

Canadian Women

The appointment of the Countess of Aberdeen to deliver the inaugural lecture at the May commencement of Chicago University, may be interpreted directly as a recognition of Her Excellency's platform ability, and her high standing among workers in social and economic reforms; and indirectly, as a graceful acknowledgement and furtherance of the entente cordiale and co-operation toward which the two great Anglo-Saxon nations are moving in these first months of the Queen's Year.

The Montreal Woman's Club has come nearly to the close of a session that has proved the most interesting and profitable yet experienced. The monthly club lectures have proved a source of great profit and interest to the members.

Mrs. Robert Reid president of the Montreal Woman's Club, and Miss Reid left in February for a Mediterranean trip.

The Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Society, organized in the Montreal haunting district, Point St. Charles, is an interesting gathering which fully realizes its name. Men and women are equally acceptable as speakers, and during the past season some very bright and practical addresses have been given by Canadian women.

Tue-day, February 2nd will be memorable in the annals of Canadian women's progress, as the day upon which the first Canadian woman lawyer, Miss Clara Brett Martin, was formally called to the bar. A sketch of the lady is found in the present number.

The United States alien labor law thus far only discriminates against "male aliens." But enquiries have recently been made concerning the number of Canadian women employed as nurses, teachers, milliners, modistes, etc. in the Republic, and it is alleged that effort will be made to compel them to become naturalized citizens.

Miss McVitty, the young lady who has served for many years and under a succession of mayors as stenographer and private secretary to Toronto's chief magistrate has been transferred to another department, and a male secretary and office assistant been appointed in her place.

Mrs. Tytler, an elderly lady, and widow of Col. Tytler, of the Bengal army, has been delivering one or two interesting addresses in Ottawa and Montreal on India and the famine.

Miss Alice Ashworth, of the Toronto Mail and Empire staff, has sold to the publishing house of Frederic Warne & Co. a collection of short stories for very

young children. The books will be illustrated and brought out later on in the year, probably in time for the Christmas trade.

Miss Jessie Alexander, the well known Canadian reciter, whose devotion to her profession during the past few years has somewhat taxed her physically, purposes closing an unusually full season early in April, and then intends to go abroad, first to London and then the continent, spending at least six months in rest and enjoyment.

Mrs. Ada Marien Hughes, wife of our popular inspector of Toronto public schools and a leader in Canadian kindergarten work, lectured in Niagara Falls on February 9th.

Miss Valance Berryman, of Toronto, a clever young Canadian writer of short stories, left in early February for a six months' trip to England and the continent. Miss Berryman goes first to Edinburgh; she will be present in London during the Jubilee celebration, and will write descriptive sketches of the brilliant ceremonies, for various papers.

Miss Clara Brett Martin, the newly-appointed woman barrister, has entered into partnership with the law firm of Shilton, Wallbridge & Company. The new firm will be Shilton, Wallbridge & Martin.

Canadian women will, doubtless, heartily endorse the action of the women of the United States in urging, by means of petition sent to all persons in authority, a hearty co-operation in bringing every influence to bear to obtain ratification of the Arbitration Treaty.

As a colony of Great Britain, who stands ready to accept, Canada has no active part to perform. But Canadian women can and do give all that magnetic influence of sympathy and response that unconsciously inclines the hearts of men toward the thing desired.

At the annual meeting of the Women's Local Council in London, on Feb. 11th, the desirability of petitioning the Provincial Government to make woman representation on the public school boards compulsory was discussed, and a resolution to that effect adopted. The following officers were elected:—President, Mrs. Roemer; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Galan, Mrs. (Rev.) G. B. Sage, Mrs. Shanley; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. (Rev.) E. N. English; Recording Secretary, Miss D. M. McDonald; Treasurer, Miss A. E. Mackenzie.

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