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WHAT OUR SEX IS DOING.

The Woman's Art Association is having a busy season. A novel feature of their season's work was the exhibition of ceramics. At the Toronto Industrial, it was always a difficult matter to study the china painting exhibit on account of the surroundings of talking dolls, wax flowers and unesthetic visitors, but in the art rooms of the W.A.A. all was different, and the exquisite "bits" had appropriate surroundings and ardent student admirers. At present the W.A.A. is advertising a course of lectures on art, which promise to be very interesting. The lecturers are Prof. Clark, Mr. A. D. Patterson, R.C.A.; Prof. Fraser and Oliver Howland, M.P.P.

The Toronto Methodist Deaconess Aid Society recently held its annual meeting. The secretary's report showed a large amount of work accomplished since the opening of the home in May last. At present there is a special effort being put forth to establish a kitchen garden in connection with the society, and Miss Scott, of the Chicago Training School, is here for that purpose.

The W.C.T. Unions of the Province have been particularly active this season and encouraging reports have been received from many places. One correspondent says: Wide awake temperance people realize the importance of constant watchfulness even when the enemy is supposedly asleep, and opposition not pronounced, for this may be the very time when the attack may be made upon the ramparts.

We are grieved the JOURNAL has to record the defeat of Clara Brett Martin (Toronto's one and only lady lawyer) and Mrs. McDonnell as school trustees for Toronto. It is surely short-sighted for voters to leave at home such women as Mrs. McDonnell who already has been a power for good on the board; but we have noticed that women can not be made cat's paws so readily as the men, hence the desire to leave them at home.

Dr. Stowe Gullen, the sole remaining lady on the P.S.B., had the courage to stand by her convictions amidst the most determined opposition from these advocates of mush-room loyalty as fostered in the hearts of the public school children by wooden guns, military orders and numerous flags. Dr. Gullen took the ground that military drill in so far as it helped the pupils to be physically strong and upright was good gymnastic training, but the moment it overstepped the bounds of real physical culture, it was false to the true spirit of patriotism. These statements offended the "Canadian Denisonites," and the result will probably be the defeat of Dr. Gullen at the next election. But 'tis better to have won and lost than never to have won at all.

The appointment of Miss Dobson as post mistress of one of the City's leading postoffices is a matter for congratulation to our sex. Miss Dobson received the almost unanimous support of both political parties which goes to prove that true worth in this case has been rec-

ognized, and also that all politicians are not "machine made."

And now a word or two derogatory rather than otherwise. Women certainly have their places as artists, deaconesses, school teachers, post mistresses, etc., etc., but they are decidedly out of place at a big fire such as visited the city that memorable Thursday night. Yet they came in hundreds and thousands, spoiled their seal skin cloaks in the wet and had colds for weeks after from standing ankle deep in the slush. Some forced their way into the forward ranks and got entangled in the wires and were in danger of being crushed; others screamed and would probably have fainted could they but have had a little attention; and all, all were in the way.

ANSWER TO SCRIPTURE ENIGMA NO. 1.

Gabriel—Dan. viii. 16; Luke i. 26.

1. G-ideon—Judges vi. 12.
2. A-raunah—2 Samuel xxiv. 16.
3. B-ethesda—John v. 2-4.
4. R-eed—Rev. xxi. 15.
5. I-saiah—Isaiah vi. 6.
6. E-lijah—1 Kings xix. 6, 7.
7. L-ucifer—Isaiah xiv. 12.

There has been a request that the solution of Enigma No. 1 be printed. The editor considered that her statement in the January JOURNAL to the effect "that the solutions received were with very few exceptions correct," would be sufficient, but we gladly print the solution to satisfy the questioners.

Several correspondents have not borne in mind that neatness, composition and writing were taken into consideration as well as correctness of solution.

AN EXPLANATION.

In Liberal Offer No. 2 Jan. issue, "each month" should read "every two months" as in Dec. issue. This will explain the repetition of the Jan. enigma in this issue. The delay of last month was unavoidable, but this month's JOURNALS will reach you in ample time to respond even more liberally than some have already done.

The solutions already received will be placed with the answers to this month's enigma, the result appearing in March.

PRIZE WINNERS are not debarr'd from competing but in justice to the others can not be awarded a prize a second or third time.

