittered one of the initial letters of the National Association of Mary Washington Memorial, of which society Mrs. Wilson has just been made a life member by her committee.

At 1:30 p. m. interest naturally centred in the dining-room, where covers had been laid at seven tables for 225 guests.

The decorations were all in scarlet; candles, shades, mounds of tulips, broad scarlet ribbons and bonbonnières all repeating the brilliant hue. At the president's table were seated the officers and club's guests of honor, while at the others, under the clever management of the popular club hostess, Mrs. Edward S. Seeley, there was always "room for one more."

After grace, sung by the Chiropean Carol Club, a delightful breakfast was served, while the orchestra from the Fifth Avenue Theatre, under the leadership of Maurice Z. Hauer, discoursed music. This innovation at club breakfasts was due to Mrs. Edwin Knowles, who was heartily congratulated on its success.

MRS. BROWN'S ADDRESS.

At the conclusion of the breakfast the retiring president, Mrs. Alvah G. Brown, rose and said in her happy way:

It is with a glad heart that I welcome you to this our third annual breakfast. The icy blizzard that threatened to overrun us is over, the war with Spain is passed, although the war articles in the magazines still go on. There is no appearance of spring here yet, but if the birds on St. Valentine's Day are choosing their mates it is not too early for us to enjoy ourselves. We are here to-day to do that. We are not here to reform the world or our neighbors. The Brooklyn Woman's club avowed its thirty years at its birthday last week, while Sorosis, who celebrates here next week, acknowledges herself the senior. Why should we not, then, enjoy ourselves on our third birthday?

Mrs. Charles B. Bartram, the secretary of Chiropean, announced that the storm had interfered with the coming of expected guests, among whom were Mrs. William Tod Helmuth, president of the State Federation; Mrs. Zabriskie, Mrs. E. P. Terhune, Mrs. Denison, Dr. Lucy Hall Brown and Miss Clara Barton. A letter of congratulation was also read from Mrs. Henry Hassler, and one of regret from Mrs. Amelia E. Barr.

DIAMOND PIN PRESENTED.

Mrs. Francis Young spoke next, alluding to the success of the organization. "Sorosis," she said, "is proud of her child, and we wish her to look well to her laurels. We cannot, however"—bowing to Mrs. Brown—"let you pass from the presidency to the ranks without acknowledging our debt of gratitude to you. This pin," and she opened a dainty satin-lined case, disclosing a beautiful pin set in diamonds, "has the letter C on it, the first letter of our name, as well as the motto 'Charity, Christianity and Chastity.' The diamonds are small, but every one is weighted with love and esteem of every member." In acknowledging the gift Mrs. Brown said:

"I can truly say I have worked solely for the good of the club. It has become 'bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh,' and I feel toward it as a mother does toward her beautiful daughter. Thank you."

Mrs. J. Adolph Mollenhauer then advanced with a magnificent bouquet of American Beauty roses, which she presented, on behalf of the Executive Committee, to its retiring chairman, Mrs. Edwin Knowles. This was also gracefully acknowledged by the president-elect, after which the names of the various guests of honor were read, and they were individually presented to the club.

Mrs. Andrew Jacobs, speaking on "Women as I Have Found Them," gave many happy thoughts cleverly and wittily expressed. Referring to the penchant of women for clubs of all sorts and kinds she said:

"If men were as seldom at their places of business as we are at ours—our homes—we should all go down together." She closed by drinking to the health of American women, especially Chiropean women.

Music by the trio—Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Denison and Mrs. Frances Meyer—preceded the next speaker, Mrs. Joseph D. Burrell, who talked most charmingly on the "Misty-Mindedness of Women." Mrs. Charles Hazen Russell spoke on the value of large clubs, and Mrs. Caroline Creevy, lately returned from the French capital, gave a delightful "wee bit" sermon on "Women of Leisure." "Lines of care," she said, "deepen on the American woman's face before it is time for lines, because she is hurried and worried all the time. Women must learn to lop off superfluous branches—do less dressmaking, belong to fewer clubs, curtail social engagements."

Maurice Z. Hauer followed with a violin solo romance by Svensden, which elicited so much applause that as an encore he gave "Believe Me If All These Endearing Young Charms." Mary Shaw spoke exquisitely of the stage as an educator, dealing with its inception as an ally of the Church, and following it down to the present day.

Music and installation of officers closed the afternoon.

