

heard from all the departing guests. The pen and ink sketches were beautifully executed and credit is due Misses Fellows and Urula.

ART HISTORY.

Outline of Work Prepared by Mrs. F. M. Hall, Chairman of the Art Committee of the N. F. W. C.

- (a) Architecture.
- (b) Sculpture.
- (c) Painting.

A.

ANCIENT ART.

- I. Egyptian art.
- II. Babylonian and Assyrian art.
- III. Persian, Phoenician, Palestine and art of Asia Minor.
- IV. Greek art.
- V. Etruscan and Roman art.

B.

Christian art to the Renaissance.

C.

Modern art from the Renaissance to the present.

- I. In Italy. II. In Germany. III. In France. IV. In Holland. V. In Belgium. VI. In Spain. VII. In England.

GENERAL REMARKS.

In ancient art architecture and sculpture predominated.

In early Christian art architecture and painting predominated.

In modern art painting predominates. Architecture and sculpture take second place.

LESSON VII.

EARLY CHRISTIAN ART.

1. Causes that led to the great decline in art.

Barbaric invasion; new religion, simplicity of living; abhorrence of idolatry and luxury.

2. Sculpture.

For many centuries nothing was done. Heathen gods and heroes were abhorred by early Christians, and their temples were destroyed. First illustrations were statuettes of the Good Shepherd and St. Hippolytus of the 5th century. Bronze statue in St. Peter's at Rome is supposed to be of the same date, and reliefs on the early sarcophagi.

3. Painting was scarcely more than crude symbolism seen in the catacombs, chapels and early places of worship.

4. In architecture the Roman Basilica gave way to the cathedral, and Romanesque, Byzantine, Gothic and Renaissance styles are the products of this change.

See Reber's History of Mediaeval Art; Perkin's Historical Handbook of Italian Sculpture; Luebke's History of Sculpture (university library). Mrs. Jameson's Legends of the Madonna (city library). DeForest's Short History of Art.

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(Special Correspondence.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30, '99.

Holiday week in the national capital was almost devoid of politics, or of news of any national importance. Many of the congressmen went home, or took holiday junkets, while those who remained here spent the time in the social whirl. The Nebraska members improved the time by catching up in their correspondence, and by visiting the departments in interests of constituents who are anxious about pension claims and other matters.

One of the items that is going the rounds of the eastern papers tells the story of the release of mortgages in Nebraska, and contains the tabulation which was printed by Nebraska papers

last spring. This tabulation makes the showing that under the democratic times the amount of farm mortgages filed far exceeded the amount of those released, while in 1897 and 1898 the conditions were the reverse, and the releases exceeded the filings by over six million dollars for each year. The eastern papers are making many comments on the good condition of affairs and are anxious to see what the figures of 1899 will show.

Nebraskans in Washington are congratulating Senator Allen on his selection of a private secretary. They believe that he has used good judgment in the appointment of a man of sterling ability and honesty, and one who has never made any pretense of being either a democrat or a populist. The new appointee was formerly a Kentuckian, where he held a federal office under the republican administration. He will be a great help to Allen, as he is a born rustler, but it is hard to see where the Jacksonian democrats of Nebraska can get any comfort out of the appointment.

The treasury bureau of statistics has just made a report showing the exports of breadstuffs for the eleven months ending with November, 1899, and the figures show that the amount of corn shipped to other countries was larger than for any previous year, and that the shipments were constantly increasing. It seems that the popularity of the great American product is growing abroad, and that under the present supremacy of American trade the exports will grow so large as to permanently raise the price of the article. This is news that cannot but be welcome in Nebraska. The report shows that for the eleven months ending with November this country has shipped out 185,832,659 bushels of corn, valued at \$47,742,127. The average export price was forty cents per bushel. In 1898 it was thirty-seven cents and in 1897 it was thirty-one cents. In the exports of corn meal there is also a large increase in quantity, with higher prices. The amount for 1899 is 798,111 barrels, as compared with 237,095 barrels in 1874. Most of the corn product shipped goes to Europe, and over one-third of it is sold to England.

The news that Andrew Carnegie has made a gift of seventy-five thousand dollars for the establishment of a library at the state capital of Nebraska, along with his other great gifts, will cause general rejoicing when it is realized that the money thus being given away is not causing a hardship to the thousands of men employed by Mr. Carnegie. On the contrary, notices have been posted up at the various works of the Carnegie Steel Company here in the east announcing another increase in wages of 7.11 per cent, making a total raise of twenty-five per cent since the return of general prosperity. The increase in wages effects ten thousand men. This is a pretty good way to "press down the crown of thorns on the brow of labor."

F. A. HARRISON.

Nothing to Him.

Wat's—I want to say that magician was simply wonderful. Fancy pulling a rabbit out of a thimble, will you? Lushforth—Once I got a snake eighteen feet long, with a lighted gas jet in his mouth, out of a quart bottle.—Indianapolis Journal.

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