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FRENCH WORKING WOMEN.

About Six and a Half Millions in Number —Inadequate Wages Paid.

Paris, November 17.

By entering the labor market in France woman plays the same role which has been played for years past by the Chinaman in America and the coolie in Africa. She furnishes the capitalist and employer of labor with a weapon to be used against herself and against all employes generally. Her own urgent need of a means of livelihood, and the limited scope given her compel her to cheapen all labor by accepting a minimum wage for the day's work which she is only too eager to be allowed to do. Such are the views set forth by Mme. Daniel Lesouer, by Mlle. Marie Laparcerie, and by other leaders of the woman's movement in Paris.

Apart from the essentially feminine work of sewing, the opening up of the various departments of labor to women in France is of comparatively recent date. According to the latest census, the number of women now working in the country is about 6,500,000. Of these nearly 2,000,000 are employed in factories and about 500,000 in trade. In the cloth factories, the leather and paper works, even in the metal foundries, the number of women employed increases daily. This has, of course, been the case for many years in the United States of America and Great Britain, but, essentially conservative as the French are, the radical change in the constitution of the home wrought by the employment of women outside that home could only be effected slowly. In a land where the marriage institution is based upon a financial partnership, each of the contracting parties contributing his or her share of money to maintain the home, in the face of the increasing poverty brought about by costly wars and heavy consequent taxation, women have found themselves reluctantly compelled to become wage earners—if not in order to insure marriage, at least to help support their families. While debarred in almost every land from the heavier kinds of toil, such as work in mines, tending furnaces, smelting works, etc., the introduction in recent times of machinery into every branch of manufacture has benefited women by providing a large amount of comparatively light work in which care, patience and suppleness are more essential than physical strength. And for such work French women are better fitted than French men.

In thus entering the lists with men, women have seriously reduced the market value of all labor, and are themselves the greatest sufferers in consequence. A comparison of the rate of wages paid to the two sexes will show how heavily handicapped the weaker are in the struggle for life. In agriculture the average daily wage for a man is from 1 franc 35 centimes to 3 francs 15 centimes; for a woman it is from 90 centimes to 2 francs. In factories it averages for a woman from 1 franc 70 centimes to 3 francs; for a man it is double. In Paris the average is a little higher than it is in the country, but the prportion remains invariable. It is more particularly in the textile manufactures, where women furnish more than half of the total labor employed, that the sex is the worst paid. The recent strike among the women weavers on the Belgian frontier has made known the painful fact that there are many among the hands whose weekly wage amounts to no more than 8 francs, which is the equivalent in United States money to $1 60.

But this pitifully inadequate wage is by no means peculiar to France. In Belgium nine-tenths of the women workers earn an average daily pittance of no more than 2 francs 50 centimes (50 cents)—that is, one-half of the wage earned by men; in some large cities of Germany the average wage of the female employe is only 1 franc 75 centimes for a day of eleven hours.

The wages above mentioned refer only to the lowest form of labor. Turning, however, to skilled labor, performed by the more cultured classes of women, the same crying evil is apparent—all are hopelessly underpaid. The teaching profession is worse paid in France, perhaps, than anywhere else, and the modern extension of the high school system (lycées) has cut the ground from under the feet of a large number of educated women who used to support themselves by giving private lessons. Now it is by no means uncommon to hear one franc an hour (20 cents) offered for a language lesson, and many women have been thankful to accept plain needlework which, by one wholesale house in Paris, is given out to "ladies only." The scale of remuneration paid by this apparently philanthropic firm is only equalled by the sweating of certain firms in London. Handkerchiefs to be neatly hemmed by hand are paid at the rate of 16 cents a dozen; dusters, four cents a dozen; butlers' aprons, of hard, coarse cloth, at two francs (40 cents) a dozen. French women claim that such prices cannot be said to represent a living wage, and call loudly for reform.