At the president's table were seated:

Mrs. Alvah Guion Brown.	Mrs. Trontman.
Mrs. Edwin Knowles.	Mrs. Joseph D. Burrell.
Miss Mary Shaw.	Mrs. Charles H. Russell.
Mrs. John Henry Dick.	Mrs. Franklin W. Hooper.
Mrs. Jacob Hess.	Mrs. Andrew Jacobs.
Mrs. Christine T. Herrick.	Mrs. Frederick W. Wurster.
Olive Thomas Miller.	Mrs. Charles B. Bartram.
Mrs. Virginia Hall Vanderwater.	Mrs. Caroline A. Creevy.
	Mrs. Francis W. Young.

The other tables were filled by the following named women:

Mrs. D. J. Grant.	Mrs. W. L. Love.
Mrs. J. S. Van Wyck.	Mrs. Edward S. Seeley.
Mrs. J. W. Flemke.	Mrs. McKendle.
Mrs. T. W. McCormack.	Miss Perkins.
Mrs. W. P. Cole.	Miss Osborn.
Mrs. Charles C. Grim.	Miss Trapp.
Miss De Lone.	Miss Higgins.
Mrs. O. Hovey.	Mrs. W. S. Guerineau.
Mrs. De La Vergne.	Mrs. L. M. Knowles.
Miss F. J. Meyer.	Mrs. L. L. Parr.
Miss Ella Johnston.	Mrs. F. Little.
Mrs. D. R.	Mrs. F. H. Reese.
Mrs. H. F. Mollenhauer.	Miss Julia F. Illig.
Mrs. J. A. Mollenhauer.	Mrs. F. W. Benson.
Mrs. W. B. Lounsbury.	Mrs. Charles Olcott.
Miss Burrows.	Mrs. E. H. Havens.
Mrs. N. I. Lyons.	Mrs. George A. Hamilton.
Mrs. L. McMillin.	Mrs. George F. Simpson.
Mrs. W. R. Smith.	Mrs. T. J. Clark.
Mrs. William T. De Nyse.	Mrs. George White.
Mrs. James Simpson.	Mrs. Jule De Lone.
Mrs. J. J. Bell.	Mrs. J. E. Wyman.
Mrs. A. H. Heller.	Mrs. T. A. Thompson.
Mrs. Daniel T. Wilson.	Mrs. Charles Winter.
Mrs. Lucius P. Hensley.	Mrs. E. H. Denslow.
Mrs. W. A. C. Paul.	Mrs. W. C. Bryant.
Dr. K. B. Burnette.	Mrs. Andrew D. Baird.
Mrs. Kate Woodward.	Mrs. G. M. Denniston.
Mrs. George L. Wentworth.	Mrs. J. F. Schoales.
Mrs. Josephine Helme.	Mrs. S. A. Howell.
Mrs. W. De Lone.	Miss Eabry.
Mrs. W. L. Brewer.	Mrs. William H. Hanford.
Mrs. George H. Harman.	Mrs. David Myerle.
Mrs. L. W. Hyde, jr.	Mrs. William H. De Graw.
Mrs. Charles A. Younger.	Mrs. William J. Anderson.
Miss Sara Brown.	Mrs. Louis Dalrymple.
Mrs. George D. Jacobs.	Mrs. W. J. Jones.
Mrs. William F. Garrison.	Miss Cippermoll.
Mrs. Henry J. Howell.	Mrs. Hoxie.
Mrs. John W. Bailey.	Mrs. E. C. Harman.
Mrs. Herbert W. Cole.	Mrs. Frank Sperry.
Mrs. Ezra B. Tuttle.	Mrs. J. C. Longden.
Mrs. C. M. Beach.	Mrs. Thomas Moynan.
Mrs. William H. L. Fiske.	Mrs. John N. Meyer.
Mrs. A. H. Cooke.	Mrs. Chris W. Wilson.
Mrs. E. L. Lewis.	Mrs. H. J. Ralph.
Mrs. F. M. Smith.	Mrs. H. D. Lord.
Mrs. G. W. May.	Mrs. George Michale.
Mrs. G. W. Moon.	Mrs. J. Coleman Caldwell.
Mrs. Isabelle Nissen.	Mrs. Royal W. Gage.
Mrs. A. H. Topping.	Mrs. J. M. Russell.
Mrs. C. C. Barnes.	Mrs. Wright.
Mrs. John S. King.	Mrs. R. C. Brewster.
Mrs. E. P. Caldwell.	Mrs. W. B. Anderson.
Mrs. T. J. Woodruff.	Mrs. Julia D. Fairchild.
Mrs. William Gregory.	Dr. M. N. Menafeed.
Mrs. O. Denton.	Mrs. Westbrook.
Mrs. C. M. Burnham.	Miss Louise Dalrymple.
Mrs. George L. Burr.	Mrs. D. H. Clement.
Miss Viola Bell.	Mrs. A. G. Thompson.
Mrs. John Junior.	Miss Beardsley.
Mrs. D. Simmons.	

