

Activities and Views of Progressive Women in Various Walks of Life

Heart-to-Heart Talk with Wives. NONE of her serene, thoughtful hours, Dix draws from her store of observations, past experiences, a bouquet of human truths, fashioned for the benefit of wives. She admits at the outset that men are not as hard-headed as they are pictured, that they crave as eagerly as women the domestic love—the warm love of the fireside—that expresses itself in the lingering good-by kiss in the morning and the warm rapture of the welcoming kiss in the evening, in the loving pressure of an arm that steals about one's neck as if it found its home there; in the pillow of a head upon a soft breast; in a thousand little natural caresses to which common daily life is set like a song to music for which men marry.

"This is what every man dreams that matrimony is going to mean to him, or else there would be no more weddings. This measure of love is the greatest asset in payment for all that he gives up as a bachelor."

"That's mighty good, and a good thing should be pushed along. The break in the conversation is made simply to allow male readers to catch their breath. This does, Dorothy proceeds to say, in order to get out of what he earns in his board and keep, and he is invariably the worst dressed member of the family, and has always to eat the drumsticks of the chicken and the tough ends of the steak. His daily life is one perpetual sacrifice of tastes and inclinations for his wife and children."

"The only way that they can possibly repay him is by showing a tender appreciation of him, and only too often they forget to do this. They take everything for granted, and they never even so much as suspect that the patient, self-sacrificing worker who works so hard for them is hungering and thirsting for a few compliments, a few words of affection, a little sign that he is loved."

"Nor should women forget that at the bottom of his heart the biggest, strongest, wisest, most far-seeing man in the world is nothing but a baby, and he only being petted, and fussed over, and gurgled over, and baby-talked to, just as much as if he were 6 months old. If you don't believe this, just try the experiment on the most dignified man you know, and watch him unband and come to like a frozen snake in a hot oven."

"Therefore, the delicate wife is no more doing her part in matrimony than the congealed husband, and the woman who never gives her husband a warm caress or says a single word of affection to him is just as blameworthy as the man who never says a tender word to his wife from the day he courts her until the day he writes out an affectionate epitaph to be carved on her tombstone."

"Nay, a woman owes it even more to her husband to be affectionate to him than he does to her, because the little grain of life come easier to a woman than to a man, and because it is the only way in which she can pay him for his toil for her. And if a woman complains that tender caresses and the babble of affection are foreign to her nature, then let her invest in a season's ticket to the theaters and see the complete set of the works of Laura Jean Libbey and give her mind to the study of the most important subject that is ever likely to come up in her life."

Unique Philanthropy. The unique Charlotte Schmidlapp fund for the preparation of young girls for "womanhood," which will in time amount to \$2,000.00, has just been put in practical operation in Cincinnati.

In January, 1907, Jacob G. Schmidlapp, president of the Union Savings Bank and trust company, and a philanthropist of Cincinnati, set aside \$20,000 of his private fortune as a memorial to his daughter Charlotte, with these unique provisions: That the interest on this sum be added each year to the principal, with the exception of 2 or 2 1/2 per cent, until the bequest reaches \$2,000.00. This 2 or 2 1/2 per cent of the interest shall be used to educate and prepare girls between the ages of 12 and 22, as the governing board shall select, in such education and training as will best fit them for life's struggle. Each year, as the income increases, more young girls will be educated.

For the year 1908 there is only \$2,500 to be expended, and this, so the board decided on January 9, will be turned over to the residents of Hamilton county, in which Cincinnati is situated.

Miss Edith Campbell, teacher at the University of Cincinnati, will select the candidates whom she thinks are deserving. This list she will turn over to the governing board.

The successful candidates must be of good moral character, strong of body and mind, and possess a natural aptitude for the work they wish to take up. The money is not to be given in charity, but as a loan, to be repaid should the recipient ever be able to do so. It is not intended that the debt should become a burden.

When the eligible girls are selected the unique part of the plan will be instituted. There may be only one to reap the benefits of the first year's interest. The committee, if it sees fit, can use the whole of the \$2,500 in the education of one girl or the amount can be divided into as many parts as the board wishes.

Miss Charlotte Schmidlapp, in whose memory the fund is dedicated, was killed in an automobile accident in France in 1906.

denis under the direction of the regular athletic trainer who has charge of the men. Outside of Sage college, at Cornell and Wellesley there are no women's colleges that go in strong for rowing.

Betterment of Working Women. Ten thousand dollars has just been given by Mrs. Mary Morton Keewee to aid the Women's Industrial and Educational union of Boston. More and more the union is coming to interest itself not merely in the local and immediate application of these industrial and civic conditions that are related to its various activities, but in their broader reaction on the community with the ideal of preventive rather than remedial and personal work. Therefore, within the last few years a new department has been started which deals with research work.