The cause of these abuses is variously explained. It is generally said to be based on the fact that the needs of women are so much smaller than those of men. Mlle. Marie Laparcerie, who is foremost in the woman's movement in France, declares that this is only superficially true. While it is the fact that women require less substantial food than men, and that tobacco and drink do not enter into their daily expenditure, it is also true, says Mlle. Laparcerie, that almost every woman in France has somebody dependent on her—aged parents, young children, helpless brothers or sisters, and yet what employer of labor ever takes such considerations as these into account? The wage of the woman remains stationary, notwithstanding her needs. In Mlle. Laparcerie's opinion the real cause is that the openings for women are still too few, and that the sex has not yet learned the value of association. Conscious only of her own pressing individual needs, a woman accepts the starvation wage held out to her, and by so doing destroys herself and her sister workers.

The motto of the French syndicates, "To equal work, equal wage," must perhaps under existing conditions be considered Utopian, and yet something might be done by judicious legislation. International treaties like that of 1889, in which Switzerland took the initiative, or that of Berlin, which followed shortly after, did something toward regulating the conditions of labor, principally from the point of view of hygiene. The Labor Conference at Bâsle during last summer also accomplished useful work. The ex-Minister of Commerce, M. Millerand, has still more recently called public attention to the urgent need of further regulation of the female labor market, and in the front rank of reforms called for he places the question of night labor. But until the women themselves make an effort in the right direction little good will be achieved. The only real cure for the evil is association, and this is the great principle that now guides the woman's movement in France.

C. I. B.

LETTERS OF AN OLD MAID.

XVI.

TO A MAN.

Dear Vernon—I was ever so much interested in your account of your bachelor apartments, with all their charming appointments, especially the books, and you were right in supposing that I would appreciate them all the more for not being excessively expensive or luxurious. For if you were a millionaire, I'm afraid your providings would sink to the mere level of an effort to spend your income. That is one of the many and great disadvantages of extreme wealth; expenditure has none of the joys of contrivance. If I can get everything I like, the only question is, What do I like best? And that problem is not only very difficult to solve, but lacking in interest when solved.

In acquiring things, there are two disagreeable alternatives—too much limitation, and too little. A certain amount of limitation is a stimulus. When I go shopping I am nearly driven wild by the ever present problem of trying to get a good thing for the price of an inferior one. It takes more wisdom than I possess; and when you try to go beyond your own powers, you must expect to be exhausted. But if my margin of choice were larger, I can imagine it might be almost a pleasure. On the other hand, if I could buy all sorts of costly apparel without stopping to count, there would be very little interest in the transaction, and I should probably relegate it to a clever maid or a shopping agent, and honor the first choice that escaped making a fright of me.

It's very much the same with furnishings and other belongings. I should take a delighted interest in yours, as a whole (not in minute detail), because they are yours, and you are pleased with them. But I shouldn't care to choose them, and I don't covet them! One of the chief objects of my life is to escape from the tyranny of things. Come, I'll go to extrêmes, here and now, in making a confession. I am callous about things; I have been called so—by a relative, of course—with delightful frankness. I simply don't understand why people should waste worry over broken china, when it is nothing more necessary to daily living than ornamental china. I gather up the pieces, and say: "Too bad! But it's one thing less to dust."

You see how sadly all this puts me out of sympathy with my fellow men; yes, not only my fellow women! It was a man who called me callous. But, as a saving grace, I will tell you that I'm utterly inconsistent. Let me once get a personal notion about some wretched little worthless article, and gold galore wouldn't buy it from me. I imagine, for instance, that a certain ring is the symbol of a certain friendship; then if that ring is lost I fall into superstitious despair. All this goes to prove that we have no element of strength without its corresponding weakness—or no weakness without its corresponding strength. You can put it either way.

My peculiarities will remind you of a certain kind of conundrum dear to the juvenile heart. It is something like this: "What's the difference between a donkey and a lemon? You don't know? Then I won't send you to buy lemons!" You probably wouldn't send me to buy a wedding present. Yet I have bought them, and could do it again, with a fair amount of discrimination. "I know what I like," as the Philistine says in a picture gallery. How artists hate that phrase! I understand how they feel when I apply it to a bit of verse or a bit of sculpture, those being the two arts in which I have genuine instincts.

