

# WOMEN'S HOME AND MAGAZINE PAGE

## ETHICS MUST WORK SAYS MR. LEICHLITER

Impresses Importance of Constructive Occupation in Twentieth Century.

### RULES OUT DANCE HALL

Spiritual Consciousness of City's Needs Necessary for Effective Service.

## For Everyday Wear



On a few hours' notice, Rev. G. A. Leichter substituted Thursday evening for Mr. Christianson as speaker at the meeting of the Federation of Girls' Clubs of the Y. W. C. A., delivering an inspiring address on "Social Ethics" to aid the membership in evolving a social code.

"Ethics," said Mr. Leichter, "is the philosophy of morals, but if it does not evaluate in better living and thinking it is an empty sort of vessel." Continuing, he impressed the importance of right living and right thinking for young womanhood in the twentieth century, so far as those who are living are concerned, the greatest century the world has ever seen, "a century," he continued, "which is irrefragable, of horseless carriages, girlless telephones, boneless steels, brainless politicians, \$1,000,000 steel trusts, and a million others getting ready to steal; a century in which the social life of the world has been revolutionized, the century of the awakening from its age-long lethargy of the celestial empire, and the beginning of new ideas among the black men of the little continent of Africa; a century of the awakening of great forces, of the evolving of new standards of judgment, new ideals of righteousness and truth. Some say that ideas are higher than ever before, some say that they are disintegrating."

Should social ideas be considered merely with reference to the lighter exchange of life, or the better social ideas that work out in the quietness of individual lives and in home relationships? Mr. Leichter chose to deal with the latter.

Friendship is inestimable. Friendship may be named as one of the greatest factors in making men and women realize their highest possibilities. History was full, he stated, of matchless pictures of friendship. The value of a true friend was inestimable. But friendship, either between individuals or nations that was impelled by legislation and not brotherly love was rank treachery. "If we are to have a warless world," said the speaker, "it will not be due to legislation, but to enduring affection between people."

Attention was next turned to the use of time in leisure, the "occupancy of time." Mr. Leichter's verdict was that the man who did not give a new grip on self and new ideal in life, that did not directly contribute to physical, moral and spiritual integrity of life was dangerous. Amusement, in his estimation, should contribute to the physical, mental and moral well-being. Where did the dance hall come in on this count?

He considered the organized institution of the dance not only useless, but dangerous, owing to lack of supervision. "Remember," he said in this connection, "I am not discussing dancing as an amusement in itself. I am talking about the organized dance hall with relation to physical, moral and spiritual equipment."

Woman Discovered Radium. Turning attention to the development of the intellectual as an asset in holding a worthy place in the social scheme of so important a century as the twentieth, the speaker reminded that women are taking places of great prominence in the world of today, and must be equipped accordingly. "It was a clever woman who discovered radium," he said.

Finally, the ideal was left with the federation. "He who would be great among you, let him be the servant of all." In order to efficiently serve, he pointed out, the spiritual consciousness is necessary of the needs of others, of the community's need. Sooner or later, life has its serene side for all. To be strong in enthusiasm requires a close communion with the source of all power and strength. After the "thank you" of the large group of girls had been extended to Mr. Leichter and he was edging out the door, he was called back to give, by special request, a recitation, "The Possum Hunt." A few minutes later, the ethical teacher, who held the rapt and soul-stirring attention of his audience of young women, was convulsing that same audience with laughter as he recited, in negro dialect, the thrilling tale of the hunt, in which former resident Taft was alleged to have participated. During the progress of the meeting, the popular president of the federation, Miss Lucas, was presented with a Girls' Club Federation Pin, a first to be worn in London. Presentation was made with an appropriate little speech by Miss Alice Lyons.

Following the program, the young member of the federation circle, "Echoes" Club, was put through solemn rites of initiation.

## Personals

Mrs. E. H. Johnston is spending a few days in Toronto.

Mrs. C. B. King has returned home after visiting in Detroit.

Mrs. King of Stratford, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Randle Brown, Marley Place.

Miss Mildred Thomas, a supervisor in Victoria Hospital, is recovering after a severe attack of flu.

