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## NOTICE.

**TO RENT.**—Mrs. Kedzie will have several rooms to rent in her house in Oakwood after April 1st.

**LOST.**—East of College Building Sunday forenoon a ten-dollar bill. Finder kindly leave same at Library or book store and receive reward.

All corrections in material for the College catalog should be made and all material handed in by April 1st. No assurance can be given that corrections made after this date will appear in the catalog.

## BASKETBALL.

The M. A. C. girls beat the teachers of the Flint School for the Deaf at basketball Saturday 17-15. This was the first girls' game to be played at M. A. C. this year, and quite a large audience was in attendance.

The game began shortly after 3 p. m. M. A. C. was the first to score, Miss Paddock throwing a basket after about four minutes of playing. In the first half M. A. C. had decidedly the best of the argument, but in the last half Flint tied the score three times, and the game was very doubtful during the last ten minutes.

Miss Paddock, for M. A. C. was very successful in throwing baskets, some of her goals being very difficult. Miss Baker excelled the rest of her team mates in passing the ball.

After the girls' game the M. A. C. first and second men's teams played a practice game.

The line-up:

| M. A. C.   |          | M. S. D.      |
|------------|----------|---------------|
| Paddock    | forwards | Buckingham    |
| Adams      |          | Gear          |
| Hofmeister |          | Howchin       |
| Baker      | centers  | Knickerbocker |
| Bills      |          | Thayer        |
| Jackson    | guards   | Billings      |
| Linn       |          | Durand        |
| Wright     |          | Du Mont       |

Officials, Haftenkamp, referee; Miss Payne and Mr. Balbach, Umpires; Baskets from field: Miss Paddock, 7; Miss Buckingham, 6; Miss Hofmeister, 1. Baskets thrown from fouls, Miss Paddock, 1; Miss Billings, 3. Time of halves, 20 minutes each.

## BASKET BALL BUBBLE.

The basketball bubble has broken. For several days last week it was hoped that a good guarantee would bring the University of Minnesota team to M. A. C., since sometime ago they offered to come to Lansing for \$125 provided an eastern trip was taken. Last Thursday the following discouraging telegram was received:

Minneapolis, Minn.,  
March 19, 1903.

W. J. Millar,  
Agricultural College, Mich.  
Sorry basketball team is unable to go East.

M. J. LUBY,  
Mgr. Minnesota Basketball Team.

Michigan produces more beans than any other state in the Union. The record for 1899 was Michigan, 1,806,413 bu., New York 1,360,445 bu.



M. A. C. ORATOR.

The above is a likeness of Mr. Frank J. Phillips, who will represent M. A. C. in the Sixth Annual State Oratorical Contest to be held at Olivet, March 26th. The subject of Mr. Phillips' oration is "Damien."

Mr. Phillips is a senior in the agricultural course, and a member of the Union Literary Society. His home is Grandville, Mich.

## BASEBALL PRACTICE.

With the early arrival of spring has come outdoor baseball practice. During the past ten days there has been steady practice excepting the recent two or three cold days when the practice has been lighter. The grounds across the Red Cedar river have not been used to any great extent owing to the wetness and occasional difficulty in reaching them, owing to high water. The drill grounds have been used until time for drill when the portion of the campus between Abbot Hall, Dr. Beal's house and the creek has been utilized.

Notwithstanding the fact that the men have been laboring under some disadvantages, much valuable practice has been obtained. At the close of each afternoon's work the squad has taken a run for wind, some of the track men also accompanying the squad.

Of this year's team it may be said that the prospects are bright, nevertheless predictions are always uncertain. Most of the familiar faces of the team for 1902 may be seen in this year's squad. Case is missed from the pitching staff and Henderson and Smith are also absent. Haftenkamp, though in college, has too much outside work to try for the team. Tower has necessarily been with the basketball squad all the spring but will now be out for practice.

Millar and Pinance will probably do the pitching for M. A. C. this spring, and Tower, with Graham, a new man from Owosso will be behind the bat. Burrington and Armstrong, both new men this year, are trying for infield positions. Towner and Olin are other new men trying for the team. Rasmussen, B. Frazer and Wilcox are trying for their old

positions with every prospect of securing them, while J. Frazer and Gunnison are playing in the outfield.

The practice so far has consisted of stopping grounders and throwing to bases and the catching of flies followed by batting practice. The team will without doubt be able to give the U. of M. a hard tussle when the latter comes to M. A. C. April 18th.

