

Hindoo Civilization.

Mrs. G. L. Wharton, who has recently returned from India, met with the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Broadway Christian Church at their last meeting. In reply to questions she gave a good deal of information. Nothing is considered a sin among the Hindoos except some offense against an idol. Murder, lying and stealing are not crimes; there is no law against them except English law. The life of no Hindoo is considered of any value except it be that of a man of high caste, and even then if the murderer cuts off his hands he is not held responsible.

Chestnut Street Mission.

The handsome brick church on Chestnut street, which was established a year ago as a Mission by the Broadway Christian Church, is now almost self-sustaining. The Sunday School numbers one hundred and fifty scholars, and there are over one hundred names on the church book, with frequent additions. The pastor, Mr. Tinsley, has the confidence and affection of them all. Chestnut street has improved rapidly, and the church could not have selected a better location. Electric cars pass the door, and the street will be lighted by electricity.

Kindergarten.

Since the January issue of The Record vigorous movements have been set on foot to establish free kindergartens in Lexington. Mr. Howard Gratz, editor of the Gazette, has organized one at the Industrial school rooms in memory of his mother, Mary Cecil, who died fifty years ago. Miss Mary Hamilton is the teacher.

The W. C. T. U. are soliciting subscriptions for another free kindergarten. The value of this kind of training among the children is immeasurable. More than anything else in life it proves how truly prevention is better than cure.

The Church Home.

This institution given by Mrs. E. B. Woodward for a refuge for the women of the Episcopal Church who are not paupers, but who required assistance, has been further aided by voluntary contributions. Mrs. Wm. Warren sends us a brief notice of the Home Endowment Fund, which she undertook to raise about four years ago. She says: "To raise a fund of \$1,500 from a subscription of ten cents a week looked almost like folly, yet it has not proved so. The fund now amounts to nine hundred and five dollars and thirty cents. Eight hundred dollars are now out at interest, which brings fifty-eight dollars and fifty cents a year. If the subscribers still feel disposed to continue their contributions the desired amount can be easily raised."

The Second Presbyterian Church has lately given a contract for the building of a new organ which is to be erected about the first of March according to a novel and beautiful plan. It will be much larger than the one now in the church and will have many improvements upon the old style mechanism.

The choir in this church are all members of it, and work together in furnishing music which is both beautiful and churchly.

We understand that the congregation are looking forward to a series of meetings the first week in February, when Dr. Blackburn, of Covington, Ky., will preach every night.

Equal Rights Champions.

Among the faithful in our great band of Lexington philanthropists is a woman whose every pulse throbs with anguished sympathy for womankind, whose heart and mind devote their mighty strength to breaking the chains from her sisters, whose nervous force is tried to the utmost tension lest she fail. It is to her that we bread winners owe the wondrous revolution in the social code which permits the Southern woman to go out from her home and earn her living. She and her co-workers have made it possible for women to be clerks, type-writers, merchants,—aye, something besides the household drudge and the needle's slave. Read the literature she scatters broadcast; give her a respectful hearing; study the property laws she would correct so as to enable you to hold the pitiful sums you work for, and the day may come within our generation when in the evening, if not in the meridian of life, Laura B. Clay may sit with hands folded and look triumphantly upon the blessings she has wrought.

With woman's innate reserve, she faces the multitudes with the courage of conviction. With all of a Southern woman's shrinking delicacy, she presses on, conscious that innovations are opposed, that Ephraim will cling to his idol of ignorant submission. A Kentucky woman, with the boasted blue blood of the Bluegrass heraldry in her veins, she turns from the social triumphs to which her native gifts entitle her, to the disputed arena of woman's true place under the laws of the Commonwealth. Do we, her sisters, realize her motives and her aims?

The W. C. T. U.

We should like to receive on the 20th of February short reports from the Lexington Union, Mrs. Mary Rogers Clay local President; from the Athens Union, Miss Retta Davis, President; from the Chilesburg Union, Mrs. Levi Prewitt, President; from the Doneraile Union, Mrs. Mattie Haley, President. Also from the Loyal Legion, the Flower Mission, the Jail and Prison Work.

Mrs. Frances E. Beauchamp is County President, and she is ever busy busy organizing unions. Make it your duty, friends, to furnish these brief monthly reports, and we will give you space in our growing paper. Furthermore, upon all clubs of ten or more we will allow you 20 per cent. commission, the money to be applied in your societies, or as you see proper to use it. Do not be afraid to subscribe. The Record will not die. Should such misfortune actually overtake us, your money will be used all the same to relieve the sick poor of our city. Ten subscribers at \$1 for one year, or twenty at 50 cents, and on upward. Address Lexington Record, 185 South Mill street.