I remember hearing a talk on art by William M. Chase, in which he said that you would often look over a house and find things pretty good, until "that cussed thing on the mantelpiece gives it all away!" I went home after that and looked around for "cussed things." I nearly drove the family crazy trying to induce them to break or give away some of their dearest possessions. Oh, yes, I have some notion of what is good.

You and I are old enough to remember what is now called the "era of bad taste"—black walnut everywhere, Rogers's groups and family Bibles on hideous little tables, and clocks and vases too ugly to describe, set stiffly upon marble chimney pieces richly ornamented with marble grapes and vine leaves. I remember our elegant lace curtains, don't you? The pattern had roses as large as cabbages.

After all, I don't like ugly things, but I am quite willing that other people should possess the beautiful things, and let me look at them—casually, not as an exhibition, where you have to use a string of appreciative adjectives. Adjectives, by the way, are such a bore! Yes, I shall wish for a chance to see the characteristic things you have gathered about you; but for me, the objective point is to be a sort of nomad in my old age, care free, unattached, and possessing no more than can be contained within two trunks.

You will perceive that this is an Essay on Things. But please call it a letter, and answer it as such. Your perverse old friend,

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BENDHEIM—BERLINER.

MISS CARRIE BERLINER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Berliner, of No. 56 West One-hundred-and-twelfth-st., and Edward Bendheim will be married on the evening of December 1 at the home of the bride's parents. The event will be of special interest, coinciding as it does with the twenty-fifth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Berliner. The wedding and the silver wedding celebration coming at the same time will draw together a large number of friends from different parts of the country.

The bride, who will be unattended, will wear white chiffon cloth and a tulle bridal veil. Her gown will be trimmed with real lace that was worn by her mother at her wedding, and in her hands she will carry a Bible and a shower bouquet. The bridegroom, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Bendheim, of Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany, will have as his best man his brother, Ferdinand Bendheim, of Altoona, Penn. Rabbi Moses will perform the ceremony.

Among the guests who are expected are Mr. and Mrs. F. Bendheim, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lowenstein, A. Steinhard, Mr. and Mrs. H. Croll, Mr. and Mrs. D. Rosenthal, Mr. and Mrs. D. Muehlenthal, Mrs. G. Kaufman, Miss A. Steinhard, Miss T. Goodman, Miss E. Rosenthal, Miss J. Hafer, Mr. and Mrs. N. Nassauer, Mr. and Mrs. Max Meyer, Charles Berliner, Mr. and Mrs. B. Berliner, Mr. and Mrs. M. Oppenheimer, Mrs. L. Berliner, I. Stein, Sidney Stern, N. Hafer, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wachtel, of Macon, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Weis, of Waco, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. A. Baer, of Vicksburg, Miss.; J. Fried, of Macon, Ga., and Charles Wheaton, of Rhode Island.

Mr. Bendheim and his bride will take a wedding trip in the South before returning to New-York, where they will make their home.

CUTLER—METCALF.

Miss Lillian Marie Metcalf, a daughter of Mrs. Harriette M. Metcalf, of Ashland, Mass., and the Rev. Frederick Morse Cutler were married last Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The bride, who was unattended, wore a handsome gown of white lace, trimmed with satin. Miss Metcalf is a graduate of Wellesley College, and has travelled extensively in this country and abroad. Mr. Cutler is a graduate of Columbia College and the Union Theological Seminary. He founded the Christian Association in Columbia College, which culminated in Earl Hall, the gift of the late William Earl Dodge.