Miss Winnifred Thomas of Toronto, national girls' work secretary of the Methodist Church, is the guest of Miss Bessie McCamus.

Friends of Mrs. Jeffrey Lockyer of 163 Wharfedale Road, South, will be glad to know she is recovering after a severe illness.

"Lenmore," the King street residence of the Y. W. C. A., will be the meeting place on Monday next of the Lord Roberts Chapter, I. O. D. E.

Following the organ recital, given by Ferdinand Fillon, in the First Methodist Church, Wednesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Jordan entertained in his honor.

Among the hostesses who have recently given informal little farewells teas for Mrs. J. W. Pirth, who is leaving for Toronto, are Mrs. C. K. Bluet and Mrs. G. L. MacDonald.

Mrs. T. G. Davis, William street, entertained informally at the tea hour, Thursday afternoon, in honor of Mrs. (Rev.) Archibald Graham, who is leaving shortly for her new home in Chesley.

Mrs. Eric Reid, Hyman Court, was the hostess of a delightful kitchen shower, Thursday afternoon, in honor of Mrs. Gladys Croden, a bride of next month. At the tea hour, Mrs. Turner presided at a table attractive with spring flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Joyce, of "Hillcrest," Lambeth, Ont., announced the engagement of their youngest daughter, Miss Belle, to Albert W. Holmes, only son of Mr. James Holmes of Southampton, Eng., the marriage to take place quietly in the near future.

Mrs. E. C. James, Piccadilly street, was the hostess of the weekly meeting of the Ladies' Guild of the Church of St. John the Evangelist Thursday afternoon. Thirty members were present, and the afternoon was spent in sewing, followed by tea. Mrs. Cousens presided at the attractive table.

A very pretty wedding took place Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock at the Church of the Redeemer, when Thelma Elaine Worrall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Worrall, was married to Boyce Lakeman McFalls, son of Mr. and Mrs. James McFalls of Bryanston, Rev. A. S. H. Cree officiating. The church was decorated with spring flowers, and as the bride party entered the wedding march was played by Miss Mabel Tidball. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a graceful gown of white crepe de chine, with panels of French embroidery, trimmed with wide fringes. Her veil of tulle was caught with orange blossoms, and she carried a shower bouquet of Ophelia roses and sweet peas. Mrs. Lloyd Sprague of Toronto was her sister's bridesmaid, wearing a smart frock of grey georgette, with touches of fuchsia, and a large grey hat and a corsage of Ophelia roses. Mr. William Worrall was best man. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the bride's home, Brook Lodge, Mrs. Worrall wearing a handsome gown of black satin, trimmed with salmon shade, and a small black hat. Mr. and Mrs. McFalls left later on a honeymoon, the bride traveling in a smart suit of tricot, a grey hat, and seal scarf. On their return they will reside on the groom's farm near Granton. The groom's gift to the bride was a set of French ivory, to the best man a pearl tiepin, and to the organist a handsome brooch.

A successful bridge, given under the auspices of the Isabel Hampton Chapter, I. O. D. E., was held Thursday at the home of Mrs. James Stapleton, Bruce street, under the joint convener of Mrs. D. C. McFarlane and Mrs. Stapleton. The rooms were bright with spring flowers, and nine tables were in play. Following high tea, during which the hostess was assisted by Mrs. Rose Thomas, bridge was played late into the evening. The proceeds are in aid of the Chapter fund for the War Memorial Hospital.

Hon. W. M. Martin, premier of Saskatchewan, and Dr. Beattie Martin of Regina, who are coming owing to the death of their mother, are expected to arrive in London Friday night, accompanied by their sister, Mrs. J. Gunn, wife of Lieut.-Col. (Dr.) J. Gunn of Calgary. Mrs. Gunn purposed coming to pay a visit to her father and mother the beginning of March, but was prevented doing so owing to illness. Mrs. Cranston, another daughter of Rev. W. M. Martin and the late Mrs. Martin, arrived with her husband, Rev. Mr. Cranston, from Trenton Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Martin of Kitchener have been here for some days. Interment will take place at Mount Forest, the former home of the Davidson and Martin families.

