Women Voted in South Australia | period of decoration will appear som-Miss Catherine H. Spence writes to ter living some time in such surthe Union Signal from Eilden, St.

Peters, South Australia: We have come down from the pedestal on which we have been supposed to stand, and have taken our places as fellow-citizens with our husbands, fathers and brothers, and we feel ele-vated and moralized to the perform-ance of this public duty.

"To me and to many of the earnest women of the province, it was as solemn an act as going to church. In most cases there were clear issues beore us, because politics in Australia have a distinct line of demarcation.

Those who think the Liberal-Demoeratic Ministry have gone too fast and too far, voted for Conservative candi-dates—those whose sympathies are with labor and further advance, voted for labor candidates, and for supporters of the Government which has given us the boon of adult suffrage. As the W. C. T. U. principles were now fa-vored by the Liberals, the temperance vote was generally given to that side, but there was no order or even recommendation given to vote for any specno doubt often came in.

The result of the elections of April 1896, is that all the members of the Ministry have been elected, all the ten labor members had triumphant ma-jorities, and two were added to their the supporters of the Liberal party are also increased in number.

"Never were election meetings so peaceful; never was the election itself so orderly. In most districts the women appeared more intelligent than the men. Baby carriages at the door, sometimes an infant in arms, while the mother filled in her ballot, showed that children were not neglected for the performance of a citizen's duty. I within a fraction as great as that of tion. the males who exercised their rights. The proportion of informal votes varied; in some districts it was infinitesimally small, smaller than ever, but in two or three there were so many as to bring up the average.

### Women Physicians in India. The Woman's Journal.

An interesting document is the recently issued report of the National Association for Supplying Female Medical Aid to the Women of India. In eleven years since its organization

under the name of the Lady Dufferin Fund, the number of women and girls annually relieved and cured has risen, in 1895, to above 1,000,000 (1,054,387), and in the last three years the number has doubled itself.

The movement has a pathetic history. After suffering for years from native quacks, the Maharanee of Punna, the diamond deposit state of Central India, was cured by an English lady-a medical missionary. Her Highness wrote to Queen Victoria, inclosed the letter in a gold locket, put the jewel around the doctor's neck, and charged her not to take it off until she gave it into Queen Victoria's

laid on the next new Viceroy, when dismissing him, the special injunction to launch a scheme for the improvement of the medical treatment of her Indian female subjects.

With Irish impetuosity and Scotch thoroughness combined, Lady Dufferin organized the fund all over India, and in London, also, for training native women doctors, as well as healing the suffering. The invested funds amount to £129,000 at par, and the income from all sources, last calendar year was £15,545. With this a milon of suffering women were cared for in addition to the many who come under the ministration of the medical missionaries, American as well as

Were progress more rapid, especially among the high caste ladies, who must be attended in the zenana and harem, there would not be women doctors enough. Lady Elgin, Lady Elliott, and other governors' wives, have brought about the foundation of hostels for native women studying medicine and nursing. Mr. Woodburn, an experienced civil engineer, declared at the annual meeting in Calcutta lately, that "the rapidly-growing and now enormous attendance at the Dufferin hospitals is the best possible evidence of the trust of the people in the treatment they receive there.'

As the general education of women in India arises the number of female candidates for the higher grades of hospital assistants and assistant surgeons will increase, however slowly.

## Artistic Interiors.

One of the greatest evils of the present age is the rising tide of snobpery in things artistic. We refer to that pernicious habit of struggling to year; in fact, in a few weeks from who was in Washington during the imitate rich effects in cheap materials, which has done more than anything else to debase art. Every maternal demands respect, for it has in are unquestionably most useful, and itself a durability and suitability we could not well do without them. But which are lost or wasted if it is made to imitate something else. If we cannot afford marble pillars and inlaid furniture and well-designed ornament, do without them altogether, and choose some simpler style, in which every material used can be the best of its kind. The effect thus produced will be infinitely more satisfactory than could ever be obtained by paint and plaster to look like marble and graining deal to imitate oak.

