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MISS WIDDEMER IS VERSATILE WRITER

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The Composite Course in English conducted this week by Margaret Widdemer, widely-known and read novelist, poet and essayist who began her literary work in early childhood.

Miss Widdemer, a native of Pennsylvania, born in Doylestown, first attracted attention in the literary field with several prize-winning poems and essays written when she was quite young. Since her earlier triumphs in writing she has been constantly before the public eye and has continued her prize-winning endeavors by receiving a Pulitzer prize award in 1919, the Trimmied Lamp Lyric prize, the Lyric West prize in 1924, the Literary Review award for the best satire of 1923 and last year the English Poetry Magazine prize for the best ballad written during 1925.

Prominent Literary Figure

In addition to being one of the better known American poets, Miss Widdemer is likewise one of the distinctive novelists of the country and a prominent figure in the various literary societies and organizations. She holds membership on the executive board of the Poetry Society of America and the managing committee of the Poets' Club, the Author's League and the New York Bookings Society.

Of Miss Widdemer's collections of poetry, "Fancies" and "The Old Road to Paradise" are well known, the latter having won the Pulitzer Prize for 1918. Her novels include "The Rose Garden Husband," "The Wishing Ring Man," "Claren Image," "The Minister of Grace," "Chais Sees It Through" and "The Gallant Lady."

"The Board Walk"

Of special interest is Miss Widdemer's volume of short stories under the title of "The Board Walk" which has been recently published by Harcourt, Brace & Howe. The publisher writes that it is "a volume of short stories connected by a similarity of setting and theme, in which Miss Widdemer shows unusual insight into character and motive."

"The scene is a resort on the Atlantic seacoast, and the story deals mostly with those young people who live there the year round. The undercurrent of community life and convention persisting through the summer attacks the holiday spirit in part of the theme; the eager and sometimes tragic search for happiness on the part of the young people who see their park, their beach and their homes periodically overwhelmed by holiday-makers is more of it. American human nature under conditions which sharpen reactions is the backbone of the book. It is a volume which will increase public and critical respect for Miss Widdemer as an artist."

Miss Widdemer's recent anthology of poems, "The Haunted Hour" is of further interest. The first anthology of its kind, "The Haunted Hour" is a compilation of none but "mystic" poems ranging from the exquisite lyrics of Katherine Tynan to the phantoms of the Ingoldby Legends.

FARMAN, VIOLINIST, PLAYS HERE TUESDAY

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person of Harry Farman, who gave a recital in Jordan Hall last evening. By the way in which he feels, by the way in which he conveys feeling to an eager audience, by the apparently unlimited means he has at his command for conveying that which he feels, by all these and many other telltale signs, one readily recognizes in him the master musicians.

Tickets for this performance may be purchased at the Music Room on Allen street or at the Auditorium on the night of the recital.

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COLLEGE REACHES 7000 TEACHERS BY EXTENSION

Year Marked by Gain of Fifty Percent—Under School of Education

More than seven thousand Pennsylvania teachers were able to carry on professional studies right in their own communities during the past year through work offered by the teacher training extension department of the College. In the annual report of the director made public yesterday, Dr. A. S. Hurrell points to a gain of more than fifty percent in enrollment for the year and states that never before have so many teachers availed themselves of the extension work.

Extra-mural classes were conducted in forty-seven school districts of Pennsylvania, and the total enrollment in these classes was 6771. The Pittsburgh teaching center stood out prominently in this field with almost 1900 enrolled. Of the 106 different courses offered in extension, no less than eighteen were advanced studies carrying credit for graduate degrees.

Correspondence courses were taken by 971 teachers, more than half of whom are new registrants. During the year the department maintained branch offices in Pittsburgh and Harrisburg.

According to Dr. Hurrell's report, a feature of the year's work was the marked tendency on the part of school superintendents to call upon the department for assistance in planning programs of instruction and training for the improvement of teachers. Services of this character were rendered in thirteen school districts, no less than thirty-six classes being conducted with an enrollment of 1145. The department also provided lectures on educational subjects for meetings in other districts.

The department of teacher training extension is a part of the School of Education, of which Dr. W. G. Chambers is dean. The latter school is the teacher training medium of the College.

STATE COLLEGE GARDEN CLUB TO SHOW FLOWERS

Plans for the flower show being sponsored by the State College Garden Club, and to be held August 11 and 12 in the store room of J. B. Martin, on West Beaver avenue, are rapidly being consummated. The business men of the town are taking great interest in the show this year, according to a statement made today by Dr. H. W. Thurston, who is chairman of the show committee.

In addition to the Sweepstakes cup offered by the State College Floral Shoppe as announced last week, three other cups and several prizes have been donated as follows: Graham and Sons have offered a cup in class 15 for the best arrangement of garden flowers. If won two years in succession this cup becomes the property of the winner. The Rotary Club is offering a cup in class 8, for the best collection of named varieties of Dahlias; and the Department of Horticulture has offered a cup in class 11, for the best collection of named varieties of garden flowers. These cups must also be won two years in succession. In class 9, for named varieties of delphinium, Keefer and Nolan have donated garden implements. For the best bowl, class 11, Eugene Ledeter is offering a fine flower bowl. The Athletic store, a look of gardening for the best vase, class 12.

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Dr. H. V. Pike Speaks On Psychopathic Cases

Dr. H. V. Pike began his fourth talk on mental hygiene with the statement that closely associated with insanity is personality after a brief summary of his former talks when he spoke in the Auditorium last Monday evening. Under the head of psychopathic personalities he told of the transformation of personality, depersonalization and delusion. He defined the psychopathic as one who lacked moral responsibility, evidencing itself in marked disorders of judgment. Stating that these symptoms were in evidence very early in life he emphasized the importance of recognizing and correcting, as he called them, "moral imbalances."

