



SOME OF LINCOLN'S UNION PLUMBERS.

be devoted to a cooking school. Miss Gould has arranged to hire expert cooks in Manhattan, who will teach the poor girls who live near Lyndhurst how to cook all the delicacies of the season free of charge. Recently Miss Gould entertained the mothers of 200 girls who belonged to her sewing class, at her mansion with a supper. Special artists furnished music, and each one was presented with a large cake bearing the words "Mothers' Meeting."

Monday evening the Candle-Light club met at the Lincoln. Judge Roscoe Pound read a paper on the jury system. Mr. Pound reviewed the history of the system, enumerated its strong and weak points, and came to the conclusion that with minor reforms and with a stronger and more independent bench the jury offers the best means yet devised for securing substantial justice. He held that it is needed in many cases as a sort of common sense mediation between stern, inexorable law and man. In the discussion which followed the paper there was substantial agreement especially among the lawyers, that the bench and bar ought to be charged with a good share of the sins commonly charged to the jury. A number of lawyers and judges from outside the city were the guests of the club. The paper was generally spoken of as one of the most brilliant efforts yet enjoyed by the club.

Speaking of debutantes, a writer in the New York Tribune offers the following comments:

"It is sad, but true, that intellect and cultured intelligence cannot be included among the social assets of a debutante. In fact, they are more of a hindrance than a help in her so-called 'success,'

which means that she must have cotillion and supper parties in plenty for every function, and be generally admired. This seems hard and at the same time contradictory to the emancipated schoolgirl, who has always, ever since she can remember, been urged to study hard, and told by parents and teachers that it was all essential to improve her mind, not only for the sake of culture in itself, but also in order to shine in this social world. But this world which she entered seems to care so little for any intellectual acquirements, and only to require of her a capacity for chattering, amusing gossip, or to be able to toss the ball of repartee to and from in sprightly fashion with her partners. In this the clever, serious minded girl will probably find that her mental inferiors will greatly surpass her, and she may have the mortification of seeing some girl whom she has always considered quite stupid suddenly become her social superior, all because the latter has a superabundance of unusual spirits and plenty of small talk on every occasion.

"There is no doubt that many extremely well brought up girls are socially handicapped when they start out in the world, and it often takes a couple of seasons before the shy young student feels at home or happy in the gay world. 'I cannot change suddenly, mamma,' said one of these poor little social martyrs. 'I have always been brought up not to talk at the table when I dined with older people, and now it is impossible for me to rattle on like Molly Chatterbox, whom you seem to hold up as a model to me now, although I remember very well when she came to luncheon with us a couple of years ago that you exclaimed after she left: "That child is perfectly insufferable. So forward and silly! She has been wretchedly brought up!" But now, you see, she is quite the

belle, while I, you must admit, am somewhat of a wallflower.'

"Later on the intellectual girl will have her innings. Society does not consist of debutantes' functions, and the winter, which she deems so important, and which in all probability will be a great disappointment, will soon be over. Little by little she will learn to adopt herself to her world and enjoy it. Nevertheless, she will find that it is only to the few that she can safely talk of other things than social happenings, while the pleasure she derives from a highly cultured mind must either be a purely personal one or shared only by a few kindred spirits."

The United Daughters of the Confederacy, a society dear to the heart of the southern women, has now a membership of over thirty thousand and is rapidly growing. It has chapters not alone in cities of the south, but wherever southern women have gone to dwell. A chapter with thirty charter members was recently organized in Kansas City, and promises to become a potent factor in exclusive social circles in that city. In plan and methods of government it is something like the Daughters of the American Revolution, and has one great parent society with divisions in many states. Mrs. James A. Rounsaville of Rome, Georgia, is president of the general society. Mrs. "Stonewall" Jackson is honorary president.

During the war between the States, '61-65, many societies of southern women were formed to minister to the necessities of soldiers in field and hospital, these being generally known as "Soldiers' Aid Societies." Immediately following the close of the war one of these societies, in Columbus, Georgia, determined to perpetuate its organization as a memorial. It published and sent forth



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