

FIVE BRIGHT WOMEN.

CANADA IS PROUD OF THESE BRILLIANT YOUNG WRITERS.

Sarah Jeanette Duncan as a Novelist, Countess Norraikow, Frances Harrison, Sophie Hensley and Sarah Curzon are Well known Journalists

Of none of her daughters is Canada more justly proud than of those who have made names for themselves in the literary and journalistic world.



SARAH JEANETTE DUNCAN.

"With what do you mix your paint?" was once asked of a famous painter. "With brains," was the truthful if rather conceited reply.

Perhaps one of the best known is Miss Sarah Jeanette Duncan, the author of "A Social Departure" and "An American Girl in London."

Sarah Jeanette Duncan is the daughter of a prominent merchant of Brantford, Ont., and was born in that city in a pleasant, old fashioned house surrounded by trees.

Her first venture in the journalistic field was a series of letters descriptive



THE COUNTESS NORRAIKOW.

of the cotton centennial in New Orleans, written for the Toronto Globe, the Memphis Appeal, etc.

A prominent member of the New York Press club and an authority on Russian matters is the Countess Ella Norraikow.



FRANCES HARRISON.

Spanish; she is so dark and has such brilliancy and vivacity of expression.

Germany, Belgium, Great Britain, Russia, Burmah, India and South America. Shortly after Mr. Seely's death she received a New York and there married Count Adolphus Norraikow, an exiled Russian noble, who had been a wealthy and well known lawyer in St. Petersburg, but whose opinions did not please the imperial government.

One of the first writers to explore the French Canadian field for character and descriptive sketches was Frances Harrison, better known as Seranus. Mrs. Harrison, who is a native of Ontario, began writing reviews for the Toronto Mail at the early age of sixteen, and was for four years editor of The Week, Toronto, at that time in the hands of Professor Goldwin Smith.

Like Miss Duncan, Mrs. Harrison has a strain of Irish blood in her veins,



SOPHIE ALMON-HENSELEY.

though she is a native born Canadian. Of medium height, with brown hair, dark blue eyes and an aquiline nose, Mrs. Harrison gives an immediate impression of intellectual attainments.

Her husband, Mr. J. Harrison, is a professional musician, lately of Bristol, England, but resident now in Toronto, where he is prominent in musical circles.

A very charming woman and equally charming writer is Sophie Almon-Hensley. Poetry is her special gift, and her published pieces show rare depth and tenderness of feeling.

Stranger to say, neither Mrs. Hensley's father nor mother nor any other member of the family has devoted any time to literature in any way, so she owes nothing to heredity. Barely twenty-



SARAH CURZON.

six years of age, she has ample time before her in which to develop the promise of her youth. Two little boys, however, occupy all the time not devoted to literature, though in spite of her domestic cares Mrs. Almon-Hensley is now at work upon a novel which will in all probability be published this autumn.

Her bright, attractive manner makes her a host of friends wherever she goes, and she particularly excels—where so many literary people, both men and women, fail—in being a brilliant conversationalist. Mr. and Mrs. Hensley at present reside in New York.

A Canadian by adoption, Mrs. Sarah Curzon is an English woman by birth, but as she came to Canada young and all her literary work has been done there, Canadian subjects forming the principal themes of her facile pen, she may be fairly called a Canadian. A short time ago she published a collection of poems, including one of the best known of her works, a drama entitled "Laura Secord," based upon a historical incident in the life of that Canadian heroine.

Mrs. Curzon has from time to time occupied various editorial positions, besides being the special correspondent for numerous daily and weekly papers.

She is the mother of a family and a most earnest advocate of the higher education and advancement of women. For what she has accomplished she has had a severe struggle, for her attention

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was carried to literary and educational matters at a time when to be considered "blue" was to be regarded as bold and repulsive, if not positively wicked.

Latterly Mrs. Curzon has been devoting her pen to monographs upon historical subjects, and in recognition of her services in this line she has been created an honorary member of several historical societies and associations.

Verse, the simple lilt of the ballad and the grand flow of the Alexandrine, has always had a charm for her, and from time to time she has published a number of fugitive pieces. The most important of these has been republished in her book, which has been most favorably criticized and reviewed.

Mrs. Curzon began a literary career at a time when prejudice was strong against women doing so, and to her belongs the honor of having fought many battles that have rendered it now comparatively easy for any woman who has the desire to enter the arena upon equal terms with all comers.

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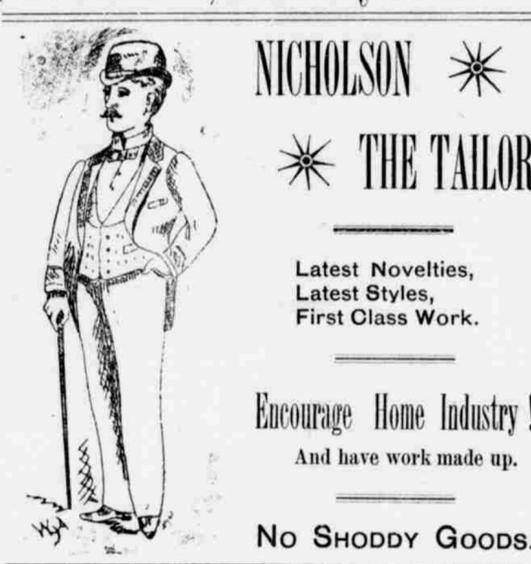
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