Among those who attended the reception which followed the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Morse Cutler, the Hon. and Mrs. Alfred S. Roe, of Worcester; Miss Jennie Roe, Miss Annabel Roe, the Rev. and Mrs. Harvey H. Paine, of Webster, Mass.; Miss Makepeace, of Warren, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Rockwood Cutler, Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz Cutler, Miss Mary Cutler, Miss Ruth Cutler, Miss Macfarlane, Mr. and Mrs. Uriel Cutler, of Hollister; Mr. and Mrs. U. Waldo Cutler, of Worcester; Henry Morse Cutler, Miss E. Cutler and Miss Mary E. Cutler, of Hollister; Mrs. Mary E. Leland, Miss Leland, Mrs. Alfred L. Darrow and Master Darrow, of Boston; Mrs. William Enslin, the Misses Enslin, Miss Maeder, Miss Pease and Mr. and Mrs. John Metcalf, of Ashland; Mr. and Mrs. George Metcalf, of Natick; Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Speir, and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Cameron, of Albany.

HARDY—LANG.

Miss Katherine Lang, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lang, of No. 85 North Grove-st., East Orange, was married on Wednesday night, at the home of her parents, to Richard F. Hardy, of Newark, by the Rev. Dr. James I. Vance, of the North Reformed Church, of Newark. The bride was attired in white silk, trimmed with real lace, and her tulle veil was festooned with orange blossoms. Her bouquet was of white chrysanthemums. The bridesmaid, Miss Anna I. Hardy, sister of the bridegroom, was attired in white silk mull, over pink taffeta. She carried pink chrysanthemums. The best man was Francis Lang, jr., a brother of the bride. The marriage was celebrated under a bower of palms and chrysanthemums. A reception followed, after which Mr. and Mrs. Hardy left on a bridal tour. They will live in East Orange.

CROWELL—PHILLIPS.

Miss Mildred Grace Phillips, daughter of J. Knox Phillips, of South Orange, was married at noon on Wednesday, to Lewis Dodd Crowell, of Maplewood, at the home of Postmaster and Mrs. Frederic B. Taylor, in Ralston-ave. The Rev. Dr. George L. Spining, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of South Orange, performed the ceremony, which, on account of the serious illness of the bride's mother was very quiet, only the relatives and a few intimate friends being present.

CHAMBERS—ROGERS.

Miss Elizabeth H. Rogers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Rogers, of McKinley-ave., West Orange, was married last Wednesday evening at the home of her parents, to George W. Chambers, of East Orange. The wedding was celebrated by the Rev. Dr. Charles Townsend, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Orange. John Chambers, of East Orange, was best man. He is a brother of the bridegroom, and the bride's sister, Miss Georgianna Rogers, was bridesmaid. The bride's ornament was a diamond brooch, which was presented to her by the bridegroom.

GARRABRANT—SPELLER.

Miss Alice Speller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Speller, was married last Wednesday evening at the home of the bride, in Montclair, N. J., to William J. Garrabrant. The Rev. Dr. M. L. Andariese, of Hampton Junction, officiated.

The bride was gowned in white crêpe de chine and carried a bouquet of carnations. Mrs. William Dunlap was matron of honor, and the Misses Lillian Speller and Lillian Le Cocq were the bridesmaids. Dr. Alexander E. Wrensch was best man. The bridegroom, who is a member of Company K, 5th Regiment, was attired in full uniform.

ELLOR—DAWKINS.

Bloomfield, N. J., Nov. 28.—Miss Grace Steele Dawkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Dawkins, and Irwin Ellor were united in marriage at 8 o'clock last Wednesday night in the Watsessing Methodist Episcopal Church. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. P. G. Blight, pastor of the church, in the presence of a large assemblage of relatives and friends. A reception followed at the home of the bride's parents, in Willow-st.

WESTCOTT—MYERS.

Miss Katherine Viola Myers and Walter V. Westcott, of Englewood, were wedded on Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Myers, on River-st., Hackensack, N. J., by the Rev. C. R. Kuebler, of the First Presbyterian Church. The bridesmaid was Miss Sadie Welter, and the maid of honor, Miss Bessie Westcott. William J. Myers, brother of the bride, was best man. A reception followed the wedding.

CLEAVER—CROSSMAN.

