

Island is doing proportionately as well.

The following letters were received from the judges of "The Courier" prize contest. It will be seen that the story "Big Hans" takes the first prize, and "The Deacon and The Advertising Solicitors," the second.

LINCOLN, NEB., Nov. 24, 1896.

Editor Courier: At your request I have examined the stories that were submitted to me by you and I beg leave to say, in my opinion, the story entitled to first prize is the story of "The Deacon and the Four Advertising Solicitors." The second is "Big Hans," a story of a Nebraska farm. I remain very respectfully,

W. S. SUMMERS.
Holy Trinity Rectory,
LINCOLN, Nov. 17th, 1896.

Yesterday I received a lot of "prize stories" and have, as agreed, read them. In my opinion the story entitled "Big Hans" is entitled to first prize; and "The Deacon and the Advertising Solicitors" is entitled to second. As you requested I will pass them on to Mr. Ames. Very truly yours,

H. PERCY SILVERS.
LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 19th, 1896.

My decision on the prize essays submitted to me is as follows:

- First—"Big Hans."
 - Second—"Her First Excursion Run."
 - Third—"On the Way to the Sea."
 - Fourth—"The New Minister."
 - Fifth—"The Parable of the Chimney."
- I remain very respectfully yours,
JOHN H. AMES.

The prize story, "Big Hans," was written by Miss Edna D Bullock. The second prize story, viz, "The Story of the Deacon and the Four Advertising Solicitors" is written by Mr. M. Ridge-way Van Blarcom of New York city. Mr. Van Blarcom is a son of an Omaha lady. Mr. Van Blarcom has written for the magazines and for newspapers for some time. His stories have a flavor of Stockton. He is a young man, and The Courier is glad to print a story that is among the first of many that will be read by magazine readers in the years to come. Miss Edna Bullock, who takes the first prize, is a young woman of much promise now doing post graduate work at the university. We have heard of her before and we will hear of her again. Her story will be printed next week and Mr. Van Blarcom's week after, and some of the others will follow.

Many of the stories are excellent, and the editor rejoices not to have had anything to do with the decision.

"The National Council of Jewish Women" held its first convention in New York from November fifteenth to the twentieth. The council has branches in nearly every city in the United States. The membership includes all Jewish women who care to join. Mrs. Newmark is the president of the Lincoln branch of the national council which was organized last May. It meets fortnightly and the interest is growing. Numbers of Jewish residents have moved away from Lincoln since the hard times set in and the society and synagogue show a depleted membership.

The program of the National Council issued last year by Miss Sadie American, the corresponding secretary, states the object of the society as follows:

The primary object of the N. C. J. W. is to promote a thorough, systematic and widespread knowledge of Judaism. A thorough knowledge of our history is necessary as a basis for this. In general the year shall be devoted to learning:

The history of Israel to the Christian Era, and to obtaining a close acquaintance with the Bible.

While the experience of the past year has shown that no presupposition of familiarity with any period of Jewish history should, as yet, determine any particular period for uniform study, yet your committee herewith presents a

guide for the early and most important period covered by Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel [750-770 B. C.] which it recommends as an excellent beginning for study. An effort will be made to provide further guides as needed.

For the pre-Babylonian period any simple history of Israel will furnish the facts. The following are some of the subjects recommended:

Study of Leviticus: "The Sacrificial System." "The Laws of Cleanliness and Their Effects," "Ethics of Leviticus."

Study of Numbers: "Land, Languages and People of Palestine," "The Story of Balaam and Balak and Its Lessons," "The Biblical Festivals and Holy Days."

Symposium—Ten minute speakers. Characteristics and peculiarities of the modern Jew as developed in and by:

- Asiatic countries.
- Russia and Poland.
- Germany.
- France.
- Italy.
- Netherlands.
- Spain.
- England.
- America.

Position, social and political and industrial, of the Jew in the countries above mentioned.

Study of Genesis: "Abraham the Founder," "Patriarchal Life," "The Poetry of Genesis."

Study of Exodus: "The Tabernacle," "The Song of the Red Sea," "Ethics of Exodus."

In a list of books recommended for the study of the Bible the names of the modern German writers on Hebraism appears. The scholarly treatment of Old Testament topics by the writers of the Tubingen school brings every conscientious reader finally to the same attitude of knowledge and reverence. Jew and Gentile divide when they reach the Christian era. The paths diverge at right angles and nothing but miraculous geometry can bring them together.

Mrs. Henrotin, the president of the National federation of Woman's clubs made a speech before the N. C. J. W. urging union with the federation. Although the object of the Jewish society is to promote a thorough knowledge of Judaism, there is nothing in that to keep it from joining the federation. Knowledge and sympathy will help to destroy the ignorance and prejudice, which for so long have separated Jew and Gentile.

The secondary object of the N. C. J. W. is the study and practice of the preventive charity systems. In Chicago its members are devoting themselves to settlement work and in Lincoln they are looking out for their own poor, systematically.

Persecution and years of confinement in the Ghetto's of Europe have bred a distrust of outside people which it will take many centuries of acquaintance to dispel. Though the quicker it shall disappear the better for us all. Woman's clubs bring the women together. Comrades are privates who march and fight together. The village improvement societies, that many originally literary clubs have become, need to be representative of all classes if they would accomplish anything.

It is the influence of the club movement which has stirred the leaders of the Jewish council to organize. Before they know it the mighty stream will have caught them and the current will carry them into the midst of women of all faiths and every race who are struggling to know more themselves and to help each other.

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Gown Does Not Fit!

You with soul so steeped in pleasure by a sympathy sublime At a Paderewski concert, that you can not well divine The grosser creature near you, with the deeply injured air, Who softly murmurs under breath "A stupid, slow affair!" Now, tell me candidly, did worldly thoughts obtrude Upon the soulful rapture of your sweet, ecstatic mood? I only ask the question 'cause I saw you sitting there And struggling with a loosened tress

Of Your blonde Hair!

And you, sweet saint, who found the sermon dull and flat Because you chanced to hear remarks about "a dowdy hat!" In vain you sought on heavenly things to fix your wandering mind— That day, no consolation in religion could you find; In spite of self, you wondered— as your face more crimson grew— I'm sure, in strictest confidence, you will to me confess One can be a better Christian When one's

Sure About Her Dress! —Mary Day Harris.

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