BRIDGET'S CHANCES IN AMERICA.

Bridget, as well as Gretchen and Marie, comes to America, usually, without much idea as to what she is to do here, unless it be in the way of housework. Domestic service claims her most of the time. At home, in her native country, she is under the sway of a social order which decrees that Bridget, having been born into a certain condition of life, must always remain in that social rank. In America she can expand and aspire to better things. If she knows anything, or has the ability to learn, she may look for pleasanter work than that of domestic service. The stores are open to her and there are hundreds of other lines of work which are within her reach. If she wants to know what she can learn from "Occupations of Women," published by The Tribune, in handsome form with pictures. It costs only 25 cents a copy. It is full of suggestions and information of the greatest interest and value. The work can be ordered from The Tribune office.

SOME PLAN, OTHERS PRACTISE.

WOMEN AND THEIR VARIOUS WAYS OF DOING "YE NEXTE THYNGE."

MRS. TUTT MANAGES AN ELECTRIC PLANT—DEMAND FOR WORKERS WHO ARE NOT SOLELY ORNAMENTAL.

The pioneer in a new line of work for women is Mrs. Ira E. Tutt, a native of Minnesota, a Daughter of the Revolution, and a Colonial descendant. Mrs. Tutt is the manager of an electric plant at Long Beach, about twenty miles from Los Angeles. This is one of the most beautiful sea-coast towns of Southern California. Within a short distance lies Terminal Island, a fashionable resort, and further away San Pedro, the destined future seaport of that part of the country, and where the Government is spending $3,000,000 to improve the harbor. These three towns are joined by an electric circuit, and successfully lighted from the one centre station.

Mrs. Tutt came to Southern California in the spring of 1896, and located at Long Beach. She discerned at once the future of the favored locality, and decided to devote means and energies to the establishment of an electric plant. At that time the towns were lighted by oil. She applied for franchises, bought the machinery and necessary grounds, directed all the details, from the construction of the boilers to the setting of the pole lines, and soon found herself at the head of a model plant, with miles of wires and a rapidly increasing patronage.

The plant is a modern one in every respect. The present equipment consists of a Stirling water-tube boiler, fitted for mechanical draught; a tandem compound engine and dynamos for direct and alternating currents. The direct current distribution is by the three-wire system. When the exigencies of the work call the men elsewhere Mrs. Tutt frequently operates the station alone.

A system has been lately introduced among trained nurses whereby their services may be obtained for an operation or a visit at certain hours to dress wounds, bathe, change or in any way to make a patient more comfortable.

The fee charged is in proportion to the services rendered, and comes within the reach of the ordinary patient; $4 is asked for a case demanding six hours, and for one hour's attendance $1, 50 cents being charged for each succeeding hour.

Miss Mary Broderick, who is delivering a series of lectures on "Ancient Egypt" in the British Museum, knows that country well. Her acquaintance with it dates back to the winter of 1888, and she has lived there more or less ever since. She holds strong views on the lasting benefit done to Egypt by the British occupation, and, in common with all who really know Egypt, asserts that if British rule were withdrawn the result would be utter chaos.

It has been remarked by one in authority in the Labor Bureau of the National Union of Women Workers that the women who apply there as a rule are unwilling to render the kind of service that is in greatest demand. It is stated that those who seek employment almost all want the place of secretary, housekeeper or matron, while the average employer is seeking a cook, a working housekeeper or one who would be a "help" in the true sense.

"It would seem from this," the secretary said, "that the real work needed is to mould women in early youth to the pattern that is acceptable to the world." It has been claimed that the root of the matter is that too many who offer themselves for these places do so in the hope of finding a comfortable home without doing any real work in return, while those who employ want something for their money. A funny story is told in "The London Sketch" by Mrs. Chisholm, who did much in helping women to emigrate to Australia in its early colonization days. She put applicants through a sort of brief examination, and once asked a "smart" girl who applied as housekeeper what were the necessary ingredients for a beefsteak pudding.

"I do not expect to be asked things like that," said the applicant indignantly.

"Then, what do you expect to know how to do?" said Mrs. Chisholm.

"I expect," was the reply, "to tell the servant we will have beefsteak pudding for dinner, and she is to know how to make it."