The union now has a department of trade training which has attracted the attention of trade schools all over the world. The department maintains three trade classes, one in that making one in machine made and hand made in order to working women school shops were opened at the union about a year ago, one in millinery and one in hand work for the production of clothing for babies and small children, maids' aprons, and gowns. Here the graduates of the year's course at the trade school are given a certificate of training under actual shop conditions, with a normal success. These schools have been a great success, and have more than come up to Mrs. Keewee's expectations.

The trade class in salesmanship was begun three years ago, and this also has grown wonderfully. In order to working women of suitable type it was found necessary to co-operate with some of the largest and best stores in the city. Every pupil before admission must have the approval of one of the stores, which in turn guarantees the student when she has finished the course. Later it was so arranged that actual saleswomen, young women who work in the stores during the busiest hours of the day, were sent to the union during the stores' duller hours to take the course in salesmanship.

A branch that Mrs. Keewee has been strongly interested in is the Domestic Reform league. Its aim is the recognition by the employer that fair conditions should be given in exchange for faithful service, and by the employe that interested and efficient service should be given in exchange for fair wages and just conditions and further recognition by both employer and employe that efficiency should be a standard of wages.

The business agency of the union is for the purpose of maintaining a business office where skilled and efficient workers in employments other than domestic service may be found.

Work and Women. For the first time in its history, reports the Outlook, the United States supreme court has recently been called upon to decide the right of a state to regulate the working hours of adult women. A law of Oregon limits these hours to ten in one day in factories, mechanical establishments and laundries. Curt Muller, a laundryman, attacked the constitutionality of this law, which was, however, upheld by the Oregon supreme court in 1906. The decision of the federal supreme court, to which the case was appealed, will substitute determine the constitutionality of the law restricting women's working hours in the United States. Such laws have been enacted in nineteen states, the earliest in Massachusetts in 1875, the latest more than a generation afterwards. These laws are not the result of an ephemeral public sentiment, but of deliberate purpose. One of the leading members of the Boston bar, Mr. Louis D. Brandeis, generously volunteered his services as associate counsel in arguing at Washington this Oregon case. Mr. Brandeis also submitted a brief which is of extraordinary interest, in that it brings before the court the actual facts at issue in this case—

the effects, physical, moral and economic, of regulating women's working hours.

Thinks We Live Too High. It is wages versus large ideas, and not the increased cost of provisions that makes the average householder find it difficult to make both ends meet today. Mrs. Ellen H. Richards of Boston said in a lecture upon the "Cost of Living and How to Control It," at the Teachers' college. She told of a man whose wife learned to talk about his salary instead of his wages. "When we had wages," he said, "there was no difficulty in living within them, but with a salary we spent everything."

People spend more money than they used to," said Mrs. Richards, "and one reason is that we have more useful things, like the bathroom, and it is well to be sanitary. They say the cost of living within the last thirty years has increased 40 or 50 per cent, but I contend that it is not so. It is our idea of living that has increased."

"There has been a great change in what we women think we need, in the price of hats and gloves and gowns. Our grandmothers—women of comfortable means—felt that they were doing well when they had three gowns, and a little further back the men might have one elaborate suit of clothes, but they did not think it was necessary to have one for the morning, one for the afternoon and one for the evening."

"If you divide your income so that food will cost one-fourth, rent another and operating expenses one-fourth more, there will be left one-fourth for the 'region of choice.' There is nothing that makes one feel so poverty-stricken as not to be able to do something that we really wish. With money for the region of choice, we get what we most wish—it may be books, travel or even handsome gowns—but something that we really desire. If a family lives up to its entire income there is nothing to draw upon in case of need, though I class physicians, medicines, dentists and travel for health as fines that we have to pay for neglect of nature's laws."

"The average family having an income of \$2,000 or \$3,000, unless there is an arrangement to save something for the future or something very much wanted, spends it all. The woman's largest expenses are usually sundries. Men have temptations to spend, but not as the women do, with the market, the bargain counter, and the house or which they which is also a trimming tone, combined with ivory, champagne and scrup, are all included in one of the most elaborate of a certain type of face. A buckle of old silver shows an exquisite combination of Egyptian and modern tracery; another is in heraldic effect, showing a wonderful combination of colors in a simple of a hand made one of gold. Beads, graduated in size from a very small one to those worn like a chain, are strung on a chain or put together with flat links, sometimes set with tiny jewels, and long strings of them worn like necklaces, are in the rather showy, accompaniment to this black costume. 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