

next winter's work, and for them the summer has not been clubless. Then there are those who have had vacation schools or Pingree gardens or play grounds for the poor on their minds until they have felt as if the summer were even worse than the winter as far as work is concerned, declares the Criterion. For, verily, few shall be chosen and many left when it comes to getting the hard, practical work done. Mrs. Hanger of Arkansas, whom everybody knows for a bright and level-headed club worker, and for a long time president of the Arkansas federation, says a good thing which every club woman might well read, mark, learn and inwardly digest.

Says Mrs. Hanger: "The summer would be a good time for the unofficial and uncommitted club member who has nothing to do in vacation club work, to cultivate a club conscience, not one with a 'still small voice' like some would-be singer's, but a knocking, thumping conscience that will protest loudly and rebel stoutly when the member is inclined to back out of club obligations and off club programs. What is wanted is a conscience that will fail to exaggerate a do-less disposition into physical indisposition and every ailment that flesh is heir to when it falls to the lot of a member to be on the program. 'One swallow cannot make a summer'; no more can one woman (the president) make a club. The members have mental, moral and financial obligations to carry out. It is just as 'sneaky' to fail to come to time on the program as to fail to come to time with the dues. Don't let clubs make cowards of your conscience."

Club women in Chicago are preparing for the opening of the new school of domestic arts and sciences in the Lees building, 147 Fifth avenue, September thirtieth.

The rooms comprise the entire top floor of the building. The workmen have just completed the finishing touches to the alterations needed to equip such an establishment for use, and the women will now give their attention to supervising the furnishing and decorating. Mrs. Lynden Evans, president of the school, returned to the city Monday, and Mrs. Robert C. Givens, second vice president, is expected daily. The corps of teachers will be at the school after September 15, and the registration of students will begin September 23, says the Record-Herald. All branches of domestic art will be embraced in the school, the object being to cultivate domestic arts, to teach scientific housekeeping and to uplift domestic service. There will be instruction in sewing and dressmaking, as well as in cooking, home nursing, hygienic and household problems, while special meetings for the discussion of household problems will be held. The subjects to be included in the lectures on household economy are: "Location of the House," "Ventilation and Sanitary Arrangement of the House," "Best Environment for the Laundry, Kitchen and Bedrooms," "Methods of Work," "Methods of Laundering Clothes" and "Relations of Mistress and Maid." There will be classes for children in sewing, cooking and baking. The school was founded by the different women's clubs of the city and the board is made up of representatives from various organizations. The work will be a continuation of that formerly carried on at the Armour Institute, and through the kindness of Mrs. P. D. Armour the entire equipment of the department of domestic science at the Art Institute will be used in the new school.

It looked rather dark for the boys of Southtown, a mining settlement near Centralia, Illinois, until the Sunshine club began a crusade against the vice in progress there. This village is south of

Centralia. Many laborers live there, and the juvenile population is large. Several years ago a saloon was licensed, and, as it flourished, another one came. The rivalry for trade between these places caused innovations, and last winter the conditions became desperate, declares a correspondent of the St. Louis Republic. Gambling games existed openly with stakes from a nickel up.

This aroused the ladies of the community and the better residents organized to help the boys and girls of this settlement. "The Sunshine" was the name adopted, and the agitation commenced. One of the saloon men was a member of a local labor union, and the sentiment against him caused his union to expel him. Through the efforts of the ladies he was fined heavily, and Mayor Frazier revoked his license. The saloon soon opened again, but the conditions were better.

By canvassing the city these ladies secured enough money to buy an old brick residence, and fit it up for a club house. The furniture was donated. It now stands in Southtown as one of the model houses. There is a reading room, a sewing room, for girls have been included in this work; and a gymnasium. It will be kept open all winter, and children will be urged to spend their evenings there. Everything will be clean, pleasant and warm. Games will be urged upon the lads, and the girls will have afternoon classes in sewing and cooking. The youngsters are to have what they want and when they want it.

The property is now estimated to be worth \$1,000. Much of this money was raised by subscription and the rest by festivals and by a society circus at the Pittenger opera house. In this circus the ladies took part under the direction of Miss Marian Lyons, a Chicago university student, who lives near Southtown.

Mrs. Sara Webster is president of the club and has worked hard in behalf of the organization. Mrs. Charles Hartman is vice president and an enthusiastic worker. Miss Lola Scott is secretary.

BLESSED ARE THE MEEK.

(Lilly M. Strong.)

Does the heritage come,
then, to meekness?
Is it true that the slow
wins the race?
Or that conqueror conquers
thro' weakness?
Does our world wear
these words on its face?

Strange paradox, this
of the ages,
Gainsaid in our ears
every day:
For always the war
which pride wages
Wins its victory,—
'tis the world's way!

But glimpses just sometimes
come to me
Which tell me
the promise is true;
And its strangeness of beauty
thrills thro' me
As I dream of an old earth
made new:

Of a world where 'tis gentleness
rules us,
Where 'tis loving which conquers
our hate;
Where 'tis peace, not rude striving,
which schools us,
And its coming impatient
I wait.

Oh, my heart!—thine own
kingdom inherit!
Bid thy passions and strifes
be at rest!
Then that fairest new world
shalt thou merit,
Which the might of thy meekness
shall test.

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