FACTS FOR CLUB PAPERS.

MISS PHILLIPS OBTAINS THEM FOR WOMEN WHO WANT TO BE SURE.

Miss Grace Louise Phillips, of the Lenox Library, has started what she considers to be a new occupation for women, as she says that no other one, to her knowledge, is in the business. She gets data for clubwomen who are asked to read abstruse papers before their respective associations, and have neither the time nor the ability to hunt up facts for themselves.

"I attended several meetings of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs," she said to a Tribune reporter yesterday, "and I saw instantly what a wide field there would be in the future for such work as I have decided to do. I spoke to several of the clubwomen, and they encouraged me, and indeed several immediately gave me work to do.

"Mrs. Hirring, a clubwoman of Warsaw, N. Y., told me that whenever she wanted books of reference she had to go to Buffalo to obtain them, and even then would often have to give up in despair, sometimes because she did not know where to seek for the information she wanted, and at other times because the information was not to be found there. Because of my position at the Lenox Library I have access to all the rare and valuable books there and at the Astor Library, where I worked formerly, and I know just where to seek for my facts. We have an index of all magazine articles up to date, and all the other conveniences.

"A little while ago a clubwoman wrote to me to get some facts for her about the social life of the American colony in Rome. For some unaccountable reason this was extremely hard to hunt up. All the other foreign 'colonies' were written up at great length, but this one I was only able to find after much searching. Another woman wanted to know about Maria Mitchell, the astronomer, and another wanted to know what was the historical foundation for Charles Kingsley's novel 'Hypatia.' Other facts asked for were about the Statue of Liberty and its presentation to the United States, the supposedly fabulous Celtic poet Ossian, and Francis Asbury, the Anglo-American Methodist divine. Then I have had letters from women who wanted apt quotations to point a moral or adorn a tale, and others wanted the proper wording of quotations and their authors.

"The clubwomen of to-day cannot afford to be unreliable, and it matters a great deal whether they quote things right or not. I have heard people give passages from Milton, and even Charles Lamb, and credit them to the Bible. I expect that my work will be so enlarged after a time that I will have to get an assistant."

Miss Phillips has many amusing stories to tell about the "genealogical cranks" who visit the library and try to prove that they are possessed of a pedigree in spite of the most obstinate facts to the contrary.

AN ENGLISH PLUM PUDDING.

The following recipe for plum pudding, which was published on the Woman's Page in November, is again given in response to a number of letters requesting it. Cut in two one pound of raisins, stone and soak in a wineglass of brandy. Wash and thoroughly dry one pound of currants. Chop fine one pound of beef suet, removing every trace of string, and mix with it four tablespoonsful of flour. Cut in shavings two ounces of citron, one ounce each candied lemon or orange peel. Grate the rind and take the juice of one orange and one lemon, blanch and slice and weigh out one pound of sugar and one pound of bread crumbs. Add one teaspoonful of salt, and mix all these ingredients thoroughly together. Add eight eggs well beaten, whites and yolks separately, one wineglass each of brandy and sherry, and enough milk or cream (nearly a quart) to moisten. Boil ten hours. If it is to be cooked in a cloth, dip in boiling water, wring almost dry, rub with butter and sprinkle lightly with flour. Spread the cloth in a large bowl, pour the mixture in and tie up carefully with a stout string, allowing ample room for the pudding to swell.

Put the pudding in a kettle of boiling water, and cook the required time, not allowing it to stop boiling a moment. If preferred, this amount of mixture may be made into several small puddings, in which case five hours would be long enough to cook them. When ready for use boil again two hours to heat through. The mould should not be opened after the first boiling, but left until time to serve.

If desired, have ready some blanched and split almonds, stick on the top of the pudding, in semblance of a crown; put two or three little sprigs of green in the centre, pour a little brandy around the pudding, not on it, light, and carry immediately to the table.

The pudding may be served with either hard or liquid sauce, a wine sauce being usually preferred.

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.

Thank God every morning that you have something to do that day which must be done whether you like it or not. Being forced to work and to do your best will breed in you a hundred virtues which the idle never know.—(Charles Kingsley.