Glen Ridge, N. J., Nov. 28.—Miss Nettie Crossman, daughter of Glentworth B. Crossman, and Howard A. Cleaver, both of Milwaukee, were married on Thursday afternoon at the home of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Mary G. Belloni, No. 159 Ridgewood-ave., in this place. The Rev. Edwin A. White, rector of Christ Episcopal Church, Bloomfield, performed the ceremony. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a Renaissance lace robe over white silk and carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums. She also wore her mother's wedding pearls and a gold and blue enamelled bracelet set with three topazes, worn by her grandmother when she was married. Her only attendant was her sister, Mrs. N. Lawrence Perry, of Bloomfield. A large reception followed the ceremony, at the conclusion of which Mr. and Mrs. Cleaver started on a Southern trip, and upon their return will reside in Milwaukee, where the bridegroom is a lawyer.

FARRINGTON—PROUT.

Miss Emily Prout, of Belleville, N. J., and Allen Farrington, of Newark, were married on Thursday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Anson Cooper, in Washington-ave., the Rev. C. S. Abbott, of Christ Episcopal Church, performing the ceremony. Miss Adele Cooper, a niece of the bride, was maid of honor, and Herman Scharringhausen, of Newark, was best man. After a trip to Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Farrington will make their home in Newark.

GALLAGHER—HIGGINS.

Joseph Gallagher and Miss May Higgins, both of Montclair, N. J., were quietly married on Thursday night at the parsonage of St. Aloysius' Church, in Caldwell, the Rev. Father Byrnes officiating. James Lamb was best man, and Miss Irene Wright was bridesmaid.

APGAR—LALLY.

Miss Caroline Lally, of Belleville, N. J., and Charles S. Apgar, of Newark, were married on Thursday night at the home of the bride's brother, Thomas Lally, by the Rev. C. S. Abbott, of Christ Episcopal Church. Miss Maud Lally, a sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and Willard Apgar acted as best man. They will reside in Newark after a wedding trip.

MISS CARRIE BERLINER.

RYAN—O'KEEFE.

Miss Minnie O'Keefe and James S. Ryan, both of Belleville, N. J., were married in St. Peter's Church, on Thursday, by the Rev. P. J. Smith. Miss Julia O'Keefe was bridesmaid, and Walter A. Scaine acted as best man. Mr. and Mrs. Ryan will make their home in Belleville.

BRIGGS—EDMUNDS.

A wedding of much interest to a large number of people was that of Miss Edna Edmunds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Edmunds, of Fordham, to Josiah Ackerman Briggs, jr., son of J. A. Briggs, chief engineer of the Borough of The Bronx, which took place on Tuesday evening at the Reformed Dutch Church of the Manor, of Fordham. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. Dr. J. M. Hodson, uncle of the bride, who was given away by her father. Miss Ruth Briggs, sister of the bridegroom, was maid of honor, and Miss Edith King was bridesmaid. The best man was Harry Beebe, of Troy, and the ushers were William King, of Fordham, and A. R. Arskine, Gabriel Roberts Solomon and Richard Childs, of Manhattan. The bride wore a gown of white embroidered chiffon made over white silk, and trimmed heavily with lace, and carried a shower bouquet of Bridal roses and maidenhair fern. The maid of honor was gowned in pale green figured chiffon, with a silk underdress to match, and carried white roses with trailing sprays of smilax. The bridesmaid wore pink watered chiffon over pink silk, and carried pink roses.

