

engaged for each farm; the ground is plowed, harrowed and seed is furnished to those who are too poor to buy for themselves, though all families able to do so are expected to pay \$1.00 for the use of the ground. Remarkable results have been obtained from these garden patches. With careful management each garden can be made to yield from \$50 to \$60 worth of vegetables each season, many of which are consumed by the owners from day to day, while others are sold or stored for the winter. A People's Friendly club was organized by the gardeners on each tract, and frequent meetings are held to compare notes and give and receive suggestions relating to the work.

The Queen Mining company has recently been incorporated in Pierre, S. D., with a capital of a billion dollars. The company is composed of Mrs. Estella Trus-Nell, her daughter, Mrs. Pearl Young, and Mr. Oscar Nelson, whose name is said to be all the interest he has in the organization. Mrs. Trus-Nell has been engaged in mining since her husband died, twenty years ago. Mrs. Young has also had plenty of experience in the business, and together they propose to develop some of the richest property ever known. The company proposes also to buy, lease and operate mines of all descriptions, to engage in manufactures, and to construct and operate railroad and telegraph lines.

Miss Fannie Ruth Robinson has recently been elected president of Oxford college, Ohio, to succeed Dr. J. H. Thomas. Miss Robinson has been dean of the college for five years, and will retain the post while filling the office of president.

At the graduation of fifty two young women from the New York school for Trained Nurses, the following version of the Hippocratic oath was administered by the chairman of the advisory board, Mrs. Cadwallader Jones: "You do solemnly swear, each by whatever she holds most sacred, that you will be loyal to the physician under whom you serve, as a good soldier is loyal to his officers; that you will be just and generous to all worthy members of your profession, aiding them when it will be in your power to do so; that you will live your lives and lead your profession in uprightness and honor; that into whatever house you shall enter it shall be for the good of the sick to the utmost of your power, and that you will hold yourselves aloof from all temptation; that

whatsoever you shall see or hear of the lives of men and women, whether they be your patients or members of their households, you will keep inviolably secret, whether you are in other households or among your own friends."

If you accept these obligations, let each one bow the head in sign of acquiescence. And now, if you shall be true to your word, may prosperity and good repute be ever yours, the opposite if you shall prove yourselves forsworn.

Though a surprise to both graduates and audience, the young women signified their acceptance of the obligations, and much favorable comment was heard from the physicians present.

Several weeks ago the Ladies' Literary club of Gilmore City, Iowa, was the guest of the Review club of Des Moines. Last week the Review club was pleasantly entertained in Gilmore City. Among the subjects discussed were what should constitute a club dinner, picnics, programs, luncheons, straw rides and sunrise breakfasts. Other Iowa clubs are planning similar exchange of courtesies for the coming year. Nebraska clubs might adopt the idea with pleasure and profit.

Of immeasurable benefit to the poor classes in Philadelphia are the huge recreation piers on the river front. The upper stories of these piers are enclosed as a protection against storm. The lower portion, which is nearest the river, is never closed, and is patronized by women and children at all hours of the day. In the evening the men also go to the pier to rest and smoke. Lunch counters are provided where pie, milk, roast beef, soda, ginger cakes, ice cream and other cheap articles may be purchased if desired.

"Jane Addams Hall" is the name of an institution soon to be erected in Paris, copied after Hull House in Chicago.

Seventeen years ago the Rev. F. L. Pease, a retired missionary of New York city, purchased a little farm in the suburbs of Asheville, North Carolina, and built a comfortable cottage in which he hoped to spend his remaining days with his wife in peace and happiness. The girls who came to do cooking and other household work in the cottage were very ignorant. None of them were accustomed to the conveniences of a modern kitchen, and few were able to read and write. So Mrs. Pease organized a small class in which she taught reading and writing in addition to household arts, and soon applications for admission came from mountain girls outside her own neighborhood, which she could not well refuse. Five years later Mr. Pease donated his thirty-five acres of land to the Presbyterian Woman's Missionary board for the erection of the Normal and Collegiate Institute for Young Women, a four-story structure which accommodates 225 girls. On the same site is the Home Industrial School for Girls, which is the direct outgrowth of the kitchen class established by Mrs. Pease. The cottage has been enlarged until it accommodates 108 girls, with a list of applicants all the time who have to wait for vacancies on account of lack of room. Mr. Pease died several years ago, but Mrs. Pease still lives in Asheville, and though eighty-four years of age, takes an active interest in the work of the schools.

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