Selected by J. F.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

A pretty headrest came from Mrs. G. H. Milton, of Eldora, Col.; silk pieces from Mrs. F. O. Wilson, Leavitt's Hill, N. H., and from Mrs. S. R. K., of Peekskill, N. Y.; cancelled stamps from John Krell, of New-Haven, Conn.; seven pretty valentines from Miss Gertrude Adams, of Passaic, N. J.; a sachet valentine, prettily decorated, came without a name; two booklets and a collection of colored paper from Mrs. M. L. Gilmore, New-Rochelle, N. Y.; two pretty box valentines from No. 19 Frederick-st., Newark, N. J.; two infants' sacks from E. L. C., of Dorchester, Mass.; an anagram from Miss Hannah M. Angell, of Ghent, N. Y.; cards and valentines from Mrs. A. M. Soper, of Hackensack, N. J.; a poem entitled "Strength for the Day" from Mrs. Mary Davis, of Sumner, Me.; sewing silk from Mrs. S. Bernstein, of Philadelphia, Penn.; several pamphlets and a poem entitled "One Song" came inclosed in a letter without a signature; a package containing books, cards, magazines, pamphlets, and scrap pictures from Mrs. M., of Newark, N. J.; reading matter from J. C. and T. S. S. members; a pretty china plaque and reading matter from E. V. Francis, of Brooklyn.

DEY MISS DEY MAMMY SO.

De li'l chillun los' dey way—
Dey dunno whar ter go;
Dey des a-cryin' night en day—
Dey miss dey mammy so!

We takes en tucks dem up in bed,
En coax en pet dem some;
But still at night, en in de light,
Dey ax: "Is mammy come?"

Dat's des de word fum day to day—
A-waitin' at de do'.
Dey dunno dat she's gone ter stay
En never come no mo'.

En we—we des ain't got de will
Ter tell dem whar she gone,
Kase dese po' eyes is 'bleeg ter fill
W'en dey's a-tokin' on.

Hit's des de same by night en day—
Dey dunno whar ter go,
Po li'l lambs! dey los' dey way—
Dey miss dey mammy so!

—(Atlanta Constitution.

Sent by V. B.

One dollar has been received for Mrs. Elmira Quick from E. I. M. It will be forwarded to her immediately.

In a letter received from Miss E. M. Ingraham, of Dover, N. H., she heartily thanks all the members who have sent her greetings. The following are the only ones who furnished names: Mrs. M. F. Mort, Miss L. Hurdy, H. W. Haynes, Miss Hattie B. Riley, J. H. L., Mrs. Lavings, Mrs. Lewis Reynolds, Miss Waterman, Miss S. A. Fried, Miss M. Helry and Mrs. Luper.

REPORT FROM THE WEST.

Mrs. Helen M. Griffey, president of the T. S. S. branch of Sebeka, Minn., has been active in spreading sunshine in her neighborhood. To the sick and afflicted she has given a helping hand. The weather is so severe that many are in need of help, and, although living in an isolated locality, she has distributed two hundred packages of reading matter since the holidays, besides all the clothing she could collect for the poor ones. Mrs. Griffey reports contributions received from the following members in the East: Mrs. M. Evans, Mrs. T. Morris, Miss Edith F. Randolph, Miss Emily Watson and Miss H. Lindsly.

THEY ARE DEAD.

There was a man who never told a lie—
But he's dead;
Never said it was wet when the weather was dry—
Never said
He'd caught fish when he hadn't caught one,
Never said he'd done something that he hadn't done.
Never scolded his wife, and never got mad,
And wouldn't believe that the world was so bad.
A respecter of men, a defender of woman,
Who believed the divine, and in that which was human.
Meek as Moses—he never was understood,
And the poor man died of being too good.
And he's dead.

There was a woman who never had gossiped a bit—
She's dead, too;
Who hated all scandal, nor listened to it;
She believed in mankind, took care of her cat,
Always turned a deaf ear to this story or that;
Never scolded her husband—she never had one;
No sluggard was she, but rose with the sun;
Never whispered in meeting, didn't care for a bonnet;
Or all of the feathers that one could put on it;
Never sat with the choir, nor sang the wrong note;
Expressed no desire to lecture or vote;
For the poor soul was deaf as a post—also dumb;
You might have called forever and she wouldn't come.
And she's dead.

—(Outlook.

Selected by S. A. Hastings.

Mabel M. Johns, of Yonkers, N. Y., sent valentines to all her little Sunshine friends whom she remembered at Christmas time.

Mrs. N. Schultz, of Glen Ridge, N. J., has sent $1 to the society to "pass on" sunshine.

The Sunday Tribune and a monthly magazine are being sent regularly to Mrs. Helen Jackson, of Bengal, India, by Evelyn Briggs, of this city, thus keeping India in direct touch with the United States.

Nelson McCartney, of Indiana, Penn., takes pleasure in thanking the sender of "Outlook." He also receives the pages. The days they do not come he feels as though he had lost a friend.

