

WOMAN'S WORLD.

MISS WILLARD WRITES TO THE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Putting Away Heavy Clothing—Women at Yale—The Astor Will—A Little Sailor Boy—Interesting Items About Women in Public Life and at the Fireside.

Frances E. Willard, the president of the Woman's Christian Temperance union, was excluded from the Methodist general conference in 1888, with four other women delegates, because of her sex. A letter from Miss Willard to the Omaha World-Herald created a good deal of discussion at the recent session of the Methodists. She said in substance:

"I did not believe that the co-working of men and women as the laity of the Methodist church would be to the great advantage of the church as a whole. I should never have declared for that side in the great controversy. This goes without saying, I think, on the part of all the good Methodist people who have devoted thought and effort to the movement in the last years.

I have always believed that the word "laity" meant the men and women who were in the church and were not ministers, and that an explicit and clear explanation of this definition was made in the Discipline. No argumentation has moved my mind in the slightest degree concerning this view, and I am confident that it will be held by historians when the smoke and din of the battle shall have cleared away. The common ethics of the outside world would be sufficient to teach that it is not just for one-third of a church to exclude from representation in the making of the laws by which they are controlled the other two-thirds.

I have never doubted the outcome in a church so large, open hearted and clear headed as the one founded by Susanna Wesley's son. It is only a question of time, and I do not think that the time is going to be long; tokens are on every hand to prove this, and the Omaha conference has given not a few already. It is my earnest hope that the conference will vote that the word "laity" means, in respect to delegates, just what it has always meant in the common acceptance of the term, namely, those members of the church who are not ministers. This is the very simple, reasonable and just way out of the present controversy, which to my mind was wholly unnecessary, and is to be greatly regretted, except that it has caused a great amount of reflection, and has procured "an arrest of thought" among hundreds of thousands of well intentioned minds. Yours, for the Methodist of the future, etc.

Putting Away Heavy Clothing.

The moth is the bane of the housekeeper, but after all it is not difficult to escape its inroads. The mother moth flies about in search of a suitable place to deposit her eggs, and she selects woolen fabrics or fur and likes it all the better if it is soiled. The grub once out of the egg feeds on what is nearest it, and so we find an assortment of holes where we left solid cloth. Now, if garments are put away clean and absolutely free from moth eggs and are protected from the flying moths, they are safe without camphor or any of the disagreeable odors that are resorted to. A number of stout calico bags sewed up with double seams and tied tightly at the top with tapes are most useful.

Let all be distinctly labeled, and not be so large but that each one can be devoted to one class of garments. For instance, imagine the convenience of a row of bags hung up in your storeroom, one labeled children's woolen stockings, another women's hosiery, and another men's hosiery, and so on. How easy to get them the moment they are wanted, without diving to the bottom of a miscellaneous filled trunk. Coats, dresses, etc., that must not be tumbled, may be nicely folded, wrapped in newspaper and laid in large paper boxes, labeled and put on the closet shelf.

Long bags, the full length of dress or cloak, with hanging loops at top, save from creasing as well as from dust and moths. Blankets should be washed in the spring rather than the fall, and put away in bags, always leaving out enough for the cold nights that occur even in summer. They can be kept safe and neat in pillow cases, always within reach when needed.

The windows of a storeroom or closet should be protected against moths and flies by a fine netting. A good way to discover the presence of moths, and also to destroy them, is to place a lighted candle in a basin of water. The moths will be attracted by the flame and will drop into the water. The burning of camphor gum or sulphur will destroy insects. The basin of water is always necessary as a safeguard against fire. In that place your little iron pot, half filled with ashes, and the camphor or sulphur. Saturate this with alcohol and set it afire. Have the room closed tightly while the smoking is going on, and be sure no one inhales the fumes. Next in efficacy to this is the Persian insect powder. But after all these precautions, one moth may find its way into a closet or chest, and the close bag or wrapper is the only safeguard.—New York Examiner.

Admission of Women to Yale.

After a vigorous review of the obstacles which have opposed the higher education of women in this country, President Dwight, of Yale, explains that the graduate courses at Yale have been opened to both sexes, and is careful to add that by this action "the university does not propose to introduce changes in the undergraduate life or to institute any new system which will in any sense establish what is called coeducation." Just what Yale has done, President Dwight explains as follows:

The authorities of this university have not attempted in connection with their action to decide the question of the best possible method of carrying forward

undergraduate education for the two sexes under all circumstances. They have observed and considered the existing facts, and in view of them have taken what they believe to be a desirable course for all the highest interests in the case. The decision to which they have come is to open the graduate or, as they are frequently called, the post-graduate courses of study leading to the degree of doctor of philosophy to candidates of both sexes. These candidates are to be graduates of colleges, or, in exceptional cases, by special permission, other persons of liberal education.

The number of such exceptional cases in the past has been very small, the whole body of students in these courses, substantially, being college graduates. No others have been admitted whose progress and attainments have not been ascertained to be abundantly sufficient to qualify them for pursuing the studies, and also for pursuing them on equal terms with their associates who have obtained the bachelor's degree. The young women, accordingly, who will be received will be of an age and at a stage of development and progress which are beyond the undergraduate period. They will be, like the young men of the graduate department, persons who are giving themselves to special studies much after the same manner as professional students who devote themselves to the work of the professional schools.—Forum.