The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gorton, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Hoyt, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoyt, of Yonkers; General and Mrs. J. L. Chamberlain, Miss Lillian Edmunds, of Maine; William Bixby, Miss Laura Buckbee, of Johnston, N. Y.; Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Hodson, of Lockport; Mr. and Mrs. John R. Hodson, of Youngstown, Ohio; Professor and Mrs. McGiffert, of Troy; Miss Alice Madeline Smart, of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. McDowe, of Port Jervis; Mr. and Mrs. B. Devoe, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Devoe, of Jersey Heights; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Eden and Miss Eden, of Davenport Neck; Mr. and Mrs. Asahel Edmunds, Miss Edmunds, Colonel Edmunds, of Ardsley; Mrs. Albert Edmunds, Mr. and Mrs. John Honor, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hambley, Oscar Hodson, of Canada; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rokeby, of Staten Island; Mrs. A. Day, Miss Ackerman, of Kingsbridge; Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. Woods, Mr. Thorn, Mr. St. John, Miss Tomkins, Miss La Comte, Mr. and Mrs. Crouch, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Graham, Mr. Schumann, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henry, of Manhattan; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Haffen, Mr. and Mrs. Scharty, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick J. Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. Babcock, Alfred W. Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. B. Haskin, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Mapes, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Bixby, Mr. and Mrs. Larkins, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Burrows, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Gerding, Mr. and Mrs. T. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. T. Chaffee, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Valentine, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Skillman, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Corman, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Spahr, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. F. Heizenroden, Miss Heizenroden, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Vogel, Miss Vogel, Mr. and Mrs. D. Knox, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Plough, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Blakeley, Mr. and Mrs. J. Houpt, Dr. and Mrs. S. C. Bradly, Mr. and Mrs. G. Clark, Dr. and Mrs. A. Munson, Mr. and Mrs. G. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Alley, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Carmon, Mr. and Mrs. W. King, Mrs. S. J. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Briggs, sr., the Misses Julia and Gladys Briggs, Miss Emma Briggs, John Briggs, Dr. and Mrs. Nash, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wheatly, the Misses Wheatly, Mr. and Mrs. Hicok, Mrs. M. E. Briggs, Mrs. A. B. Tappen, Mrs. Sherwood, A. E. Briggs, W. Mapes, Miss Martin, Miss Lanyon, Miss L. Wooley, Miss K. Lurch and Miss V. Salter, of Fordham.

Mr. and Mrs. Briggs will reside with Mrs. Briggs's parents for the present, and will be at home to their friends after December 15.

INTERESTING SOCIAL ITEMS.

The first of the Friday Assembly dances took place on Friday evening at Delmonico's and was a brilliant and delightful affair. In honor of Thanksgiving the ballroom, hall and supper room were beautifully decorated with autumn leaves and pumpkins, in addition to palms and foliage plants. Supper was served at small tables in the small ballrooms, the color effect being in yellow. A large number of guests was present, the limit of membership now having been reached.

The list of patronesses for the Friday Assembly dances is as follows:

Mrs. James Griswold Wentz, Mrs. Richard B. Leake, Mrs. Wendell C. Phillips, Mrs. George W. Van Vlack, Mrs. Hamilton H. Salmon, Mrs. Samuel Francis Adams, Mrs. S. Charles Welsh, Mrs. Henry Spadone, Mrs. John H. Henshaw, Mrs. Lionel Emdin, Mrs. Bradley Llewellyn Eaton and Mrs. Guernsey Curran.

James G. Wentz, Wendell C. Phillips, John H. Henshaw, Hamilton H. Salmon, James B. Curtis, Guernsey Curran, James W. Adams, Allen M. Rogers, S. Charles Welsh, jr.; William F. Wilbur, R. Clifford Black, William R. Steinway, James S. Gilbert, Ross Ambler Curran, Ernest F. Slocum, J. Duane Taylor, T. Ferdinand Wilcox and Elwood Roessle made up the floor committee.