Mrs. J. Gordon Thompson was the hostess Thursday afternoon, of a smart reception, when she received for the first time since her marriage, at her home in Elmwood avenue, the hostess, wearing a gown of canton crepe in henna shades, and carrying Sunset roses, was assisted in receiving the many callers by Mrs. John Stevely, gown in grey panne velvet with an orchid belt, brightened by a corsage of violets. Mrs. Robert Glover ushered to the tea-room, which was attractively decorated with roses and daffodils. In the other rooms, spring flowers were used. The tea-table, centered with a graceful arrangement of roses, sweet peas and lily-of-the-valley was presided over by Mrs. Alfred Talbot and Mrs. Charles Norris, wearing a French gown of Diana crepe, with a large black hat, and an ermine stole. Assisting in the tea-room were Mrs. Stuart Thompson, Mrs. William Thompson, Miss Joan Rowat and Miss Mary McLean.

LADIES' AUXILIARY ENTERTAINERS. The Ladies' Auxiliary to the G. W. V. A. held a successful social evening in the club rooms this week in which about forty participated, enjoying games, singing, dancing and the dainty refreshments served. The committee in charge included Mrs. J. F. Thomson, Mrs. M. Summers, Mrs. L. Martin and Mrs. Ball.

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## For What We Are Is Service Too

Club's Work Is Determined by Spirit of Club, Says Miss Thomas.

"Discussion of Club Work," was the subject of a most interesting lecture given by Miss W. Thomas, B.A., national girls' work secretary of the Methodist Church, at the Thursday afternoon meeting of the social service study week under the auspices of the London Girls' Cabinet.

Miss Thomas spoke of the ways in which girls may serve the community. "Girls often lose their charm in the home, by not cultivating the habit of seeing what should be done and doing it," stated Miss Thomas. "It is very important," she said, "that you should find out what is really needed along the social service line, and serve intelligently. Don't just do what might be termed 'busy work,' just to occupy your minds. You don't want this conference to stop here, but take back to your clubs what you have learnt, and in this way all appeals will be met."

Continuing, Miss Thomas stated there were two ways in which girls may serve. "The first is to serve in a personal way, but the second is much harder and difficult." To explain the second method, the speaker quoted the following: "For what we are is service, too." "The work of a club is determined by the spirit of the club, and the girl life of London will be just as fine as the individual girls it is comprised of." "The greatest service any girl can render to a community is to be the best girl she can be at all times. It is the life we contribute to the community that counts the most."

Miss Thomas explained that girls in thinking of social service work, should think of the help they can be to girls and little children. "As you grow older, it will be older people that you will have to help," she explained.

In speaking of the Big Sister Movement, she stated that under this movement the girls share the deeper things of life—strength of knowledge and ideals. "It is the strong girl standing with the weaker one," she stated.

In conclusion Miss Thomas told the girls that it costs to be a strong person, and it is able to help. "But if you don't learn to be a good member of your club you will never be a good citizen," she added.

Miss Ruth Hill, associate field secretary of the American Association for organizing social family work, gave a short address.

Following Miss Hill's address tea was served, after which Professor A. G. Dorland of Western University gave a most inspiring address on the value of Bible study.

## CLUB NEWS

What Women Are Accomplishing In London.

PLAN HISTORICAL PAGEANT. A Canadian historical pageant is the ambitious undertaking which the London Girls' Canadian Club is considering for the fall. Tentative plans for this were made at a supper meeting of the executive held at "Lenmore," the King street residence of the Y. W. C. A. The program for the remainder of this season was outlined and will be ready for display in the course of a few days, and the policy of the official organ, "The Clarion," discussed. Miss C. N. Welsh was appointed editor for the next issue, and was granted the privilege of selecting her own staff.

BAZAAR AT LAMBETH. The basement of Lambeth Methodist Church looked very pretty and dainty with its decorations of green and white, when the "Ever Ready" Bible class (Mrs. J. E. Hunter's class of young ladies) held a very successful bazaar.

The cafeteria table was in charge of Miss Alice Carley, while Mrs. Parsons and Miss Pearl Wadsworth had charge of the tea tables. The following conveners looked after various booths: General convener, Mrs. Hunter; candy and ice cream, Mrs. J. Copeland; and Miss Delight Kilborne; homemade cooking, Mrs. (Dr.) Colling; white elephant, Miss Pearl Page; mystery, Miss Eva Vandellier; apron and cap, Miss Ethel Winters; fancy work, Miss McGugan.

