

Of Interest to Women.

THEIR PILGRIMAGE

D. A. R. to Visit Holy Land for Benefit of Continental Hall.

The Daughters of the American Revolution, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Doubleday, regent, appears to be an enterprising body. The Daughters Chapter is an upstate organization, its local habitation being at Cortland, but it evidently does not intend that its existence shall be forgotten. It wants to raise money for the "Daughters" continental hall at Washington, and so it has conceived the daring idea of chartering a steamer of the White Star Line and taking a party of Sons and Daughters on a pilgrimage to the Mediterranean and the Holy Land.

The steamer Arabic will sail on February 4, 1909, for a tour of seventy-one days. Not only Sons and Daughters of the Revolution, but any one vouched for by a Daughter will be allowed to join the pilgrimage. But, in spite of the desire of the chapter to make money for the hall, there will be no over-crowding. The Arabic will carry only a little over one-quarter of the number of passengers which she carries on her regular Atlantic voyages.

The itinerary includes Madeira, Spain, Gibraltar, Algeria, Malta, Greece, Turkey, Palestine, Egypt and Italy. In Egypt the pyramids will be visited. In Italy all the wonders of Rome and Pompeii will delight the eye of the pilgrims. In Jerusalem ample time will be allowed for visits to all the holy places. Those who wish to, however, may leave the party at Rome, Nice or Liverpool and return home at their pleasure on any White Star steamer. Side trips will be arranged for those who wish to take them.

On shipboard, too, good times will not be wanting. There will be dancing and music and bridge whist and lectures, the latter on the various countries and points of interest to be visited. On February 22 Washington's Birthday will be celebrated. During the stay in Cairo there will be several balls on shore.

It is estimated that the cost of this trip, which will vary according to the accommodations secured, will not be greater than that of the winter trips to Florida, Mexico or California which so many Daughters take. The ticket includes every necessary expense of the whole trip.

WORK OF THE WOMEN'S COUNCIL.

American Delegates Obtain Greater Influence—Resolutions Discussed.

Geneva, Sept. 2.—The sessions of the International Council of Women continued in this city to-day, and the efforts of the American delegates to obtain greater influence in the affairs of the council resulted in victory. Hereafter the Australian states will have a single delegation, representing the Commonwealth, as has America. The former English domination has been largely possible because of the active support given to the English delegates by Canada, Australia and the other English colonies, each of which possessed separate voting rights, while the United States, with its large membership, possesses only one vote.

A feature of the day's proceedings was the resolution introduced by Mrs. May Wright Sewall, of Indianapolis, in favor of a movement to have every country set aside a day on which the idea of peace should be celebrated in the schools, and also to petition the next Hague conference to create an international arbitration court. After a long discussion, in which European opposition to this idea was developed, Mrs. Sewall's resolution was sent to committee. The opposition of the European delegates arose from the fear that the adoption of this motion would prejudice the countries of Europe against the work of the council. The evils of the white slave traffic were graphically portrayed by several of the delegates, after which the council voted against a double standard of morals for men and women.

This evening Lady Aberdeen, wife of the Viceroy of Ireland and president of the council, made an address on the efforts of women to promote public health. The attendance this year has been the largest since the movement was organized.

OLD AND MODERN LETTER WRITING.

Long Letters Have Had Their Day, Yet the Real Letter Survives.

"Letter writing is a lost art and a thing of the past," declared the rather aggressive elderly woman, going on to mourn the change and to point out the deficiency in present-day communications. Soon after she excused herself from the hotel piazza group and went off, saying something about letters which must be written.

"She will write long, chatty letters, I am sure," said the soft-voiced, tactful woman with the soft, white hair. "But the trim, athletic looking woman, leader in all the social festivities at that exceedingly pleasant hotel, did not let the subject drop. "After all, who wants the old style long, dull letter to return? A few of Thackeray's we might perhaps endure, but a genius is a person apart in all ages." The matter was up for discussion, so the club president, who was recuperating from the activities of the next season, had her say. "In the old days, when people travelled little and criticized less, when education was superficial and real literary attainment rare, then indeed the letter writer—having also plenty of time—might throw all her energies into the composition of a sixteen-page epistle concerning her social amusements and afternoon walks. But nowadays we no longer take premeditated to be fashionable and to amuse ourselves. Society is no longer a slow round, but a mad rush; travelling and scenery have been much better written up than we with our humble pens could hope to do."

"If we write at all," said the brisk looking woman of athletic build, "it isn't to ask concerning our friend's health, or to describe our own. If we walk at all, of course it is for our health. If we attend dances and teas and theatres, we are sure our friends are doing just the same things. If we travel, we send picture postcards, saying merely, 'Am thinking of you. Wish you could see this beautiful place.'"