The Morehead, Ky., Mission.

The Broadway Christian Church is preparing another box for this mountain church which the late Gen. Withers in part supported. Mrs. C. Calvert, of South Limestone, made a call some weeks ago for school books and suitable reading of all kinds for the people whose minds are starving in that barren section. The result was a huge box of magazines, text-books, history, fiction, etc., and the letter of warm thanks that she received amply repaid her labor. Mrs. Calvert, as President of the Broadway Aid Society, wishes to send another box as soon as contributions come in. Rid your closets and shelves of rubbish that will make glad the hearts of the Morehead people.

The Y. M. C. A.

This order has taken a fresh impetus in our city. Mr. Distin, the Secretary, is here, and active steps are on foot to secure a building where the society may grow and prosper. Prof. Wilbur Smith, Major McClellan and others are at the van. In this city where colleges abound and hundreds of young men congregate, the Y. M. C. A. should flourish beyond question. The convention to be held here during this month will bring into our midst orators from all parts of the country. Grand results are expected, and should be brought to pass.

The Orphan's Home.

We have no specific report this month from the Orphan's Home. Two little Preston girls have been entered there. A sad affliction has befallen the good Matron, Mother Albrecht, in the loss of her only son, a fine young man, whom his friends delighted to honor. She has the sympathy of The Record, and our prayer that her grandchildren and the little motherless ones may comfort her. We have known her for many years and in other scenes.

What They Say.

"We look forward to The Record as a star that grows in magnitude the nearer the time approaches for its appearance."

"I wish to subscribe for The Record in order to know how and where I can do good. I should like to help the needy, but I do not know where to begin."

Friends, the editor of The Record makes this subject her daily object of research. If you are at a loss just ask her what to do.—Ed.

New Subscribers.

In January the following names were added to our subscription list:

M. A. Cassidy, Mrs. B. L. Coleman, Mrs. J. J. Dickey, Mrs. Dr. Edgar, Mrs. France, for Protestant Infirmary; Miss Ann Pickett, Miss Nannie Smith, Mrs. Wm. Scott, Mrs. John Shouse, Prof. Wilbur Smith, Miss Hart, Mrs. C. Calvert, and Mrs. Dudley, all of Lexington; and Mrs. Chas. W. Ross, of Frederick, Maryland.

Mrs. Coleman kindly sent three of these names, including her own; Mrs. H. K. Milward promptly responded to our first call and sent eleven names from the Centenary Methodist Church.

In answer to our offer of The Record and the Ladies' Home Journal for \$1.75, or each paper singly for \$1, fourteen names came in—nine for both papers and five for the Journal alone. The offer is still open and we hope the list will increase. The small commission made on the Journal goes towards the monthly expense of editing and publishing The Record.

The Gleaners Secretary's Report.

The "Gleaners" continue to meet once a week and are busy upon gowns and flannel shirts. The interest has increased since we are to have a poor suffering child in the "Polly Monroe Cot." The earnings of the past year have been invested in bank stock, and the Gleaners are anxious to make enough money to pay the current expenses of the cot without touching the invested money, with which they hope in time to permanently endow the cot. They therefore hope the public will not think them bold if they ask their patronage for the "Cake Sale" which they expect to have in a few weeks. FANNY S. TODD, Sec'y.

Yes, there will soon be a patient in the Polly Monroe cot. And already a little lame boy, Jos. Preston, is at the Infirmary, tapping about the rooms with his crutches. His friends have sent him slates, pencils, books, clothing and cakes. Jos. probably thinks the best came last.

The Charity Ball.

Two hundred patronesses at five dollars each are desired to open the Charity Ball in April. This is for the benefit of the Infirmary. The tickets are being taken up with encouraging promptness. The affair will be elegant in every detail and it is hoped will become an annual fixture in Lexington.

Donations.

If any of our readers wish to give money, old clothing, services, or provisions, and feel at a loss just where to place it, The Record will take pleasure in giving directions, or in being the medium of delivery to any preferred charity.

Exchanges.

We have received The Gleaner, a twin sister to The Record in the object for which it gleans. Editor, Mrs. Angus Campbell, Memphis, Tenn. Heartsease comes to us from St. John's Hospital, Brooklyn.

The Industrial School.

Do not forget this admirable institution on North Upper street. Offer your services as teachers in the Saturday school. Send them donations of material to be used in the sewing rooms, and send provisions to furnish their dinner.

Christian Endeavor.

A society of Christian Endeavor has been organized at the Chestnut Street Mission under the auspices of the Broadway Christian Church.

St. Joseph's Hospital.

There is an unusual amount of sickness reported by Sister Euphrasia. All hands are kept busy.

Visitors.

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