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Chicago Times-Herald: The Library Journal prints a list of Andrew Carnegie's library benefactions during the last year, from which it appears that the total of these gifts is \$3,503,500, and that they have been or are about to be divided among thirty-four institutions. That the money is not all actually bestowed is due to the conditional provision in those cases where the beneficiaries are called upon to raise additional sums from other sources before the donation may be considered secure.

Recipients will be found in more than a dozen states and Great Britain. Thus the great centralized capital which has been gathered from the world is going out to the world again for the benefit of many communities. Nor can Pittsburgh, which remains chief among the beneficiaries, complain.

Finally there is undoubted wisdom in making the gifts conditional upon the cooperative efforts of those who are to receive them. An institution which expects to be taken care of with out any endeavor on its own part is sure to be invaded by dry rot. There will be no spirit, energy or thought in the conduct of its affairs, but, like a pampered heir living in luxury upon the fruits of another's labor, it will simply consume and waste while it accomplishes nothing for itself or mankind.

Mr. D. E. Thompson has not yet given up hope of breaking into the United States senate, and he shows his shrewdness by advertising his generosity at every opportunity. His \$20,000 contribution to the special train fund for the return of the First Nebraska regiment was worked for all it was worth, and now he is making all kinds of propositions for the donation of a public library site to the city of Lincoln, each of which is appropriately displayed and surrounded by pure reading matter on the first page of the State Journal. Mr. Thompson will bear watching; if he has designs upon a possible popocratic legislature we have nothing to say, but he forever exiled himself from republican consideration when he attempted to thwart the will of his party caucus by forming an alliance with the enemy. There must be no compromise with traitors if republicanism is ever to resume ascendancy in Nebraska.—St. Paul Republican, January 31st.

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"You have been a long time collecting your library, have you not?" "Yes, but then you see I have so few friends."—Town Topics.

A French Salon.

There was gray in her hair, and from her soft skin one would say immediately, "from across the channel." Her first bonjour, however, made that impossible—for no Englishwoman, however clever, can say to your mademoiselle without detection. From around the low-cut of her gown fell flounces of white lace that some way seemed to have breathed the breath of Jesurum's fascinating shop.

There were groups of mothers and daughters here and there in the room and men who devoted themselves according to their needs or inspiration to the various mamans. One little elf-like girl, whose history a number of madames quickly made known to me, I well remember. She was a great heiress and many messieurs had made eyes at her and hung at her mother's skirts. Just now a slender monsieur was talking to the mother about the Feministes and the new theatre that they were soon to open with a great gala, but all the time his eyes sought the girl's with ardent looks.

Said Madame Gayere, in whose salon we were, "I am going to read you some verses first. I made them last week."

"Bravo, bravo, bravo, madame," came from all sides. "They are charming."

People began to chatter again and madame came to introduce us to a tall woman in a black velvet gown. We drew back a little for there was something awesome in this towering black.

"I would like to present you, mademoiselle," said madame, "to Mademoiselle B—, the president of the Woman's Suffrage League of France."

I had heard of various societies in France, such as a Society for the Protection of Animals and the Woman's Charity League, but to have woman suffrage cast at one in such an unexpected country was overwhelming to say the least.

"Mademoiselle," said mademoiselle, la presidente, "we are endeavoring to raise women to a higher standard and we have no better inspiration than the women of America. I suppose that you belong to the suffrage league?"

"Monsieur Gayere is going to play now," said madame.

M. Gayere was a composer of some little note. He took up his violin and we were very quiet for some time.

"And now," said madame, "I am sure that M. Beauregard will speak to us of the great Feministe movement. You all know, I am sure, that it is practically an impossibility for a woman playwright to have her plays accepted, simply because she is a woman. It is a great and terrible injustice and now the opportunity is given us to aid in this great undertaking," and the tears rolled down Madame Gayere's cheeks. "Monsieur Beauregard has agreed to manage the new theater built by the Feministes, and there only plays written by women are to be given."

M. Beauregard then spoke at some length of the possibilities of the Woman or Feministe movement.

"I think that I shall sing to you now," said Madame Gayere.

"Ah, do, do, Madame," came from a group of men. "You sing so well."

"No one can do things as well as Madame Gayere," said M. Boliere, a man with much white hair. "Madame is a rare gift of the gods."

"It is high time for M. Boliere to give us some verses."

"No, not to night, Madame. I came because I knew that in your salon there was repose. Pardonnez moi, but you must excuse me."

"Oh, no; it is impossible, monsieur," came from a chorus of voices.

"But I must say no," said monsieur firmly.

"I entreat you, monsieur," said Madame Gayere.

"When madame entreats," said mon-

sieur, "there is no retreat," and he bowed low and kissed her hand. He then read us some epigrams of his own doing, which took time to make one forget them.

Monsieur Tourion, with a continued sarcastic smile, recited the way the English recite 'La Fontaine,' saying vos for vous, and only hinted at the fact that there are r's in French. Madame sang to us an old ballad of Brittany, and the slender monsieur with soulful eyes looked upon the elf-like girl and applauded when the mother applauded.

"Ah," said la presidente, "it is only in Madame Gayere's salon that we have evenings like these, filled with beautiful and progressive ideas."

Monsieur Gayere led out Mademoiselle B—, la presidente, to the dining room. On the center of the table a great bunch of white lilacs presided in their own peculiar, graceful way. Here and there on the table were plates of those alluring gateaux—cakes—for which France is famous. I feared lest Mademoiselle la presidente be above gateaux, but no—suffrage for both women and cakes is possible.

HELEN C. HARWOOD.

High School Notes.

The seniors had a "sneak day" last week. It all came about over the valentine box. For two or three days it had been in the office to receive valentines for the seniors and faculty. On Wednesday when it was filled to overflowing, and the seniors went for it, it was no. Groups of angry seniors were seen in the halls discussing the advisability of punishing the juniors or the faculty. It was deemed best to indulge in that time honored custom of taking a "sneak day" and on Thursday morning fifty-eight of them indulged in a sleigh ride. Things looked quite different on Friday, however, as there was evidently something in the air. The seniors were closeted with Dr. Davenport during two periods but at last they were allowed to go. This was all done to show the proper class spirit, and not to compromise Dr. Davenport who was in no way responsible for it.

The regular meeting of the Hawthorn literary society occurred on Monday.

Mr. Horace Warren '09, has been in the city for a little visit.

Mr. Davis spoke in chapel Monday on the occasion of Lincoln's birthday.

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