After all had enjoyed a social time together a program was given in auditorium of the church, with Rev. J. E. Hunter chairman.

The following artists rendered choice music: "The Crescent Quartet" (Sharon); Mr. McLaughlin, violinist; Mr. Elliott, soloist (Glanworthy); Miss Alice Carley and Miss A. Hunt, instrumental duets; while Mrs. Colburn, Glendale, charmed the audience with her delightful readings.

## CLOSING SEASON WITH CARNIVAL

After a season of serious study and fine achievement, during which standards for husband and wife, home, business, dress and social ethics have been drawn up, the members of the Girls' Federation of Clubs of the Y. W. C. A. are planning a grand carnival for the evening of April 6 to wind up the season. The use of Lenmore, the down-town residence of the Y. W. C. A., has been granted for the occasion, and the event promises to be one of unadulterated fun. Everything that is fat, stale, dull and uninteresting will be banished from proceedings. Those participating will wear carnival costumes, and there will be a continuous concert from beginning to end of the evening, to be held in the dining-room, each of the clubs contributing to the program and putting an amusing "stunt." Tea and light refreshments will be "on tap," and it is stated the latch spring will be out that the public may drop in and enjoy the fun.

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## Social Cases Need Trained Worker Just As Sick Need Skilled Doctor

"Financial relief is just like a drug—all right when you are sure when you can stop. Drugs have their place to stop acute distress. The needless continuing of relief work is just as demoralizing and pauperizing as the needless continuing of drugs." The foregoing was, in effect, a quotation given by Miss Ruth Hill, associate field secretary of the American association for organizing social family work, in an address delivered at a special meeting of the Union Mothers' Club in the technical school Thursday afternoon, to illustrate the point that the supplying of material needs is only a very small part of the scheme of work of modern social service. In all cases, she emphasized, the desirable end to be achieved is to bring about better adjustment and develop the latent possibilities of the family.

In this connection, the supreme importance was urged of trained social workers in all communities where real relief work is required, able to diagnose the social case as accurately, and to set in operation the forces that will bring about recovery as the thoroughly trained physician is able to diagnose a medical or surgical case, and prescribe the most effective remedies.

The neighbor or agency, as a rule, she stated, sees only the need for financial relief. It is up to the social worker to discover the exact circumstances, then call in doctor, minister, judge, the agents most required to

bring about readjustment. "People can always visualize an empty pantry, but not family misunderstanding," she said.

In the minutes of the early charitable organizations established in Great Britain and on this continent the aim was to avoid duplication and prevent begging, working towards efficiency in giving, said Miss Hill. The new ideal is to increase the efficiency of service, to discover the resources of the family, and to bring about conditions where the natural sources of income for the family will provide this rather than charity.

Get "Case" to Help. An important first step in bringing about better adjustment and improvement of conditions, according to the speaker, is getting the confidence and co-operation of the "case." In the same way a doctor endeavors to get the co-operation of his patient. In typical instances related of case work the lesson Miss Hill endeavored to point out was that the families had been let in as far as possible as parties in the plan.

Asked by a member of her audience under whose jurisdiction the trained social investigators work in other places, Miss Hill's answer was, "Under a board of directors made up of citizens."

She added that the relief end is a comparatively small part, for which ample funds can always be found. Frequently a big task is to lead parents to a sympathetic understanding of their children, to get families, including all relatives, to work together as a unit.

In answer to a point raised by Mrs. John Rose, president of the London Union Mothers' Club, that individual clubs doing relief work this winter, in co-operation with the chamber of commerce, have endeavored to go about quietly, not letting right hand know what left hand is doing, Miss Hill said, "That is very well to a certain extent, but it is possible to get more far-reaching service by telling the right person capable of diagnosing the case and investigating in a scientific way. And this does not involve shouting it from the housetops."

While the association with which Miss Hill is connected bears the name "American," it functions in Canada as well as in the United States, such welfare clearing-house organizations as the Neighborhood Workers of Toronto, Charities Organization of Mon-

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