Mrs. Josiah Shove, of No. 8 Manchester-st., Pawtucket, R. I., is confined to the house by illness. Now is the time for her Sunshine friends to send cheering letters. Mrs. Shove is one of the earnest workers of the society, always sending forth messages of good cheer.

WHITE CROSS COTTAGE RECEPTION.

White Cross Cottage, No. 352 Pacific-st., Brooklyn, is now fully equipped, in good running order, and open for inspection. As previously stated by The Tribune, the White Cross Cottage is a home for business women of limited means and girls from out of town who are here in pursuance of studies. The terms, $3 50 a week, include the use of parlors for receptions, library, and writing room, with all popular magazines, periodicals, papers and stationery furnished, medical attendance; meals, where the cooking is of the highest order and on strictly hygienic principles, and laundry work, which will be done by hand on the premises. No strict rules and regulations govern the guests at White Cross Cottage, but the atmosphere is that of homelike freedom. A dainty 15-cent luncheon is also served daily at the Cottage from 12 to 2:30 p. m. for the benefit of women employed in the vicinity and shoppers. A sample of luncheons served consists of potato soup, cold sliced ham, corn fritters, cream pie, rice pudding, tea, coffee and milk, and brown and white bread.

A reception was given by the managers last evening to the guests and their friends which was most enjoyable in every respect. A fine musical and dramatic programme prepared for the occasion was appreciated by all, and an hour of social conversation followed. This entertainment was the first of a series, musical, intellectual, and instructive, that will be given from time to time. Thursdays from 2 to 5 are regular reception days, when the young women are "at home" to their friends. The president of the White Cross Society is the Rev. A. H. Bennis.

PHYSICAL TRAINING FOR NEGROES.

Among the students in the senior class at the Boston Normal School of Gymnastics is Miss Azalie Thomas, a young colored woman, who is a graduate of Hampton Institute. She is the first colored woman to take a full two years' normal course in physical training. Miss Thomas expects to teach in schools for colored children. The poor physique of the negroes in this country is one obstacle to their advancement as a race, and Miss Thomas feels that she can do valuable work in training and strengthening the bodies of the generation now growing up.

STRENGTHENING WEAK EYES.

What is said to be an excellent lotion for strengthening weak eyes is as follows: Four teaspoonfuls of boracic powder and a pint of boiling water. Put the powder in a jug and pour the water over it. Stir until quite dissolved, then put the solution into a bottle and keep well corked until required. When required add a little boiling water to an eggcupful, with or without the addition of two teaspoonfuls of laurel or elder flower water, and bathe the eyes frequently with this, using a soft rag or fine sponge for the purpose.

MARY A. FISHER SOCIETY.

A NEW-JERSEY ORGANIZATION TO SUPPLEMENT THE HOME-HOTEL.

MORE ACCOMMODATION NEEDED FOR AGED AND DESTITUTE BRAIN-WORKERS WHO ARE HOMELESS.

A meeting was held yesterday afternoon at the Ladies' Club Rooms, No. 17 Centre-st., Newark, N. J., for the purpose of organizing the Mary A. Fisher Society of New-Jersey. Mrs. Charles B. Yardley, of East Orange, presided, and Mrs. Edward P. Ternune, of Pompton, gave an address, in which she outlined the work proposed for the young society, and told the story of the parent organization, concerning which John G. Whittier wrote: "The thought of it on the part of the founder was an inspiration, and I think God will bless it."

The Home-Hotel, in St. Ann's-ave., New-York, was founded by Miss Mary A. Fisher, and incorporated in 1888 as a "home for those who have labored in literature, art, education, or in any of the various professions," and is nonsectarian. During the ten years of its existence 278 free guests have been received, many of whom were from New-Jersey.

"We knew of no other home," said one of the managers to a Tribune representative, "for the needy brain-worker, who from ill-health or old age is incapacitated for self-support—the educated and cultured poor, a class that always suffers the most. The scanty remuneration of many a brain-worker precludes the possibility of making provision for the time of need.

"As Ruskin tells us," she added, "their life is a consecration for the good of others. For every invention in our homes, every pleasure in our social life, some brain has throbbed in its behalf; and in sickness and old age shall they not claim our sympathy?"

Varied and touching are the applications that have been here received. A pastor from a town in New-Jersey has written:

"My parishioners have provided for my wife at one of your hospitals. I am anxious to visit her, to see her once again, if possible, but my funds are already exhausted. Can you receive me as one of your free guests in your Home-Hotel until I can procure some occupation? It is so difficult for an aged minister to get an appointment."

