

WORK OF THE CLUB WOMEN

(Continued from Second Page.)

Miss Janet E. Richards, of Washington, D. C., under fashionable patronage. Miss Richards has taken an unusually interesting European trip this summer, including The Hague and Peace conference; a visit to Ibelingfors, Finland, where she met some of the women members of the Finnish Parliament; a visit to St. Petersburg and many other places of interest in Europe. The patronesses for these talks are Mrs. Charles Warren Fairbanks, Mrs. George B. Cortelyou, Mrs. Beth Low, Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, Mrs. Charles W. Gregory, Mrs. William Cummings Story and others of equal prominence connected with the patriotic society of which Mrs. Herbert Ellsworth Gates, of Omaha, has been appointed organizing president for Nebraska.

Mrs. Gates is living, for the present, at the Park Avenue hotel, New York City, where she is anxious to hear from all those women in Nebraska who are eligible to membership, with the object of organizing a state society in Nebraska. The Vermont state society, of which Mrs. C. F. B. Jones is president, has been granted permission by the recent session of the legislature, to place in the state house at Montpelier a tablet commemorative of the deeds of valor of the soldiers and sailors of the war of 1812. During the year the state society of the United States Daughters of 1812 has placed bronze markers over the graves of several patriots, notably those of Joseph Barrow, Jr., confidential pilot to Commodore McDonough, Captain Horace Hawley, of the United States navy, and the Rev. Hiram Safford, the exercises being held on the anniversary of the battle of Plattsburg.

Current Topics Department. At the meeting of the current topics department Tuesday various phases of the world's work were discussed by Messadames Andrews, Lockwood, Glover, Oehrls and Edward Johnson, Mrs. H. S. Rhodes being leader for the day. Miss Hopper assisted in the program with a vocal selection. A new feature instituted by the leader, Mrs. C. W. Hayes, is for each member to give some short current note, and on Tuesday religion, art, education, science and the recent financial stress were touched upon. A spirited discussion followed the visit of one member that she might have heard the recent address given before the teachers by Dr. Schaffer, in which he stated teachers should bring sunshine into school room. One mother thought it was to blame for not making enough investigations into this need which exists in many school rooms; still other held that it was sometimes imperative to place a child in another school where it could imbibe a more sunny spirit. Another fact presented was the lack of sympathy between many teachers and some pupils.

New Clubs in the National. The membership committee of the General Federation of Women's Clubs announces the admission of the following clubs to that organization: California—Salina, Walnut Improvement club. Twenty-two members. President, Mrs. H. N. Cutler. New York—Sarango, Sarango Woman's association. Thirty-five members. President, Miss Anna Maxwell Jones. 2 Franklin square. New York—Mechanicsville, Friday Reading circle. Nineteen members. President, Mrs. M. M. Moore. Ohio—Warren, Book club. Twenty-four members. President, Mrs. A. F. Harris, Mahoning avenue. Club Notes. The club women's children are to have their ining Monday afternoon when they will be guests of the South Omaha

Woman's club. The household economics department will be in charge of the open day program and has invited the club children and their friends to be their guests. Among other interesting features planned Dr. S. R. Towns will give a talk on birds.

The Council Efforts Woman's club will hold a reception Friday afternoon of this week at the home of Mrs. E. C. Smith on First avenue. This will be the second of a series of receptions planned for this winter and members of the literature department will act as hostesses.

The current topics department of the Woman's club will hold its first kenstington afternoon of the autumn, Tuesday afternoon, November 5, at 2 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. C. W. Hayes, 325 Lake street. There will be an interchange of Christmas ideas and a program to which Mrs. J. Hardee will contribute vocal numbers accompanied by Mrs. C. Y. Kenworthy, and readings by Mrs. Stephen E. Davies, Mrs. Edward Johnson, Mrs. G. P. Moorhead, Mrs. E. Oehrls, Mrs. Benjamin B. Baker, Mrs. W. H. Willbur and Mrs. T. R. Ward will be the assistant hostesses.

For the benefit of the Ladies' Aid society of the First Methodist church Rev. Frank L. Loveland will present his lecture, "The Wandering Jew," Tuesday evening, November 12, at 8 o'clock, in the parlors of the church.

The Omaha Society of Fine Arts will meet Thursday morning, November 7, in the audience room of the public library. Mrs. H. D. Poy to be the leader of the day. Reubens will be the artist under discussion and Mrs. F. H. Cole and Mrs. M. H. Lowrie will contribute to the discussion.

PRATT DIVORCE OPENS AGAIN

Daughters Ask that Service on Them Through Publication Be Quashed. The first skirmish in the Pratt divorce case, since the filing of the new petitions took place before Judge Kennedy Saturday morning when the attorneys for Mrs. Harriet Pratt Mason and Mrs. Margaret Louise Pratt Olson asked the service had on them by publication be quashed. They are daughters of Colonel Pratt and were made defendants because of the litigation over the property which Mrs. Pratt asserts was conveyed to her by Pratt. The motion was argued by the attorneys Saturday morning and submitted to Judge Kennedy, who took it under advisement.

BEGGAR HITS LAW OFFICERS

Mendicant Strikes Detectives, Police Judge and City Prosecutor Without Knowing Them.

Dan Foley was up before Judge Crawford Saturday morning on the charge of begging on the streets.