A superabundance of even the choicest ornaments weary the eve and obtrude themselves unpleasantly upon the notice. The room is simply a frame or background, and one must keep in mind what will best set off the picture it is destined to contain. No pattern, however good, is so restful to the eye or mind as plain color. One of the greatest errors on the part amateurs and decorators is constant danger of overloading our rooms with ornament. As to de-

coration, pray you avoid it. In the decoration of interiors, a fixed principle is to always secure a onsiderable amount of plain neutral color in the room. It is not generally known that one reason why old paintwindows are so much more brilin effect than most modern ones that in the best period of painted ass this maximum was always born mind, and that nearly three-urths of a painted window were imposed of white glass. By this eans their bright colors lose none of ir brilliancy by juxtaposition with

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h glaring wall papers, white ceils, gaudy carpets and twisted furire, the soft coloring, the absence
contrast and the simple lines in
furniture which suggests the best

ber and uninteresting. It is only afroundings that we can test the restful pleasure they afford. There is a ben-ediction of rest in simplicity of walls, carpet and draperies, on which the less ornament the better. Give us the lasting beauty of soft spaces of

undisturbed color.

The chief beauty of hanging drapery should be looked for in the folus in which it naturally falls. In choosing materials for curtains this should never be forgotten. Provided you have the color which harmonizes with the other coloring in the room, and provided you have also a material which fells into natural and soft arwhich falls into natural and soft artistic folds, your curtains, though simple and inexpensive, are sure to be successful. On the other hand, no number of other good qualities, such as beauty of design and pattern, will compensate for the loss of these qualities. For bedroom hangings nothing is better than some kind of material den daily will work wonders, both for like chintz or cretonne, which can be washed or cleaned frequently, or replaced at comparatively small cost when it becomes thoroughly saturated with smoke and dust. In determining the color of a room it should be borne in mind that har-

mony of tint is more desirable than contrast. The woodwork should, as a rule, be tinted with either the same color as that used on the walls, or, at any rate, a shade of the same color. The color of the walls and frieze should also be analogous, the color used in the frieze being in harmony with that of the paper, and not in a violent contrast. If the frieze is in a violent contrast. If the frieze is ornamented, the pattern may be in some color which would form a harmonious link between the wall and frieze. The walls of a room should be more solid in color than either the to bloom fairly well during the cold, frieze or ceiling, otherwise the room is apt to look top-heavy. It is best to tint or decorate the ceiling in light shades of color, as the ceiling, being the performance of a citizen's duty. I watched with interest the string of women of all ranks who went to vote in the morning hours. The result of the poll was as eagerly watched for by wall is designed for pictures, a flat women as by men. The proportion of and unobtrusive background is the female voters to the roll number was most sensible method of wall decoration. Where there are no pictures, a paper of good design may be substituted for the plain tint, and there are wall papers now made possessing far more artistic merit than many of the family or other portraits with which the walls are too often disfigured.-Decorator and Furnisher.

Some Queer Illusions.

The ideas that children get from the terminologies with which their memories are stored are often very grotesque and far-removed from the facts in the case. Parrot-like repetitions of Scriptural or other selections are not necessarily evidences of an intelligent acquaintance with the truths hidden beneath the words. The little boy who was accustomed to hear the clause in the creed repeated on Sundays in church which states that our Lord "suffered under Pontius Pilate," always thought that the people said "under conscious Pilate," that is, conscience-stricken Pilate; and on be ing informed later of his mistake, could not but feel that his own interpretation of the phrase made far better sense. And perhaps it did; only it was not the sense of the original. Another child thought that "miserable offenders" referred to the fenders for-merly placed in front of the andirons. parents and teachers should every now and then question their charges as ideas the latter are actually obtaining from many expressions constantly on the lips of their elders. cross-examination, in nursery or Sabbath-school, would in some cases evolve curious results. A New York daily tells of a teacher in a school in a western city, who, after reading to her pupils, "The Old Oaken Buckasked them to try to illustrate the first stanza. Pretty soon one little girl handed in her book with several little dots between two lines, a circle, half a dozen dots, and three buckets. "What is that circle?" asked the teacher. "O, that's the well," was the reply. "And why do you have three buckets?" "O, one is the oaken bucket, one is the iron-bound bucket, and the other is the bucket that hung in the well." "But what are the little dots?" "Why, those are the spots which my infancy knew." The spots which "infancy knows" are not always the significant adumbrations of a meaningful suggestion.

## Floral Hints and Helps.

Hardy Perennials - Supports for Climbers-Things to Remember.