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LIBERAL OFFER NO. 2.

During the long winter evenings that are now upon us there is no better way of spending the time than by looking up answers to Scripture enigmas such as the one which we here print.

It is the intention of the Publishers of THE LADIES' JOURNAL to present one of these enigmas every two months.

Beautiful prizes are offered, the first being a ladies' open-faced silver watch, stem winding and setting. An excellent time-keeper.

The second, a handsome gold ring set with gems.

The third, a book from our unique collection.

The answers of all those competing will be examined, three things being taken into consideration:

1. Correctness of answers.
2. Neatness in writing.
3. Composition and spelling.

Answers must be written on one side of the paper only and reach this office on or before Feb. 15.

The first letter of the answer to each of the six questions must spell the answer to the heading of the enigma. The Scripture reference, (where found) must also be given.

SCRIPTURE ENIGMA, NO. 2.

A woman who was buried at Bethlehem.

1. A woman who saved her life by being hospitable.
2. A woman who is characterized in the Bible as one of good understanding, and a pleasant countenance.
3. A woman whose family reported to St. Paul that there were contentions among the Corinthians.
4. A woman whose earnest prayer was misunderstood by men, but granted by God.
5. A queen who saved her people at the risk of her own life.

6. A woman whose heart the Lord opened while was listening to St. Paul.

We look for the same enthusiasm in the answering of this enigma as in the first. Let no one be discouraged, but try, try again. The exercise of hunting up the references is in itself an education, but add to it the prospect of winning a prize and the pleasure is doubled.

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WHAT THEY SAY OF US.

The JOURNAL has made itself such a welcome visitor at Edgemont I feel like continuing it. The souvenir spoon arrived yesterday. GERTY E. ALTHOUSE
Stony Cr. k.

We have taken the JOURNAL for a long time and enjoy reading it very much. M. J. SPROLE,
Harrowsmith.

I think the JOURNAL a splendid paper and anticipate its coming joyfully. ISABELLA LAWRIE,
Bowmanville, Ont.

I am delighted with THE LADIES' JOURNAL, I feel I cannot do without it. I enclose \$1.00 for renewal subscription. KATE PITTS,
Farrar's Point, Ont.

I appreciate your excellent monthly and am glad it is purely Canadian. JESSIE BLACKWOOD,
Wallacetown, Ont.

Am delighted with THE LADIES' JOURNAL and am always looking forward to its coming. It would be hard for me to part with the JOURNAL. L. BROWN,
Credition, Ont.

The JOURNAL is a very welcome visitor each month. I am highly delighted with each department of your excellent paper. R.W. GARDNER,
Clifford, Ont.

I consider that there is more value for money in THE LADIES' JOURNAL than in any other magazine published in the world. J. LANGTON BAKER,
Huntsville.

Enclosed please find year's subscription to the JOURNAL. I spend the money willingly knowing it is the most profitable investment I can make. JOHN A. ARMSTRONG,
Dante, Ont.

I send my renewal subscription. All at home appreciate the JOURNAL highly and it suits my taste exactly. FLORENCE BIRCH,
Owen Sound.

The JOURNAL is a paper every woman should take, as it helps her to keep in touch with woman's work of to-day, and encourages her to renewed efforts to do something herself to advance the cause. A. J. BARRIE,
Port Arthur.

I enjoy the JOURNAL very much. Wishing you much success. M. DEACON,
Owen Sound.

I am much pleased with JOURNAL, enclosed please find one year's subscription. Will try and get a number of subscribers knowing they will be pleased with the paper. A. MORRISON,
Shelburne, Ont.

A correspondent from the Pacific coast sends a year's subscription for the JOURNAL, and adds suggestively that he hopes his Canadian fiancée, who was to arrive at New Years, will like it. We congratulate this gentleman on his good sense, and say to all intending contemplating matrimony "go and do likewise."

DEAR EDITOR,—I received the silver watch offered as first prize in your December Scripture Enigma, all safe, and am delighted with it. I have shown it to several of my friends and they admire it greatly. It is, indeed, handsome, and I thank you very much for it. Wishing you continued success with your excellent JOURNAL,
I remain, yours sincerely,
EDITH TENNANT, Caintown.

[NOTE.—Preference page will appear in March issue.]