Another writes:

"This poor German professor has outlived his savings. He used to teach at Princeton, and the wife of President McKinley was one of his pupils. But his friends have grown tired of helping him, and we must ask you to take him into your Home, for he is penniless."

Afterward the following was received:

"I remember Professor ——. His German lessons are among the pleasant recollections of my boyhood. I am glad to know that a home is provided for him. Yours very truly,

"BOYD VINCENT,
"Bishop of Southern Ohio."

"Can you receive into your Home this old lady?" ran another application. "She was formerly the protégée of a clergyman's family in New-Jersey, where she had lived many years and educated his children. Now they are dead and gone, and she is past seventy, in a most destitute condition and an invalid."

It was through such insistent appeals that the proposition to organize a similar society of women in New-Jersey arose, and is to be carried out by residents of several towns and villages. Miss Belle Durkee is the secretary, and may be addressed at No. 129 Prospect-st., Passaic, N. J.

MRS. BOOTH MAKES A PLEA.

THIS TIME IT IS FOR A HOSPITAL, AND $1,025 IS GIVEN BY HER HEARERS.

A goodly number of men and women gathered yesterday afternoon at the cosey new home of the New-Amsterdam Eye and Ear Hospital, at No. 230 West Thirty-eighth-st. The occasion was a sort of house-warming and reception given by the trustees of the hospital. Mrs. Ballington Booth delivered an address. She was introduced by Dr. J. W. Barstow, and was received with enthusiasm. She said:

"I wish that some of the hard, self-centred, cold and critical people who never allow their sympathies to be aroused, could be brought in here this afternoon, so that I might give them a good talking to. Your presence here shows your interest in the work of helping the helpless. But you must not keep it to yourselves, for it is one thing to feel and another thing to engender that same feeling in others. Even if the Christ is not in every heart the deep human sympathy that feels with suffering and weakness ought to be. There may be philanthropists who are not Christians. A Christian who is not a philanthropist is a person who ought not to exist."

Mrs. Booth said she had never done half so much for those who needed her love and help as they had done for her, for every act brought its own blessing. She smiled at everybody in the room, and asked them to help the hospital. They did. Nearly $1,025 was given immediately.

Dr. Thomas R. Pooley, the secretary of the hospital, delivered a brief address. A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Booth. It was shown in Dr. Pooley's report that during the last year 2,369 new patients had been treated in the hospital and 2,210 in the dispensary. Besides these, 7,291 visits had been made by various patients to the hospital and 168 operations had been performed.

The trustees presented Mrs. Booth with a bouquet of roses before she left. Refreshments were served, the following being at the tables: Miss M. Tracy, Miss Emma Jackson, Miss Caskie, Mrs. William C. Hall, Miss Dorothy Adey and Miss Rowland.

Dr. Pooley said that he deeply regretted that the president, Dr. William H. Crawford, could not be present, for he was always doing so much good. Dr. Crawford was kept away by the illness of his mother.

THE TRIBUNE PATTERN.

A TISSUE-PAPER PATTERN OF GIRL'S COSTUME, NO. 7,585, FOR COUPON AND 10 CENTS.

Camel's hair serge in a serviceable shade of tan is here becomingly associated with brown velvet in a pretty golden shade. The collar, shaped in pointed tabs, is edged with gilt cord, while on each tab is applied a cross design of long shaped topaz jewels. The waist is arranged over fitted body linings that close in centre back. The fronts and back are joined to the linings at square yoke depth, the lower edges being gathered and adjusted with slight blouse effect in front. A stylish accessory is the fanciful collar that covers the upper part of the waist with round yoke effect. A standing collar completes the neck, at the top of which is a soft ruching of chiffon. The two-seamed sleeves fit the arm closely, stylish gathered puffs being mounted over the tops. Bands of velvet decorate the arm just below the puffs and the wrists are completed to match. The full round skirt has a band of velvet ribbon topped by one of a narrow width placed above the hem. The top is gathered and sewed to the lower edge of the waist, a belt of velvet being applied over the gathers.

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INCIDENTS IN SOCIETY.

