

## WOMEN'S PAGE

Will Return Grant  
Made By CityLocal Council of Women Ask  
to Have \$500 Used for Sol-  
diers' Employment.

At yesterday's meeting of the local Council of Women it was decided by a unanimous vote to give back to the Mayor, the five hundred dollars voted to the Local Council of Women for the entertainment of delegates to the National Council of Women meetings in June last.

Mrs. K. Atherton Smith, president was in the chair. Mrs. Richard Hooper asked permission to speak.

Mrs. Hooper moved that a letter of condolence be sent to the Trustees of the Ludlow street Baptist church sympathizing with them in the loss of their pastor, Mrs. Hooper said she felt she had lost a personal friend, and one whose work in matters of public welfare was outstanding. As a Women's Council she thought sympathy should be expressed at the passing of so valuable a citizen. This resolution was seconded by Mrs. W. B. Tennant, who referred to Mrs. Robinson's fine work at the Children's Aid. Mrs. H. Lawrence, Mrs. Bohan and others spoke to the resolution. In putting the motion which was passed, Mrs. Smith said that Rev. W. R. Robinson had identified himself with public welfare. He possessed high ideals, moral courage and was always true to his convictions.

Mrs. Hooper said that before leaving she wished to say regarding the \$500 granted by the city that as a citizen she thought there was only one thing to do, and that was to return it at once. It would be a business-like transaction.

## Regret Resignation.

A letter of resignation as Provincial Vice-president was read from Mrs. David McLellan. Miss Leavitt paid an eloquent tribute to Mrs. McLellan's work in the council, and moved that this resignation be laid over until the annual meeting. This was seconded by Miss Travers and spoken to by Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. A. W. Essey and passed unanimously.

A cleverly written letter from Mrs. McCready, of Sackville, to Mrs. Smith contained good wishes for the council, and stated that the St. John women are an inspiration to the rest of the province.

Miss Alice Essey's report as treasurer was as follows: Receipts \$2,885.57; expenditures \$2,097.65; balance on hand \$787.92.

Mrs. Smith told of the delegation who asked for a grant from the city. Hearing some criticism which was made at the time she went to Mayor Hayes and offered to return the money. When the National Council met in this city years ago the city assisted the members in entertaining their guests. Mrs. Smith said she felt very proud that the council had been able to finance their entertainment themselves, and suggested that the grant be returned to the Mayor with a recommendation that it be used

## MRS. SOLOMON SAYS:—

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Being the Confessions of the Seventh-Hundredth Wife.

Verily, verily, my Daughter, there is a reason for everything under the sun, and a "wherefore" for every "why"—even for a man's choice of a wife.

For in every man's life, there be two kinds of women. The kind which he ought to marry, and the kind which he DOTH marry.

Now, behold, there dwelt on the Upper West Side, a Young Bachelor.

And it came to pass that, on a night when the clouds were thick and the wind was muggy, and the stars were covered with mist, he sallied forth in search of adventure.

And it so happened that on that evening his dinner had been bad and he had eaten too heartily thereof, and his food lay heavy upon his soul.

Likewise, he had toiled all day in the market-place, and his spirit was a-weary.

And ill-fortune had pursued him.

And he had lost much moneys in a Big Deal.

And he had read in his newspaper that his pet stocks had dropped seven points.

And his cigar was atrocious.

And he had had no wine with his evening meal.

Yet, it so chanced, that upon this night of all others he met the RIGHT GIRL, even her, who would make him happy all the days of his life!

But, alas his eyes were turned inward, and he SAW her not!

Yes, though she was fairer than the sky of dawn, and sweeter than the voice of Gail Curiel, and more worthy than a Christmas charity fund, he passed her by, without stopping.

Now, behold, upon another night, the Young Bachelor again set forth in search of diversion.

And, it so chanced that the moon was "just right."

And the stars twinkled, and the breeze was sweet and gentle and sang a song of love.

And, in the market, that day, he had made a "killing."

And a horse, on which he had wagered his money, had come in a winner.

And his dinner had been perfect, and his cigar was good.

And he had swallowed a dozen of wine with his evening meal.

And behold, on this night, it came to pass, that he met a damsel with a pink chin, and butter-colored hair, and a dimple, and one moral, and one brain-cell.

And, in his eyes, she appeared more beautiful than ten thousand hours, and more irresistible than a political appointment, and more tempting than a forbidden salad to a man on a diet.

And the Young Bachelor placed her on a pedestal, and crowned her with a halo, and covered her with all his illusions, and implored her to marry him.

And, behold, all the rest of his life, she made him exceeding miserable.

And, THIS, my Beloved, is what some men call "love," and others call "luck," and others call "fate."

For unto a man, love is a matter of MOOD; marriage, a matter of chance; a wife, a matter of sheer speculation; and disappointment, a matter of course!

