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LADY SMOKERS

ENGLAND at the present stage of society, while it has made some progress, has revealed the fact that smoking is very fashionable among the upper ten. We are anxious being asked for ladies' cigarettes here, and a salesman at one big store here will tell you that nothing is more popular than we do gentlemen. Not so ladies smoke cigarettes, he went on, "some of them smoke cigars. One lady comes in for a lot of cigars. She smokes about half a dozen a day." He said that of the most expensive brands of ladies' cigarettes, he was artistically selected. The man agent at another shop said that the ladies they supplied were chiefly ladies rank and fashion—doctors, nurses, and so forth. They purchase a good number of boxes, costing six or eight shillings a hundred.

WORKING WOMEN IN PARIS
The terrible condition of the working women has attracted the attention of all the Paris papers. The editor of the *Journal* says that they may be represented in the first trial meeting of the Women's National Council, to be held in Washington next February.

Mrs. Carrie Steele, of Canada, has founded a colored orphan asylum where destitute colored girls are educated, fed, and taught trades. A cottage and a stable have been built, a larger building is going up, and four acres of land belonging to the asylum are under full cultivation. The funds thus far have been derived from the personal exertions of Mrs. Steele and her friends, and will probably remain at the asylum.

The women of Virginia belonging to the Society for Preservation of the Antebellum Plantations of that State, after having purchased and restored the old home of Mrs. Anna Hall, and bought the house at Fredericksburg in which Washington's mother lived and died, are now moving to acquire possession of the older home of Jamestown, where the original settlement was, including the grave of the first ruler of the church there.

Mrs. Julia Hippisley, of Melbourne, Australia, took honors in Greek and French at Melbourne University at the age of sixteen. Now, at nineteen, she is taking her degree with 196 credit hours. This diligent young lady has obtained a place in the first class in mathematics—the highest rank ever obtained in such a competition. She hopes to study law.

The re-election of Mrs. Emily A. Pitard to the Rotunda School Board, by the largest vote cast this year for any candidate, has been cause of rejoicing to all friends of education and to the public at large. It is also testimony to the great effects of the Australian ballot. The Democrats swept the city. Mrs. Pitard was not on their ticket, but her known fitness, her earnest service, and her well-defined record of merit, won the support of the majority of the suffrages of the individual voters—*Women's Journal*.

MARY A. SAWARD, of Sioux City, Ia., lately exchanged pulps with the rabbi of the Jewish synagogue. Miss Saward is a graduate of Cornell University. For three years she had a double pastoral charge, preaching to two churches, one at Humboldt and the other at Algona. She then received a call to the First Baptist Church, in Sioux City, and accepted. Her services have been greatly appreciated.

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For some time an effort has been made to secure the admission of women to the medical school of the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. Last year the university has received in gifts to establish a million dollars, but to meet the complete organization of the school it is necessary underwritten by the women students, who have given \$100,000. The trustees of the university recently voted to accept this fund to admit women. For the purpose of raising the sum local committees of women are being formed in Baltimore, Philadelphia, Boston, New Haven, and other cities.

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