Mrs. Drayton and the Astor Will.

The ignoring of Mrs. Coleman Drayton in the will of her father, the late William Astor, has been a severe shock to the lady's many friends. Just how it has affected Mrs. Drayton herself is not definitely known, but it is surmised that it is something of a shock to her. In any event, it has "set society agog." It has also created an immense amount of sympathy for Mrs. Drayton, and served to intensify the popular prejudice against the Astor system of will making. If it were any family other than the Astors the will would undoubtedly be contested, as it ought to be. It has not been proved that Mrs. Drayton is guilty under the indictment found against her, and however much the stories may affect her standing with the family, they do not greatly disturb her legal status as an heir.

No act that the late William Astor could have committed in the matter of disposing of his estate could have been more unexpected than this, and scarcely more unpopular. Mrs. Drayton, suddenly plunged from her exalted position in society, is staggering under a heavy cross, and this slight from her father no doubt adds to it a hundred fold. To be sure the \$850,000 which she was to have received will go to her children, and Mrs. Drayton says she has already received large sums of money "on account," and is satisfied. But her friends know that she is putting as good a face on the matter as possible.

It is well for Mrs. Drayton that she drew largely on her share during the lifetime of her father, otherwise she would have fared badly. As she gets nothing in the will, the clause which disinherits the heir who makes a contest has no terrors for her. She is disinherited if she does and disinherited if she doesn't.—John A. Cockerill in New York Recorder.

A Little Sailor Boy.

For the boy who has left off skirts of all kinds, and feels that he knows a great deal more than his father, the sailor suit continues in vogue. The regulation blue serge is used for it, and following an English fashion it is pretty enough brightened either by scarlet collar and cuffs, or the regulation white ones. A gallant little sailor lad, who is dressed in knee breeches of dark blue serge, which, by the bye, the sailor does not wear, and a loose blouse of the same material interests us. The deep collar is of scarlet cloth, the ends of it hardly showing in front, although it extends far down in the back; where the sailor's bare neck would show a plastron of red is set in. The knotted tie is of dark blue silk.

The sleeves are comfortably full, and are plaited in at the wrists to cuffs of scarlet. The stockings are very dark blue, and the shoes are good, sturdy ones, with flat heels, that will permit my gentlemen to take many a walk abroad. The hat which he holds in his hand as he makes his good morning to you is a Tam of blue serge, like his clothes, and has on its band in bright red letters the name of the ship upon which he is supposed to sail, but which is really dragged along ignominiously by a string. However, if he finds happiness in this amusement, be very thankful, my friend, for illusions go from us only too quickly.—Mrs. Mallon in Ladies' Home Journal.

A Boston Girl's High Notes.

Miss Evangeline Florence halls from Boston, and her chief title to notice is that she possesses probably the highest voice of any singer now before the public. If we allow for the enhancement of pitch which has taken place since the year 1770, the feats of Agujari have been fully equalled by Miss Florence. She touched the high B natural in alto-soprano in the presence of a small audience a few days before the concert, and at the concert itself, in a "Russian Nightingale" song by Alabieff, sang the high G and A flat in the concluding cadenza without any undue effort. Quite as remarkable as the extraordinary range of Miss Florence's voice was her disinclination to make any special parade of it. Although she sang half a dozen times, it was only in the one song we have mentioned that she gave practical proof of the possession of this Eiffel register. And although the audience, which was packed with singers and singing masters, would gladly have heard her again, she declined an encore.—Manchester (England) Guardian.

Graduation Gowns.

The very general liking shown for muslins has made the embroidered and printed muslin a favorite for graduation gowns. Those having pale pink or blue flowers sprinkled upon them and decorated with ribbon in harmony are liked,

because the dead whiteness that used to be peculiar to a commencement costume is no longer deemed necessary, and these faint bits of color come out most effectively in the goods. Fine nun's veiling, cashmere and broadcloth are chosen among the woolen stuffs, and if a silk should be selected one of sarah or China is permissible. I do not advise tulle, unless, indeed, it is to be worn at some celebration afterward, for, although it is extremely pretty, it crushes very easily and seems to tear if anybody looks at it. Generally a white tending to cream will be found more becoming than the extremely dead white, which can only be worn effectively by girls with dark hair and eyes and pronouncedly warm complexion.—Mrs. Mallon in Ladies' Home Journal.

A Woman Kills a Panther.

One day last week Mrs. D. M. Wilkinson, who lives on a ranch near the Hemet dam, heard a long continued squealing among her drove of pigs and, suspecting some depredator, hurried out with a shotgun. She was just in time to detain a huge panther with a prompt salute of her shotgun as he was in the act of making off with a pig. Mrs. Wilkinson, being thoroughly inured to the ways of mountain life, is a good shot, and she succeeded in dispatching the ferocious creature without delay. It is evident by this prompt action that the lady is possessed of more than ordinary nerve in not becoming frightened at so savage an animal.—San Jacinto (Cal.) Record.