In part Dr. Pike's lecture is as follows:

Personality Distinct
"The personality is a distinct part of the mind and in the normal person remains so throughout life. But this is not so with the defective person who for some reason or other has his personality changed or altered or not developed or, in extreme cases, lost entirely."

"This condition is known as the psychopathic personality. By this I am inclined to favor the more simple term which was once common, 'moral imbalances.' In this class you find the bad boy who has no judgment as to right or wrong. There are marked disorders and oftentimes a poverty of imagination. Many of these children are brilliant in one or more of the faculties."

"Where men are concerned he is typified as a leader of popular movements although in his own attitude he betrays his desire for the satisfaction of his egotistic personality. He tries one job after another and succeeds in none. Finally he fails and if he does not have resources of others to help him, he may become embittered. He will blame circumstances and become a vagrant."

Individuals of the criminal class are composed almost entirely of this class of lunatics. George S. Dougherty, a police director of New York, has stated the condition simply when he says, "The true thief is not all these mentally." This statement does not come from a psychologist nor from any branch authority in that field. It is the result of plain common sense and comes after years of observation. Mr. Dougherty did not refer to those who commit such acts under duress or strain. By the thief he meant the second-story man, the hijacker, the safe-blower, the burglar, the fire-bug and others of similar nature.

"A few days ago I had the opportunity of talking with a chaplain of one of the state penitentiaries. I asked him what he thought was the percentage of abnormal individuals among the convicts. He replied that more than two-thirds of the men under his observation are not normal. Chief among these is the chronic alcoholic and the prostitute."

"In Wilkes-Barre there is a part of the jail set aside for the detention of sex offenders. I examine all those who come there before the trial is made for the charge. Seventy-five percent are psychopaths and fifty percent are of an average mental

competence, whether a member of the Garden Club or not. It is hoped, however, that those interested enough to bring an exhibit will also be interested in joining the club."

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age of less than ten years. We find that the psychopathic is a sexual pervert. He has no respect for society's standards. This attitude leads to indiscreet acts.

"Typical cases are those of 'Jack the Ripper,' Harry K. Thaw and the more recent one of Loeb and Leopold. These men were sexual degenerates, psychopaths. They obtained their sexual satisfaction by inflicting punishment."

"The condition can be recognized at the age of six years and the type cannot be predicted. If the affected are treated in time fifty percent can be saved while the other fifty percent can be segregated before society suffers. What then is the solution of the present great crime problem? There are two angles of approach, the first from child analysis and second, segregation in a colony where they cannot harm society."

"Children are sent to the reformatory. The law is satisfied and they are released to ravish again upon society before they are confined. At present there is before the Legislature of the state a pending bond issue for fifty million dollars. Of this, part will be spent to care for and segregate the incurable psychopaths when they are once found."

Transformed Personality
"In the transformation of personality, the normal ego is replaced. I have at the hospital one man who believes himself to be God and another who when he came to me believed himself to be Napoleon. The latter was a typical illustration of the accompaniment of amnesia. During the transformation the former self is completely forgotten and when normality is brought about as in this case, the transformation period remains a blank."

"Depersonalization manifests itself with a change in some part of the body or a complete loss of the use of it. I have one case which is very interesting. The man swears that during the night, myself and another doctor removed his brain. And he will show you the place where the skull was opened. He says that he didn't mind our taking his brain, that he was glad to help us in our work, but that he did not understand why in heaven we put it in backwards."

"Ideation is what is known as sensations coming to the mind at all times. These are stored and grouped in the memory cells. From these perceptions we form judgments and from the preliminary judgments we form still higher judgments. This process is called reasoning. In the abnormal individual we have disorders of judgment, reason and memory."

"Delusions form a major part of

these false beliefs. In the first place a delusion is not true to fact, nor does it arise from a true experience. Because of this condition, the afflicted cannot be appealed to through reason or experience. In all cases it is out of harmony with the conditions of the individual and his environment. A case will present one of three types of ideas: 1. melancholy; 2. expansive, and 3. persecutory; or 1 a combination of two or more types.

"The first type takes the form of self-accusation or the person has committed an unpardonable sin. There is the hypochondriac who first believes that the Earth is becoming a thing of the imagination and does not reach the place where the body is also thought of as unreal."

"He believes that he should be punished but always takes the defensive. He interprets all things by himself. Every one is strange toward him. All friends are talking of him. The first act of these people is to discover their persecutor, then to get away. But it seems that the persecutor is always just a step ahead and finally, in desperation they formulate a plan of defense and work to put the persecutor out of the way. These people form a chain that is very serious. It is worth while to know early the manifestations."

Love Strong
"Love would mean nothing if the mind did only think. Joy and beauty far exceed sorrow and gloom. An affectivity hinges the complex that makes up life. By the term feeling is not meant the sensation of touch, but rather a bundle of sensations, pleasurable and painful. These sensations arise between the individual and his environment."

"The exact center where emotions develop is not known but we do know that emotions are aroused by stimulations through all the sense organs. The sympathetic nervous system has a great function in the emotions. When one is depressed or fearful, one does not care to eat. In like manner different reactions produce like reactions in the various glands of the body. The sympathetic nervous system affects the heart. It plays a far more important part than the intellect."

"The dominant instinct of man is self-preservation. It is demonstrated by fear. When something is done to frighten us our first instinct would be to run away from the cause of

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