Verily, verily, a man weddeth not: the Right Woman, when he findeth her; but the woman who happeneth to find him when he is in the RIGHT HUMOR!

Soloist.

towards a fund for finding employment.

## Give Money Back.

Mrs. Raymond stated that the money was given by the Mayor and Council in recognition of her work of members, and she moved that the money graciously granted by the city council but not required by the Women's Council, be given to the city council with a recommendation that it be used for the fund for a workshop for returned soldiers.

Mrs. E. A. Young seconded this resolution and said that she felt the money belonged to the council but could be given to no better object.

Mrs. Smith wished to correct an impression. Never for one moment did she wish to take money granted for one purpose to be used for another, and in the matter of furnishing a room at the Nurses' Home she un-

## New Year Books.

In connection with the new year books, it was stated that through loss of letters in the mail there is no account of the St. John Local Council Year books were presented to the press committee, Mrs. Lawrence, Miss Katie Broad and Miss Alice Fairweather.

The programme for the next meeting will include Reminiscences of the National Meeting. It is hoped to have Miss Carmichael who attended the International present.

A charmingly written paper was then read by Miss Millican, recording secretary, who gave an account of her talk before the Medicine Hat Local Council of Women. Hearing that the raising of funds was a problem there Miss Millican told them that the St. John people are so generous that raising of money for a good object is more of a recreation than a task, and that the objective is always passed. She named the offices filled by women in St. John, and described the S. O. S. Fund in which her hearers were much interested. She praised the president, Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, telling of her varied talents.

## Have Civic Pride.

Miss Millican in her description of the cities of the West said she thought the East could learn from them, civic pride and a firm belief in the future and growth of a city. They never knock there, she stated. Mrs. Raymond in moving a vote of thanks told of the praises from her knowledge of them. Mrs. Bohan seconded the vote which was passed.

The necessity for Rosebud Day for the Children's Aid was pointed out and Mrs. E. A. Young was asked to arrange a day with the Mayor.

The sum of \$15 was voted towards a Christmas treat at the Boys' Industrial Home, and another sum for the Junior of the Board of Trade building as appreciation of services.

Mrs. MacSwiney In A Society War

Lady Geddes Resigns from Art Club Because President Entertains Irish Woman

Washington, Dec. 17.—Lady Auckland Geddes, wife of the British ambassador to the United States, has retired as a patroness of the Washington Opera Company because of the fact that Mrs. Peter A. Drury, treasurer of the company, has been entertaining at her home Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, widow of the late mayor of Cork. A society war is threatened over the incident.

"Her mother says that Nell's engagement ring cost \$600, but it is only a little bit of a stone—couldn't possibly have."

"Oh, I guess she means that that was the amount they spent entertaining the chap before Nell could get him roped."

John Martin

The death of John Martin of Pleasant Point occurred at the infirmary on December 15. Besides his wife he leaves two sons, William and Edward, and five daughters, Ida, of Toronto, and Dolly, Evelyn, Nellie and Annie of this city. The body was taken to Rexton today for interment.

Poor Chap!

Heard in a dry goods store: "Let Crallispoughy... shrids Up, hridapui no see some invisible hridapui."

Another: "I want an umbrella for a man that has steel ribs."

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Something more like panic than enthusiasm is manifested by our growing army of idle workers which already numbers two million, according to the American Federation of Labor, over the vast reinforcements from the war-broken countries of Europe. Immigration officials, says the New York Tribune, state that seven out of ten of the immigrants now entering this country are dependents—mostly women, children, and old men. Mr. Frederick A. Wallis, Commissioner of Immigration at Ellis Island, says that he is informed that eight million emigrants are ready to come from Germany as soon as peace is declared, and he adds, "what will happen when the bars of Russia are let down can only be guessed." Other authorities and editors, however, deny and minimize all these alleged dangers, arguing that virtually every immigrant produces more than he consumes, and is, therefore, an asset rather than a liability; that instead of a labor surplus in the U. S. A. we have an actual shortage of "cheap" or unskilled labor, the result of the stopping of all immigration during the war; that the farms, particularly, need such labor if they are to do their part in building up national prosperity; and that, as the New York Herald summarizes this point of view, "when we contemplate barring out immigration altogether, we contemplate economic suicide."

Read the leading article in THE LITERARY DIGEST this week (December 18th) for an all-sided survey of this perplexing problem.

Other interesting news-articles in this number of THE DIGEST are:

President Wilson's "Confession of Faith"  
First Aid to Farmers  
Our Neighbor Armenia  
West Virginia's War  
European Views of "New" America  
"Keeping" the Kaiser in Holland  
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The Seesaw Windmill  
When Your Name Is Not Your Own

The Storm About "Margot"  
A Film Duel  
Chicago Indicting Herself Operatically  
Christ and Buddha at Tokyo  
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