By Narcissus.

It is a pity that so many gardens are made up wholly of annuals. No doubt this may be accounted for by the fact that annuals are easily raised from seed, and mature and bloom the first sowing the seed we may in some cases have the flowers in bloom. Annuals are unquestionably most useful, and it is a great advantage to have a number of hardy perennials in the garden, which come up year after year without any trouble, and in many cases bloom before most of the annuals have attained to a blooming size. Perhaps it is because perennials take much longer to mature, and consequently require the exercise of much more of the grace of patience, that so few of them are raised from seed.

Plants can be bought for a few cents each, and many prefer to save trouble by purchasing them ready grown. They however, the pleasure of raising them, and that, to me, is half the pleasure of growing flowers, to know ey are my own raising, that I have to thank my own care and not that of meone else for their health and suc-Now is the time to sow perenennials if you would have a good stock for next year. There is abundant variety in almost every seedsman's catalogue. Among the best and most easy to grow are double hollyhock, Aquilegia (or columbine), Delphinium, hardy pinks, Swet William, forget-me-not, double daisy, hardy candytuft and perennial phlox. Get a packet of any or all of these and sow at once in some sheltered spot in the garden, and when large enough, transplant them to their permanent position in the garden, and with a little protection, such as evergreen boughs or dead leaves, they will live through the winter and be ready for business next spring. These are the

like will accommodate themselves to whatever they can get; a good substantial row of brushwood will afford them just the support they need, and as it costs nothing it may be a considerable advantage to many in that respect. If we want something more compact and neater, slight posts may be placed in position and coarse wire netting nailed to them as high as required. This makes a strong and neat support and lasts for years. Another way is to make a frame of strips of lumber nailed together, on which strings may be crossed. This can be nailed to some stronger pieces fixed in the ground, or fixed in any other position where a screen may be required. A neat archway for climbers may easily be made by nailing strips of lumber together of the shape and size the arch

frames from one to two feet apart, and tacking wire netting between them. When covered with a cinnamon vine, clematis or honeysuckle, this makes a very pretty ornament in the garden. Remember, that a garden gone to seed early in the season is not a pleasing sight. When a plant has flowered and matured, its work is done; so if the garden and yourself. Outdoor ai

flers, and will bring courage, inspira tion and fresh life. Do not say you have not time. Have you time to live? Remember, that the influence of your interest in flowers will probably be an inspiration to some friend or neighbor, causing them to do likewise. Their gardens may bloom brighter, and what is better, their lives grow sweeter, because of the seeds you have sown. Remember, that now is the time to

and sunlight are nature's own puri

think about getting ready for having some good plants for winter blooming Start some cuttings of geraniums, etc.,

Significance of a Recent Great International Gathering.

The Founder of the Christian Endeavor institution Speaks.

Rev. Francis E. Clark, of Boston, Mass., founder of the Christian Endeavor movement, and a native of Canada, writes as follows of the recent international convention:

I have been asked to write concerning the result and significance of the recent Christian Endeavor Convention at Washington. It is too early as yet, perhaps, to tell the re-sults of the convention, but it is not to early to inquire into its profound significance.

The fact that 40,000 young people should come together in the hottest month of the year, in one of the hottest cities of the country, to attend a purely religious convention, is in itself significant. Nor are these figures approximate estimates or wild guess- his ceil and to the sick in the hospitwork, Thirty-one thousand one hun-dred and twelve Endeavorers actualregistered. Four thousand six in all of them are Christian Endeavor hundred more, by actual count, were Societies found. in the choirs, and the careful commitin the choirs, and the careful committees were convinced that nine thousand other visitors were in attendance also had much reference to the life

upon the convention. On many occasions throughout the convention the three enormous tents, Washington, Williston and Endeavor, were crowded to their utmost limit, while thousands stood outside, within ear-shot of the speakers' voices; and at the same time perhaps half a doz-en churches, the largest that could be But what brought these young people together in such vast numbers? The impelling motive is the signfi-cant feature of the convention. It was, as I have said, a purely religious convention. The early morning prayer-meetings were a characteristic feature. Nearly 30 churches were si-

filled morning after morning with the praying hosts.