Following are the members: Miss Genevieve K. Andrews, Miss Rowena Blossom, Miss Grace Brewster, Miss Florence Beals, Miss May Bell, Miss Madeline W. Barnes, Miss Clover Boldt, Miss Natalie A. Bloom, Miss Kate A. Burlock, Miss Jennie Crawford, Miss Elizabeth Van V. Cockcroft, Miss Marie C. Chatillon, Miss Alice Byrd Cook, Miss Fannie Coleman, Miss Alice F. Demorest, Miss Margaret Deyo, Miss Anna E. Donald, Miss Cornelia D. Deyo, Miss Edith English, Miss Grace S. Eaton, Miss Ruth Eaton, Miss Grace Eginton, Miss Evelyn Hunter, Miss Augusta N. Hearne, Miss Clarisse Hale, Miss Jeanette Hecker, Miss Neva Hecker, Miss Eva H. Hindley, Miss Aline A. Housel, Miss Ernestine L. Housel, Miss Harriet B. Harmon, Miss Elizabeth Hicks, Miss Bertha M. Lawson, Miss Bessie McLean, Miss Florence M. Mott, Miss Leila M. Morris, Miss Ethel Ely Millard, Miss Ruby R. Moller, Miss Ada Velma Mete, Miss May Peterson, Miss Florence C. Peterson, Miss Elise Postley, Miss Ethel Thatcher Peck, Miss Adele Potter, Miss Louise Rushmore, Miss May Rogers, Mrs. D. B. Shults, Miss Fannie W. Simpson, Miss Gladys Tilden Southack, Miss May Sherwood, Miss Sarah R. Stoutenburgh, Miss Vera S. Schermerhorn, Miss Blanche Spadone, Miss Emma W. Taylor, Miss Grace E. Timmermann, Miss Esther Tomlinson, Miss Romona A. Whittier, Miss Emily M. Weller, Miss Marion Washburn, Miss E. Lucy Washburn, Miss Theodora Wood, Miss Mabel E. Walsh, Miss Alicia Wilkes, Miss Henrietta Weatherbee, Miss Elizabeth Williams, Miss Christine Wells, Edwin W. Andrews, James W. Adams, M. Luther Bowden, jr.; Arthur D. Benson, R. Clifford Black, S. Morgan Barber, William A. Bates, Lawrence Wharton Bickley, Frederick Brown, Ross Ambler Curran, Edmund C. Converse, jr.; Howard Elmer Crall, Edward F. Concklin, Arthur Allen Dodworth, Robert E. Dearberg, Maurice Davis, James S. Gilbert, Luther Lay Gadd, Ambrose Hardenbergh, F. Godfrey Hallett, Lester M. Hubby, Lyman D. Hall, Francis Herreshoff, Charles T. Hindley, George W. Hanna, Walter H. Johnson, Harold H. Jacocks, Charles W. Kraushaar, Edwin Kultroff, Raymond D. Little, Randall H. Ludlow, Harry D. Mills, Carl Ware Miller, William R. Mittendorf, Julian Southard Myrick, Herbert H. Neale, E. Allen Olds, jr., Charles B. Paine, E. H. S. Pendergast, Harry F. Peake, Albert Ritchie, Clarence Roome, L. Harding Rogers, jr.; Allen Merrill Rogers, William D. Reed, Hayward Dodge Rose, Burlock T. Rabell, Charles Francis Rabell, Thomas H. Russell, F. P. Radcliffe, jr.; Ernest F. Slocum, Henry W. Stackhouse, Thomas B. Slayden, Frederick W. B. Sherwood, Graham Smith, St. Clair Smith, Mason Stone, Hollister Sturges, William R. Steinway, J. Duane Taylor, A. B. Tappen, Percy Thompson, E. Eldridge Thomas, S. S. Tumbridge, David M. Updike, Frederick Allison Ullman, Warner Van Vlack, Albert R. Van Orden, William French Wilbour, Charles H. Whitman, T. Ferdinand Wilcox, Elting F. Warren, jr.; Frederic N. Wilson, Willis Ogden Warren, Moses Allen Warren, S. Charles Welsh, jr.; Thomas Wells, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Roessle.

The dates of the other Friday Assembly dances are December 18, January 15 and February 15.

