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MISS TESSA McCALLUM, Galt's favorite elocutionist, to whom a farwell complimentary concert was tendered a short time ago, left for New York on April 1st, where she will pursue her studies further at the Empire Theatre School of Elocution, under the tuition of the best masters. She will not return to Galt until about the 1st of July, and the best wishes of her many friends in town go with her to the American metropolis.

Miss Jessie Alexander left for London on April 16th. She is going largely on account of her health, but during her visit abroad will appear in London, Edinburgh and other cities. She will be absent from Canada six months.

The appointment of a lady superior to succeed the late lamented Mother Patricia, lies in the hands of the Toronto abbey and the decision has not yet been made. In the meantime Rev Sister Demetria is acting mother.

The young ladies who took M.D. degrees at the Trinity University medical examinations were the Misses A. F. McFee, K. L. Buck, H. M. Cockburn, L. E. Armstrong.

A deputation from the Canadian Woman's Art Association, in the persons of Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, waited upon the Government on April 9th, petitioning that the Diamond Jubilee dinner set, now being prepared by the Association, be bought by the Government for Rideau Hall, or the museum. The points made in the petition were, the encouragement of Canadian Ceramic Art, and the fitness of the occasion. The ladies were favorably received, and the ministers present promised consideration of their petition. The dinner set will cost \$1,000.

At the regular meeting of the Woman's Enfranchisement Association last month, an account of the career of Clara Brett Martin as published in the CANADIAN HOME JOURNAL, was read and listened to with marked interest. The meeting marked its especial approval of these words, 'she purposes making an especial study of law as it relates to women, concerning her individual responsibilities, her estates, her children and her citizenship.'

A curious feature of the Canadian woman life, is its absence of social clubs. And indeed with one exception—that of the Montreal Woman's Club—the absence of women's clubs of any kind American women are club mad. There are half a dozen social clubs in the West end of London for the exclusive resort of ladies. The oldest of these is the Somerville in Oxford street which was

established in 1878. When these ladies' clubs are full up they have an aggregate membership of over 3,000.

Toronto is gaining a reputation among women abroad as a city without a single woman's club. This seems to carry with it an reputation of extreme conservatism, and lack of sociability.

The Woman's Enfranchisement Association of Toronto meets in the Guild Hall, McGill street, on the last Saturday of each month. When Dr. Gullen became president, the Woman's Citizens Association and the W.E.A. amalgamated. The plan of work for woman's improvement shows a promising outlook and is as follows:

Each member interests herself in one of the many departments worked by the legislative, municipal, school board, literature, press, program and organization committees. The House of Parliament is visited and a monthly report is given of our representatives and the laws passed by them. The doings at the City Hall are talked over. Especially interesting is the action of the School Board. All matters of interest concerning woman are culled from newspapers and magazines, and the most important items are read and discussed.

The conveners of committees are allowed five minutes to report on work. Each brings to the other the harvest of one month's labors as the discussion emphasizes the ideas, the members take a lively interest in the affairs of city and country and thus become more intelligent and better citizens. Officers and conveners:

President, Dr. Augusta Stowe Gullen; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Mary McDonnell, Sunnyside; Rec.-Sec., Miss Jessie Somple, 133 Baldwin St.; Cor.-Sec., Miss Amelia Sims, 19 Summerhill Ave.; Treasurer, Mrs. Guthrie, 12 Ross St.

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WOMEN ABROAD.

At the Methodist Conference held in Portland on April 17th, the proposition to admit women to the General Conference was adopted by a vote of sixty-five to five.

A correspondent in *Woman* writes that Mr. Richard Le Gallienne's bride is a Miss Julie Norregard, who belongs to an old Danish family. She is London correspondent of two important papers in Copenhagen, has written for the *Star* and also for the publications of Cassell & Co. She writes English remarkably well:



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