

# What is Happening Where and Elsewhere

THE community, according to Mrs. Florence Kelley, is the payer of the minimum wage of the working girl. The lecturer, who is secretary of the National Consumers' League of the United States, ultimately blames the shopping public. She did so in recently addressing the Women's Canadian Club of Winnipeg.

Mrs. Kelley is also well-known in Toronto, where her niece, Mrs. Sidney



MRS. SIDNEY SMALL,  
President of the Club for the Study of Social Science, Toronto.

Small, here pictured, is president of the club for the study of social science.

RECENTLY, for the first time, the members of the women's institutes of Island of Vancouver conferred at the Department of Agriculture. The institutes are doing much for the women on the farms—are improving, for examples, the home-making, the poultry raising, the dairying, the etceteras. In short, they are making for happiness and health.

One thousand dollars, to be expended in work of the institutes, was announced to have been apportioned by the Dominion Government. Short winter courses in farm work will this year be provided.

On the motion of Miss Hadwen, of Cowichan, the Minister of Education is to be asked to include a scheme for an agricultural college in his new university plans, and Mrs. Watt, of Metchosin, suggested the establishment of a farm where women immigrants might be trained on first reaching this country.

THE recent statement that Brockville police were busy locating one Mrs. T. A. Smith, alias Mrs. Helen Howard, for fraudulently obtaining money and incidentally "doing" the Bank of Toronto, would hint that the women will shortly rival the men as financial experts of this feather. The "equality" cry, perhaps, could be dispensed with.

"A. D.," writing in "Everyman" on the surplussage of women, makes several aimless, some untruthful, and one ambiguous statement, which last follows: "Owing to the disastrous scarcity of males and the consequent difficulty of marriage, women are compelled to multiply their opportunities, and to create them where they do not exist. . . . It is not the male who is chasing the female; it is the female who is chasing the male."

True, "A. D.," she is chasing him, scuttling him, sending him, if you will, to the farthest limit. "Old Dutch Cleanser" is lazy by contrast. The trouble, however, with man is he "won't stay put."

MISS CHARLOTTE THRALL, who since 1909 has been the responsible head of Moulton College, Toronto, has resigned her office, and after September will spend some months in the South. Miss Thrall is taking a much-needed rest—her services having been of the highest order.

A LIST of hostels in Canada was recently provided by Miss Lefroy, who is secretary of the British Women's Emigration Association, London. The names of places where local ladies maintain hostels for the accommodation of arriving immigrant women are as follows: Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina and Calgary. Conspicuously the Y.W.C.A. has been a chief provider; for of the sixty-three hostels the full list mentions, thirty-eight are the interests of that body.

THE first woman to be a member of the Automobile Club of Canada is Mrs. Casgrain, wife of Hon. J. P. B. Casgrain, of Montreal. Mrs. Casgrain is firm in her pretty conviction that the club will improve with a sprinkling of women—and genius. Good roads, at present, are her object.

A BELLIGERENT writer, "Veritas," has written thus in rebuke to "The Weekly Scotsman": "I have of late noticed with some surprise and regret that you have allowed several of your correspondents, or contributors, to make ill-natured and insulting references to Thomas Carlyle and Jane Welsh Carlyle."

The memories of the celebrated couple possibly have been abused; but one ventures to guess that the wife of Carlyle but seldom attempted to call her husband "Tommy."

GIRL GUIDES of Company Nine, Toronto, recently rendered a highly diverting, clever and picturesque frolic in that city. A sylvan play was a principal feature, directed by Miss Barren and Miss Fenton. Lady Pellatt gave a brief address, and several proficiency badges were extended. Twenty-two new members were invested. The movement grows.

NEWS comes from the State of New York which ought to be marked as a special warning to parents—to mothers prone to indulge, that is, in that pastime (to them) which is commonly known as the spanking.

A common spanking, such as you might give, dear reader, is said to have cost that New York mother and neighbours the sum of several thousand dollars. She tipped over an oil stove during the operation—a fate which omitted to happen in our childhood. Luck is luck.



MISS CONSTANCE BOULTON,  
Whose Addresses in the Interests of the I.O.D.E. Were Recently Heard in the West With Enthusiasm.

THE career of Dr. Helen MacMurchy, who occupies the newly-created position, inspector of the feeble-minded in Ontario, appears as a perfect chain of linked successes. She is a graduate of the University of Toronto, an M.B. of the Medical College of 1900, and an M.D. for 1901. Subsequently she studied in the Johns Hopkins Medical School, Baltimore, and the Women's Medical College, Philadelphia. She has been medical assistant at Toronto General Hospital, at the same time carrying on a



DR. HELEN MacMURCHY,  
Recently Appointed by the Ontario Government as Inspector of the Feeble-Minded for the Province, and Also as Assistant Inspector of Hospitals and Charities.

wide general practice and lecturing in connection with various schools.

Dr. MacMurchy already is famous for her work in connection with the problem of the feeble-minded. Her accomplishment in reducing infant mortality in the country has likewise come to be a household proverb.

THE expression, "wholly woman," today, will readily be debated as it is used in the following lines by Dora Read Goodale:

Believe me, dear, unyielding though I be,  
Ambitions flourish only in the sun—  
In noisy daylight every race is run,  
With lusty pride for all the world to see.  
When darkness sinks the earth in  
mystery,  
When eye or ear or sight or sound is  
none,  
But death, a tide that waits to bear  
us on,  
And life, a loosening anchor in the sea,  
When time and space are huge about the  
soul,  
And ties of custom lost beyond recall,  
And courage as a garment in the flame,  
Then all my spirit breaks without control,  
Then the heart opens, then the hot tears  
fall  
To prove me wholly woman that I am.

MAN is a biped, but not so woman, according to royal desire and almost edict. Queen Mary is vastly averse to the horsewoman's bifurcated habit, and disapproves, most strongly, riding astride. His Majesty, when giving directions for his visit to the Olympia in company with Queen Mary, required that lady participants in the equestrian parade should use side saddles exclusively—the proper sort to his mind. "De gustibus non disputandum" — especially if tastes are royal. But the notion is being contested a bit in private.

MRS. PLUMPTRE, wife of Canon Plumtre of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, is present with the Y.W.C.A. delegates to the National Conference, held at The Elgin, Muskoka. She was one among those who have given addresses, another woman speaker being Miss Una Saunders, Dominion Secretary of the body. "Regatta Day" was one of the outdoor interests.

SHOPPERS are being especially appealed to by Western women writers to consider more than they have the needs of shop-girls. A half-holiday once a week, Saturday preferred, is the demand of a retail employees' organization of British Columbia. Toronto, in this respect, has been an exemplar.



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