The Round Table, a society which was organized in the spring and of which Professor W. Kirchway is president, has increased in membership from 102 to 255. So pronounced has been the success of this organization that in response to inquiries a representative of The Tribune has gathered a little of its history from Miss Alma G. Waters, its secretary. The society was organized in March, with Professor Kirchway, of West One-hundred-and-thirteenth-st., president; Charles A. Terry, of West One-hundred-and-fifth-st., vice-president; Mrs. William E. Waters, of West One-hundred-and-fifteenth-st., secretary, and Miss Susan H. Olmstead, of West One-hundred-and-eighteenth-st., treasurer.

The Round Table has a novel and vastly interesting aim with which many will be in sympathy. In fact, Miss Waters declares, it hopes to prove an open court for the non-professional discussion of educational problems by the lawyer, the business man, the clergyman, the physician, the musician, the schoolmaster and the professor. Its object is primarily to encourage a true sympathy between parent and teacher, home and school; also, to stir up public opinion and create a close co-operation between educational forces.

"What resources we New-Yorkers have in this way is astonishing in our homes, schools, theatres, libraries, churches and museums," said Miss Waters, "and yet how little most of us utilize them. At each meeting of this society an expert is asked to give an address on some particular subject, which leads up to the chief one, and at its close free discussion is invited. At each meeting there is a social half-hour, during which light refreshments are served. On December 1 Dean James E. Russel, of Columbia, will consider the question, 'What is Education?' At the January meeting Heinrich Conried and the Rev. Thomas R. Slicer will share an address on 'The Stage as an Educational and Ethical Factor'. In March Dr. James H. Canfield and Dr. Henry M. Leipziger will consider "The Cultivation of the Reading Habit Among Young People." The season will close with addresses on 'Music in the Life of the Child,' by Miss Mary D. Runyan, Professor Charles H. Farnsworth and William H. Neidlinger."

The needlework department of the Young Women's Christian Association will hold its annual Christmas sale on December 2, from 10 o'clock until 6, in the Association building, No. 7 East Fifteenth-st. Music will be furnished by the Columbia Mandolin and Banjo Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Louis Nugent and Miss Nugent, Eighty-eighth-st. and Riverside Drive, have sent out "at home" cards for Saturday evening, December 5.

A fifteen days' scientific and historical cruise for members and friends of the Woman's College of Baltimore has been planned for the Christmas holidays dating from December 18 to January 2, inclusive. The party is to go from Baltimore to Charleston by special train and thence by special steamship to Nassau, San Salvador, Santiago and other points of interest. It is expected that receptions will be given for the party at several of the places visited.

At the benefit to be given for the Pascal Institute at the Waldorf on December 3 Mrs. Harmon Force will be the soprano and Miss Carrie Bridewell, formerly of the Maurice Grau Opera Company, will be the contralto. Among the patronesses of the institute are Mrs. Charles B. Alexander, Mrs. H. O. Armour, Miss Ida V. Ambrose, Miss Mary Ambrose, Mrs. John W. Baker, Mrs. John Francis Barry, Mrs. Edmund L. Baylies, Mrs. Sophia Beer, Mrs. Charles H. Berryman, Mrs. DeWitt Clinton Blair, Mrs. George C. Boldt, Mrs. Simon Borg, Mrs. Frank Brainard, Mrs. W. Lanman Bull, Mrs. Clarence Burns, Mrs. McCoskry Butt, Miss Anne A. Curtis, Mrs. W. Bayard Cutting, Mrs. Watson B. Dickerman, Mrs. Frederick Dietz, Mrs. Charles H. Ditson, Mrs. Horace E. Fox, Mrs. C. C. Fuller, Mrs. Edwin Gould, Mrs. L. R. Greene, Mrs. Siegfried Gruner, Mrs. Frank O. Hall, Mrs. John Cunningham Hazen, Miss Adele Kneeland, Mrs. Collis P. Huntington, Mrs. Jonas B. Kissam, Mrs. James L. Lockwood, Mrs. Seth Low, Mrs. V. Everit Macy, Miss C. E. Mason, Mrs. Robert Maynicke, Mrs. Henry Merryman, Mrs. Robert V. McKim, Mrs. Donald McLean, Miss Adella McNamee, Miss Annie T. Morgan