The convention closed, as always, with a serious and delightful conse cration service, participated in by 40,-000 people in the various auditoriums. The highest motives were appealed to from the first day to the last. The religious aspirations of the assembled throngs were the harp of a thousand strings, upon which every speaker The speakers felt no necessity of descending to claptrap or sensationalism. Their character would But how different was this throng in have prevented this had the audience many respects! No roughs, or "Plugdesired it, but there was no wish on the part of the audience for anything but the deepest and strongest truths. It has ever been thought that young even middle-aged people, but a vast people must be coaxed and cajoled throng of modest, earnest, devoted, into piety, must have their relig-sugar-coated and thoroughly disguised by sensationalism, this vention and other international conventions of the Christian Endeavor

Society have forever dismissed the And yet it must not be thought that that was secured this year by the there is anything unduly solemn and city of Cleveland—and some most dethere is anything unduly solemn and lugubrious about this great assemblage of young Christians. No one convention could have obtained this The streets of the city were bright with their fluttering The street cars were vocal with their sunshine songs; and when they came together in their State receptions they evidently had not forgotten their pride in their own commonwealths, as the frequently reiterated question and answer, "What's the matter with Pennsylvania?" (for instance), "She's all right!" testified.

But the Keystone Endeavorers had a right to be proud of their commonwealth, for she sent the largest dele gation of all-almost 4,000 registered Endeavorers, and probably hundreds of others who did not register. In fact, the whole impression of the convention, as the citizens of Washington testified, and as the papers have frequently remarked, was of a bright, winsome, happy company of young people of pure lives, clean consciences and earnest purposes. To be invaded by such a host is a benediction to any

The motormen even were impressed by the character of the assembly. "We never handled such a crowd so seeks to evade his fare, and there is no rough pushing for a seat. Give me a Christian Endeavor Convention

every time. Moreover, the definition given to re-ligion by these youthful hosts of Christian Endeavorers is a broad and comprehensive one. They did not take it all out in psalm-singing and praywas much of this, there was also much of earnest ser-vice. Every noon meetings were held in neglected parts of the city for those who could not go to the con-

The range of topics discussed, too shows that no narrow and partial definition is given to the word "relig-ion" in the minds of these young peo-ple. Religion embraces missionary ple. Religion embraces missionar; enterprise, they think. It has relation

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the assembled thousands showed their

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displayed, signify, and every senti-

patriotism, for noble citizenship, for

righteousness, was applauded to the

The Christian Endeavor Society, as

such, allies itself to no political party,

bers may be counted on to vote for pure and honest men, and to stand

firmly and together for those moral

Who that ever saw it will forget that memorable scene at the eastern

ternoon, July 11? Forty thousand Christian Endeavorers were gathered

together, the choicest young men and

women from all parts of the country.

Forty thousand more spectators gath-

ered to witness the patriotic demon-

stration. These throngs have only

been equaled on inauguration days, say the oldest inhabitants of Wash-

ington, and not always even then.

Uglies," no blear-eyed denizens of the

saloons, no blatant fire-eaters from

North and South, very few old or

even middle-aged people, but a vast

young men and women, who felt that the nation was theirs to purify and

The exercises were very simple, on-

ly the presentation of a banner for

the best work done among the lines

lightful singing by the enormous choir

of four thousand voices massed upon

the Capitol steps. But how much this

signifies, when it is remembered that

behind these forty thousand are two million and a half of youthful citizens

with the same aspirations and high

One other characteristic of this con-

vention must not be omitted, and that

is the sense of brotherhood and kinship between the various denomina-tions that were here generated. Not

only was every State and Territory

in the United States represented, and

every Province in Canada, as well,

but Mexico and South America, Great Britain, France, and Germany, Aus-

tralia and New Zealand, India, China,

and Japan, Persia, Liberia, and South

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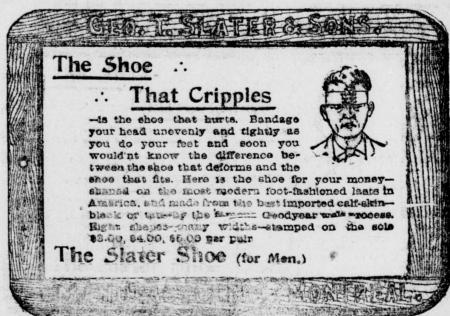
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