In Behalf of the Birds.

The ladies belonging to the German Society for the Prevention of Wholesale Slaughter of Birds for the Purpose of Millinery, which is under the protection of Duchess Wilhelme of Mecklenburg, are forming a signed petition, which is to be presented to the queen of Italy during her visit to Berlin, begging her majesty to give her influence to prevent the constant slaughter of small birds in Italy, where many of the most beautiful species have, in consequence of this slaughter, become extinct.

The First Colored Novel.

The first novel ever produced by a colored woman is the work of Sarah E. Farro, a negress of about twenty-six years of age, who lives in Chicago. She says that her favorite authors are Holmes, Thackeray and Dickens. She is not the only woman of her race who has had success in literary work, for Ida B. Willis, of Washington, has written and published short stories, and Mrs. C. W. Matthews and Mrs. S. Monell are both known by their good work on newspapers.

A Clock That Has a History.

A clock which hung in the chamber of Jefferson Davis while he was president of the Confederacy, but which was taken from the executive mansion on the day of the evacuation by a Union soldier and traded to a Richmond man for liquor, has been purchased by a gentleman and sent to the World's fair.

Twenty years ago a party of Mormons made numerous proselytes in the upper Androscoggin valley, and last week an emissary of the Church of Latter Day Saints baptized four converts at Dixfield Centre, in the same region.

The Russians have just had made two 118-ton guns for their Black sea fleet. The English admiralty seems to value its big 110-ton barkers more as torpedo throwers than as mere armor piercing weapons.

Navigation on the Elbe was open during the whole of the month of March this year, whereas last year it was only possible toward the end of the month.

An Elephant Kats a Dog.

During the progress of a circus and menagerie on Monday, and while a number of people were watching the elephants, a keeper placed a bucket of water in front of them. Just then a small black and tan dog skipped up to the water bucket to take a drink. The elephant wound his trunk around the unfortunate dog, shoved him in his capacious mouth and swallowed him alive. The lady who owned the dog saw her pet disappear and burst out crying.—Poughkeepsie Eagle.

A Mixed Season.

A truthful farmer, living near Salem, Or., is authority for the statement that in his garden one day last week they were planting, digging and hoeing potatoes. They were digging last year's crop, after being in the ground through what the calendar calls winter, and they were hoeing potatoes that were planted some time ago.

Fishing for scup is always precarious business. The time is short to catch them in, and not infrequently a cold storm, a few days after the run begins, drives them off the coast, and the season is a failure. In one heavy blow recently 4,700 barrels of scup got out of the seines off Newport, R. I.

President Roberts, of the Pennsylvania, stated that last year that railroad carried 5,500,000 tons of coal monthly. In ten years there has been an increase of 500 per cent. in the carriage of coal.

An Eight Thousand Dollar Job.

Miss Rideout, of California, is one of the women now at work on the exposition grounds at Chicago. Having won by competitive test the right to make the groups of statuary that are to ornament the roof of the Woman's building, she has arranged her studio in Horticultural hall, and is at work upon the two groups and one sphindrel, which are to be reproduced several times in the scheme of decoration. Miss Rideout will receive \$8,200 for her work.—Chicago Letter.

A Wisconsin Innovation.

Some unique features were introduced at the wedding of Miss Angie May Parratt to the Rev. Albert W. Bolt, at Oakfield. Besides the maid of honor, best man, four bridesmaids and four ushers, Miss Frances Darling, of Appleton, acted the part of Queen Venus, dressed in classic robes, with a jeweled crown on her head. Her part was to bring the minister from some hidden retreat.—Milwaukee Journal.

Her Last Wish.

Mrs. Harriet Sanford, who died recently at Plymouth, Mass., at the age of ninety, was, in accordance with her wishes, not to be buried until the sun had gone down on the day set for her burial. Mrs. Sanford several years ago went to Bristol, picked out her tombstone and had it lettered and put in place in the cemetery.

Not Afraid of the Unlucky Number.

Thirteen girl graduates from Mount Auburn Young Ladies' institute, of Cincinnati, banqueted on Saturday night, defying in every possible way omens of evil. They walked under a ladder, broke a mirror, raised umbrellas in the house, had thirteen waiters and caused the orchestra to play thirteen pieces.

The wearing of shoes with soles heavy enough to prevent a cooling of the feet is extremely important. The extent to which the wearing of thin soled shoes prevails in the winter months, especially among ladies, is calculated to make us wonder at the endurance of human life.

Miss Sybil Sanderson, daughter of Judge Sanderson, of San Francisco, is the only soprano in the world who makes higher tones than Patti. She is a tall, willowy girl, with a throat like a white pillar, gold blond hair and black eyes.

Soon the frow and the laugh of the untidy, unwholesome and altogether unsuitable pavement will be gone and, to whisper a secret, nobody will be quite so glad as the woman who wore it.—Exchange.

The wife of John Delane, of the London Times, suggested the obituary column, of which her husband playfully allowed her the income that finally grew to an imposing sum.

The swell girl buys a new belt as often as she buys new gloves. Just now there is a fancy for very narrow belts to be worn with silk waists and cloth dresses.

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