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HOUSEHOLD.

Women's Clubs and Women's Missionary Societies.

One of the questions discussed at the semi-annual meeting was, 'What can we learn from women's clubs as to the conduct of our missionary societies?' The following items were reported from members of different clubs present: 'Every lady is expected to serve on committees, and is herself responsible for the welfare of the club.' 'Every lady is expected to attend the meetings. If she is not present at a certain number of them she loses her membership.' 'The subjects for all the meetings are arranged beforehand for the season, writers of papers are appointed and usually spend from six to ten weeks in their preparation. They are required to be thoroughly informed on all connected with the subject. 'We have no trouble in securing members; at present there are forty-seven on the waiting list for twenty-three places.' A missionary present asked, 'What is the membership fee in women's clubs?' Answers from all parts of the house: 'Three dollars,' 'Five dollars,' 'Ten dollars,' and so on,—none reported less than two dollars. 'And what is the membership in women's missionary societies?' Dead silence. Everyone seemed ashamed to speak first. An incident was related: A lady interested in missions visiting at a friend's house is told, 'We have decided to hold our auxiliary meetings only once in two months, instead of every month as we have been doing. People can't seem to find time to come every month, and we think it will be better to try to have really interesting meetings once in two months or once a quarter, and then people will take pains to come.' The visitor remained unconvinced, but silent. A few days later the secretary of a club, studying the history of the State in which they live, called, full of enthusiasm over the next meeting of the club. Finally she says: 'Really, Mrs. W., we all think we must have our meetings once in two weeks. We can't begin to get in all the interesting things we have to tell in monthly meetings.' 'I think you are right; we forget so much from one time to another when we have to wait for four weeks.' More conversation of the same purport, followed by a question from the visitor: 'Are these the same ladies who think they cannot have an interesting missionary meeting more than once in two months?' 'Why,—yes,—I believe they are very much the same.' A change in the subject of the conversation.—'Life and Light.'

Ellen's Views.

'I don't see why Miss Mary had to have this white waist done up to-day, instead of waitin' for the regular wash day; it makes so much extra work,' said Ellen, looking up from the ironing board to wipe her flushed face. 'Dear knows she has enough of 'em!'

'But she happens to like that one best, and she is going to read a paper before her club on "Ameliorating the condition of the working classes,"' giggled saucy Jane. 'I heard her say it was the question of the hour.'

'It's the question of a good many hours

in this kitchen,' retorted Ellen. 'She could 'meliorate a lot for me if she'd only be a little more careful about flingin' things into the wash. Last week I spent two solid hours in doin' up one of her fancy waists, and she'd no more than got it on when she concluded to help Mr. Bob water the lawn. She got one of the sleeves sprinkled—just one sleeve, that could have been pressed out in two or three minutes, mind you. But she never thought of that; she just bundled it into the wash, where I'll have it to do over again. I tell you the quickest way to 'meliorate the condition of workin' classes is for folks to be a little considerate of the ones that's workin' for them.'—'Forward.'

Selected Recipes

Hubbard Squash.—The best way to cook Hubbard squash is to cut it in half, take out the seeds, and bake in a medium oven for an hour, or more if not done. Remove the browned skin that will form on top, and put the squash through a fruit press, and season with salt, pepper, butter and a little cream.

Date Muffins.—Beat the yolks of two eggs until light. Add one cupful of milk. Sift together one and a half cupfuls of entire wheat flour, one and a half teaspoonfuls of baking powder and one-quarter teaspoonful of salt. Add the milk and eggs and a tablespoonful of melted butter, and give the batter a good beating. Now add half a cup of dates chopped coarsely, and floured, and last of all add the stiffly beaten whites. Mix. Fill gem pans two-thirds full and bake in a moderately hot oven for half an hour.

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