"Frankly," continued the club president, with a shrug of her handsome shoulders, "I don't have time to read long letters when by chance I receive them. I just glance them over, find out the essential point, if there is any, and let it go at that. The world moves too quickly now for anything except link letter writing."

"But real letter writing still survives," insisted the white-haired woman, gently, and the others listened. "When one receives a letter from some friend who is changing of character or opinion, when one receives a full account of some really significant fact or step, and the motives underlying that is indeed a letter which one reads and rereads. That is the kind of letter which makes us feel as if a little more life had been infused into our veins."

"Yes—we stop for such letters, letters which have personality behind them," agreed the club president, with instant acquiescence; and the tallored, trim woman nodded her head understandingly.

GLEANINGS.

Wellesley last year had 1,279 students, Smith 1,642, Mount Holyoke 711, Bryn Mawr 484, while Vassar is limited to 1,500. Six foreign countries were represented at Wellesley, five at Smith and three at Mount Holyoke.

Raffia, formerly used only for baskets, makes most attractive embroidery on Russian hand made linen, attractive cloth and other coarse, decorative fabrics. Undyed raffia is good. The darning which is most effective. A piece of one of these coarse, quilt materials in brown or gray, darned in yellow and green raffia, is most effective in the way of room harmonizing with that sort of thing.

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lived there alone. For some reason, not clear to the American brain, the local authorities evicted her and fined her \$2. One result of the publicity, says "The Sketch," has been "a sack of abusive letters and another sack of offers of marriage."

ONE WOMAN'S WORK.

Alone Cares for Nine Children Not Her Own.

"What, nine children in one family, and seven of them candidates for a fresh-air vacation?" exclaimed one of the workers for the Tribune fund when told by a missionary regarding some of her charges. "Yes, but that is not the remarkable part of it," the missionary said. "These children do not belong to the woman who is taking care of them. They are the children of impoverished relatives. And this heroic woman is as poor as the poorest, but she can work, and takes in washing whenever she can get it. Two of the boys, about fourteen years of age, are working, and the little they get helps out. They live in four rooms, and the rooms are as clean as any in the tenement house district."

When the crowded home was visited these conditions were found to be true. The seven not at work were, of course, too young to work. There were three girls and four boys lined up in expectant mood when the vacation was mentioned. When the verdict was favorable there were seven shouts of joy and seven voices thanking the fund worker. The one who was not saying anything was rubbing her eyes with a corner of her apron, and when the moisture came faster than the apron could dry it up she ran from the room. She returned soon, but her eyes were still suffused and her voice was full of tears. It was the faithful guardian of the big brood.

"And they will all go," she asked, with a note of doubt in her voice. Yes, all would be taken. "But, oh, it's good of you," she cried, "good of you, bless you! Not a penny will it cost? No? And thank the lady, Mike, and you, Tim, and Albertina; and, here, John—none of your hiding, now; come out, all of you. Two weeks in the country! It's long since I've seen it; but will the children get care, and who will see that Mike isn't hurt? He's always getting hurt. And who will wash them and make them go to bed before 10 o'clock? Sure, it's a lot they will have to do to keep them in order. And if they are sick? Yes, yes, I won't be worrying. You will see that they get a mother's care; yes, it's that I don't want any one of 'em to miss."

She was at her wash tub most of the time while she was talking, and again and again she would shake her head and mutter something about it being almost too good. Earning enough money to feed nine hungry children had been task enough for the woman without the burden of their care. Then the little help of the two boys came when they got work, and now for two weeks—she was to be able to devote all her time to her work! And the marvel of it was that all seven passed the medical inspector's examination successfully, and when they joined the large party for the Ashford Hill home there were no boys and girls there who were neater, or whose clothing was better patched or cleaner. Nor were there any that were better behaved.

Such devotion as is shown by this woman has been frequently met with by the Tribune Fresh Air Fund workers. In times of exceptional stress workers often help their more unfortunate kin in the practical way shown in the care of the nine children by the woman to whom the Fresh Air Fund gave the two weeks' relief. She was in this instance the recipient of greater benefit than the children. And it is seldom that the parents of children do not experience this retroactive benefit, thus making the fund work of double effect. The last of the parties have now gone to the country, and their return will mark the end of the Tribune Fresh Air work for this season, and bills for this great relief to the children of the tenements will be coming in up to the last day and for several days thereafter. It is desirable that these bills should be met promptly. In order that this may be done, contributions should be sent in now. Whatever over-subscription there may be will be used for next year's work, but there is still nearly \$5,000 required to close this season successfully.

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