"I had been on a drunk and blew myself," he said, "and simply asked a man for 10 cents to get across the bridge on."

"Do I look like the man you asked," said City Prosecutor Daniels.

"Do I look like another you tackled?" said Plain Clothes Officer Hiel.

"And me," "and me," "and me too," chimed in others whom Foley had bogged on the street.

"Guess you must have worked the wrong side of the street," said Judge Crawford. Ten and coats. Try the other side next time and maybe you'll have more luck."

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Features of Work in Depths of the Dark Continent.

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Almost Insurmountable Obstacle Overcome by Christian Workers in Their Dealings with the Natives.

Among the many interesting women in attendance at the meeting of the Congregational Women's Board of Missions of the Interior, in session in Omaha last week, who have given up lives of comfort and refinement, home and friends, and all the associations most dear, to carry Christ's gospel to heathen lands, none had a more interesting story to tell than Mrs. W. M. Stover and Miss Emma C. Redick, members of one of the mission colonies in central western Africa.

Reducing the jargon of an African tribe to a written language is the gigantic task in which they have had a part while engaged with other missionaries in establishing schools, and the general dissemination of Christianity and better ideas of living. Twenty-six years ago a little band of missionaries made their way up the coast and then into the interior to the home of the Ovimbundu people, or Angola, as it is known, a Portuguese territory in west central Africa, where they established a mission village from which has grown one of the most important mission stations on the continent. The year after the founding, Mr. Stover joined the party and the following year Mrs. Stover "came out." While not contending with a hostile people, the task was a stupendous one, and she among the difficulties was the inability of the missionaries to communicate with the natives, being unable to speak or understand a word of their language. Anticipating this difficulty, the party had picked up a Portuguese half-breed on the coast, taking him with them as interpreter, but much to their disappointment and mystification, their overtures to the natives through this medium proved unavailing and no progress was made. Frequently their most friendly advances failed to elicit any response and instead of inspiring confidence as they had hoped among the people they had come to help, it was evident they were often regarded with suspicion.

Interpreter Was a Fake. Finally the mystery was explained. After weeks of watching the natives and listening to their talk, the missionaries began to acquire some understanding of the language, and then they discovered that their interpreter was a fraud. Whether maliciously or from ignorance of the language himself it was never fully decided, but it was certain that this interpreter had not conveyed the messages intended for the natives, and he was hurried back to his home at the earliest opportunity. From that time the progress was more rapid, and while the workers have not mastered the entire language as yet, a vocabulary of several thousand words has been acquired and is being taught in the mission schools to fully 2,000 pupils.

With the progress of the work has come the important discovery that the Ovimbundu language is developed from roots that form a substantial part of the basis of many of the other African languages. Even among the Zulus and Swahili and prefixes are identical with the Ovimbundu. It is one of what are known as the Bantu languages, and is supposed to have originated in the interior, as many tribes driven out of there base their language upon the same roots. The weary work of the missionaries in reducing the pure native language to writing, and the words being corrupted by foreigners has been more than repaid and has proven valuable beyond their anticipation, as material assistance in learning the language of other tribes. The Ovimbundu is the commercial language of that section at present, and while the workers realize that it must in time give place to the German or English language, its preservation in its purity is most valuable and its development is being steadily pursued.

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Street Car Transfer Found After Much Excitement of an Anxious Throng. A man with an armful of bundles stood at the corner of Sixteenth and Farnam streets with an excited look on his face. Willily he thrust his free hand into one after the other of his pockets. People gathered around him.

"Lost your coat?" inquired one. "Was there much in it?" asked another. "Where'd you lose it?" inquired a third. But the man did not answer. He continued the wild search. He had already explored fifteen of his sixteen pockets and he was growing more anxious every minute. As he thrust his hand into the sixteenth a look of relief swept over his countenance. He drew a deep sigh of peace and smiled. Then produced a plunk slip of paper.

"Yes, I thought I'd lost my transfer," he said. Suicide Theory Being Probed. NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 2.—While members of the family of Gustave Lelmann, a New Orleans capitalist and the head of one of the largest wholesale dry goods houses in the south, who disappeared several days ago, are not inclined to accept the theory of suicide, plans are being made today to use dynamite to raise the body of a man who was seen last Wednesday

to jump into the Mississippi river and disappear. The swift current if this body can be recovered, it will either confirm or refute the declaration of two negro women, who, when shown a photograph of Mr. Lelmann, said he was the man they had seen jump into the river. There appears to be slight chance of recovering the body.

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Railway Notes and Personal. Lee Spratlan of the Burlington is in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Hal Buckingham have gone to Chicago to spend Sunday. C. E. Spens, general freight agent of the Burlington, has gone to Chicago. R. S. Hair, western representative of the French line of steamers, was in Omaha Saturday. R. F. Miller, general freight and passenger agent of the Northwestern, has returned from Chicago. J. E. Briggs, tariff clerk of the general freight office of the Burlington, has gone to Chicago to return with his wife. Mr. Briggs has been in the Omaha office but a short time. The office of General Manager Holdrege of the Burlington was turned into a bank Friday when the clerks were paid off in gold. A gold of all denominations was piled all over the room and a representative of the Nebraska National bank helped to distribute the shining beauties amongst the employees of the building.

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