There was not much going on yesterday in the social world. Several of the Lenten sewing classes met for the first time. Professor A. Wissner gave the first of his two lectures in French on "L'Affaire Dreyfus et la Situation en France," at the home of Mrs. Post, in West Thirty-seventh-st., and there were several informal luncheons. The chief social incident last night was the concert given by the Neighborhood Club Association, at the home of Mrs. Anson Phelps Stokes, No. 229 Madison-ave., for the benefit of the association's work at Hartley House. Mrs. Stokes's house was prettily decorated with cut roses and flowers for the entertainment, which was in every way a complete success. The programme was an attractive one, and the numbers on it were thoroughly enjoyed by a brilliant assemblage. The entertainment was begun with the song cycle, "In a Persian Garden," the soloists being Miss Turner, Miss Marguerite Hall, Mackenzie Gordon and Dr. Carl Dufft. Victor Beigel conducted. The programme also included violin solos by Miss Olive Mead, songs by Mme. Emma Juch, Henry T. Burleigh and David Bispham. Some of those present, including the patronesses, were Mr. and Mrs. William D. Sloane, Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Gurnee, jr., Mr. and Mrs. John Sherman Hoyt, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Mortimer, the Misses Sloane, Miss Bend, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Barnes, the Misses Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton McKay Twombly, Mrs. Charles Stuart Dodge, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Abbe, Mr. and Miss Frederic Bronson, Miss Gurnee, Mr. and Mrs. James Russell Soley, Miss Soley, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Bond, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Alexandre, Miss Webb, Mr. and Mrs. William Jay Schieffelin, Mrs. Schieffelin, Miss Schieffelin, Mr. and Mrs. James Abercrombie Burden, sr., Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Robinson, jr., Mr. and Mrs. Edmund L. Baylies, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Wood, Miss Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Jay, Mrs. Barlow, Mr. and Mrs. John Sloane, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Cumnock, the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. William S. Rainsford, Mrs. George Hoffman, Miss Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. David Hennen Morris, Mrs. W. H. Field, Mr. and Mrs. José Aymar, Mrs. John J. McCook, Mrs. W. Seward Webb, Mrs. Richard Derby, Mr. and Mrs. Heber R. Bishop, the Misses Stokes and Mr. and Mrs. Morris K. Jesup.

Another incident last night was the meeting of the Knickerbocker Riding Club, which was held at Durland's. There was music, and after the work in the ring supper was served. Some of those present were Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Matthews, Miss Jay, Miss Mabel Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Heaton, Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Keech, Miss Ethel Barclay, Miss Julia Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McM. Gillespie, Miss Henrietta Schroeder, the Misses Graham, Miss Kate Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burden, Miss Nancy Whitehead, Miss Ethel Thomas, Miss Sarah Thompson, Miss Constance Schieffelin, Mr. and Mrs. Peckham, Miss May Mills, Miss Grace Henop, Mrs. Schermerhorn, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frederic Pierson, Miss Bertha Bartlett, Miss Alice Sands, Miss Dorothy Higginson, Miss Louise Norwood, Miss Lucette Banks, Miss Bessie Sands, Miss Frances Pell, Miss Mary Kearny, Miss Esther Hoppin, Winthrop McKim, Lawrence Atterbury, Wainwright Parish, Robert Barclay, Mortimer Flagg, Frederick Juilliard, Bradden Hamilton, Edward B. Thomas, De Witt Williamson, R. J. Collier and William Thorn.

The members of the Knickerbocker Whist Club held a meeting last night at the home of Mrs. Ferguson L. Cooper, No. 111 East Fifty-fourth-st.

Formal announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Lillian Stafford Haytie, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Carman Haytie, of No. 42 West Seventy-fifth-st., to Lieutenant Edmund L. Butts, of the United States Army. No date has been mentioned for the wedding.

The wedding of Miss Clara Unger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Unger, to Carl Voelcker was celebrated at 5 o'clock last evening at the home of the bride's parents, No. 8 East Ninety-fourth-st. The Rev. Dr. Meury, pastor of the Lutheran Church, Jersey City, performed the ceremony. The bride, who was attired in a gown of white satin trimmed with point lace and a tulle veil, was given away by her father. Her sister, Miss Olga Unger, was the maid of honor. There were no bridesmaids. Mr. Voelcker's brother, Gustave Voelcker, was best man. The ushers were Frederick Wahl, George Wicke, Louis Neumann and Charles Vollmer. After the ceremony there was a small reception for the members of the two families and a small number of intimate friends.

The annual concert and dance given by Miss Nora Maynard Green will take place in the ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria on the evening of April 6. The sale of tickets is private. Among those who will sing are Mrs. E. Berry Wall, Mrs. George Gerry Boardman, Mrs. Irving M. Pierson, Miss Alice Collier, Miss Alice Warren, Miss Nellie Sabin Hyde, Miss Frances Mosby, Miss Florence de Vere Boese, Miss Elizabeth Winter and Mrs. George A. Smith.