

LADIES' DEP'T.

AN INTERESTING EVENT.

The following which we take from the Mail report of the Annual Commencement in the University of Toronto for the purpose of conferring degrees, prizes and scholarships, which took place in Toronto on Friday the 8th inst., will be of interest to our lady readers. We may say that several young ladies have distinguished themselves at this year's University examination.

"An interesting feature of the ceremony was the presentation to Miss L. Balmer of the scholarship for Modern languages 1st year, and general proficiency 1st year. The young lady on ascending the platform to receive her honors was received with tumultuous applause. Miss Balmer took honors in French, English, German and Mathematics.

The VICE-CHANCELLOR, in awarding the scholarship, said it was a pleasant circumstance to note that this was the first instance of a lady winning a scholarship in the University and being qualified to retain it. The distinction gained was most honorable to Miss Balmer, as the highest institutions open to her were the Collegiate Institutes. The young lady reflected credit upon the Collegiate schools of St. Catharines and Toronto, where she received that training which had placed her in so prominent a position. (Applause.)"

AFTER MARRIAGE.

One frequent cause of trouble in married life is a want of openness in business matters. A husband marries a pretty, thoughtless girl, who has been used to taking no more thought as to how she should be clothed than the lilies of the field. He begins by not liking to refuse any of her requests. He will not hint so long as he can help it at care in trifling expenses—he does not like to associate himself in her mind with disappointments and self-denials. And she who would have been willing enough in the sweet eagerness to please of her girlish love, to give up any whims or fancies of her own whatever, falls into habits of careless extravagance and feels herself injured when at last a remonstrance comes.

How much wiser would have been perfect openness in the beginning! "We have just so much money to spend this summer. Now, shall we arrange matters thus for thus?" was the question I heard a very young husband ask his still younger bride, not long ago; and all the womanhood in her answered to this demand upon it, and her help at planning and counseling proved not a thing to be despised, though hitherto she had "fed upon the roses and laid upon the lilies of life." I am speaking not of marriages that are no marriages—when Venus has wedded Vulcan because Vulcan prospered at his forge—but marriages where two true hearts have set out together until death shall part them. And one of the first lessons for them to learn is to trust each other, entirely. The most frivolous girl of all "the rosebud garden of girls," "if she truly loves, acquires something of womanliness from her love, and is ready to plan and help and make her small sacrifices for the general good. Try her, and you will see. —Our Contributor.

No woman can be a lady who would wound or mortify another. No matter how beautiful, how refined, how cultivated she may be, she is in reality coarse, and the innate vulgarity of her nature manifests itself thus.



No. 2110.—Lady's Half-Fitting Basque. The pattern of this garment is cut in five sizes, 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 inches bust measure. 3 yards material, 24 inches wide, and 20 buttons for medium size. Price 25 cents, any size.

No. 2111.—Lady's Overskirt. The pattern of this garment is cut in five sizes, 22, 24, 26, 28 and 30 inches waist measure. Five yards material, 24 inches wide, for medium size. Price 25 cents, any size.



No. 2064.—Lady's Sacque. The pattern of this garment is cut in five sizes, 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 inches bust measure. 4 1/4 yards material, 24 inches wide, and 2 yards ribbon for medium size. Price 25 cents, any size.

For making up summer goods the "baby" styles are very popular. The waist is either a deep yoke with the fullness gathered on, and also into a belt, or a full waist, low-necked and very short-sleeved. The last is worn over a white under-waist, or guimpe, though they are sometimes made of cambric of a solid color, pink, blue or red. The skirts are full and trimmed only with hem and tucks, embroidery, or several rows of velvet riband. These styles are worn indiscriminately by a baby of two years, or a young lady of twenty. Children's skirts are worn quite short, with stockings in solid color matching the prevailing color of the dress. Black stockings are worn with white dresses, especially by young ladies. The favorite outside wrap for the little ones, is a Mother Hubbard cloak of white flannel, cashmere or nune veiling. With these are worn the muslin hood or a small sailor hat with a turned-up brim, trimmed with a narrow white riband and feathers, and a full ruche of fine white lace, fastened into the crown, so that it will encircle the face and head. A pretty way to make up flannel or light wool dresses, for girls of from four to ten years of age, is to have a full box-pleated skirt, and over this a full blouse waist. This is shirred to the depth of a yoke; from there it falls loose and full over the skirt. It is cut about four inches longer than the waist line, and is gathered in with a draw-string or belt. The skirt may be made of plain or figured material, and the waist of a plain color. For warmth, on a cold day or evening, a little jacket may be added, of material like the skirt. This is of the cut-away shape, fastened at the throat only with a bow and ends. The prettiest style of wrapper, for ladies' home wear, is the Mother Hubbard. This consists of full, straight breadths, which are shirred deeply on to a plain yoke, and fall in straight folds to the feet, where it is finished with a full ruching of the material, or of silk, matching it in color. The wrists and neck are finished with a narrow ruching. It is fastened down the front simply with buttons, or with riband bows and ends, or with a fall of white lace from throat to instep. This wrapper is lovely, made of the new shades of crushed strawberry, or raspberry, or pale blue. —Fashion, in Chicago Review.

ABOUT WOMEN.

Mrs. J. W. Mackay has made herself famous abroad for her generous deeds. A charity bazaar at Mentone was a great success chiefly through her efforts and influence. In recognition of her good and gracious deeds, the authorities paid her almost regal honors. Salutes were fired, the American flag displayed, and flowers were showered upon her on her departure from Mentone. This is on authority of a Paris correspondent to the Chicago Tribune.

Rev. J. W. Baahford says of women. "If the order of creation means anything, if we find God gradually advancing in his work from the inorganic earth to the mineral kingdom, then to the vegetable kingdom, and then to the animal kingdom, and last of all making man, the fact that woman is made after man suggests her higher qualities rather than man's superiority."

The gifted temperance worker, Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, at one time knelt on the sidewalk to pray for the drunkard, when the thought flashed through her brain, "He can undo with his vote what you do with your prayers," and after that she worked zealously to so change the suffrage laws that women may vote as well as pray.