## BIRD ARRIVALS.

The following list gives the date when the first individual of each species was noted, in most cases several were seen on the same day and the species became abundant within a week:

Crow, February 22; first large flock March 4.  
Robin, March 5; abundant, March 7.  
Carolina Dove, March 7.  
Bluebird, Rusty Blackbird, Red-winged Blackbird, Crow, Blackbird, and Marsh Hawk, March 8.  
Song Sparrow (abundant), Purple Finch or Red Linnet (single), March 11.  
Killdeer Plover, March 12.  
Meadow-lark, Geese, March 13.  
Phoebe, March 20.  
Towhee or Chewink, Grass-finch or Vesper Sparrow, and Flicker or Golden-winged Woodpecker, March 22.  
W. B. B.

## GOOD ROAD TO THE COLLEGE.

A short time ago Representative Dr. Nottingham of Lansing introduced a bill into the State Legislature providing for the construction of a good road from Lansing to the College. By a provision of the State constitution no moneys of the State can be expended for special purposes of internal improvements. Consequently the bill provides that the road be an experimental and educational road, in order to remove the constitutional objection. The question of building a good road to the College ground is certainly interesting to Lansing citizens, college people, and those who are interested in seeing State institutions well provided for.

Should the road be built it would extend from the city limits to the main entrance of the College grounds. The road would be of rock foundation, and would have a width of 25 or 30 feet. The bill calls for an appropriation of \$5,000 by the state, this amount to be given provided an equal amount is expended by citizens living along the route and by those who would be directly benefited by its construction.

The energy of ex-Senator Earle as highway commissioner, and the enthusiasm for good roads in Michigan created by Hon. James MacDonald, of Connecticut, upon his recent visit in the state, are beginning to produce results. If the city and the College can secure the proposed good road, both they and the state may be congratulated.

## ALUMNI.

'82. *The Cornell Alumni News* for March 11th, has an appreciation of Prof. L. H. Bailey, '82, director-elect of the Cornell University College of Agriculture and the Agricultural College Experiment Station and dean of the Faculty of Agriculture. The article is written by Director I. H. Roberts, who will go out of office at commencement time. A fine half-tone of Professor Bailey sets off the article. Director Roberts says:

Professor Bailey comes to his new duties with the advantages of a long experience in the College of Agriculture itself, and a special and happy experience as chief of the Bureau of Nature Study, and Farmers' Reading Course. He has taken such a great interest in all efforts of the College as to have become an integral part of the College itself and hence the work will not be new or difficult for him. Perhaps no man in the United States is so well equipped, when all things are considered, for the responsible position of director of the College of Agriculture as is Professor Bailey. At least I know of no man more thoroughly fitted for the position nor more certain to be successful in administering the affairs of the College as the years go by and as its duties increase.

Since Professor Bailey is already familiar with the duties of the office there will be no break in the administration and hence it is a great satisfaction, as I surrender the Directorship, to feel that I leave the duties and responsibilities of this nascent College in the hands of an able and vigorous successor in the prime of life, who is greatly loved and highly appreciated by all, and especially by those who are interested in rural affairs.

Even in early boyhood he seems to have been greatly interested in Nature's modes of action. Natural objects attracted him far more than those fashioned by hand or machinery.

At about 24 years of age he graduated from the Michigan Agricultural College at Lansing. From his first entrance in college he paid particular attention to botanical studies and had that great teacher, Professor W. J. Beal, one of Agassiz's students, as a guide and counselor.

After graduation he spent two years at Harvard University as personal assistant to Asa Gray. His time at Harvard was largely devoted to herbarium work and to the botanical garden.

An editorial in the same paper says: Cornell alumni will rejoice that such a thoroughly competent and able man as Professor Liberty Hyde Bailey has been appointed to succeed Professor Roberts as the head of the College of Agriculture. The dean-elect is eminently well qualified for the position. Indeed, it would be quite impossible to find one who would so well fit the place.

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TUESDAY, MAR. 24, 1903.

IT SHOULD hardly be necessary to call the attention of alumni and students to the desirability of keeping on file permanently M. A. C. athletic records. Most institutions, known in athletic parlance to have "class," have complete data concerning all base ball and all football games, besides all track records. In time these records make history, and thus become an incentive to all to do good work in College athletics. Anyone having M. A. C. athletic data for recent years should inform the athletic director of the same at once.

## ALUMNI.

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Remarkably well trained from the very first, experienced in every feature of the work he has been called upon to perform, known throughout the whole country by his writings and the part he has played in the development of interest in horticulture and agriculture, possessing almost unlimited energy, he will be able to carry out in a most successful manner the great work which Professor Roberts has so well founded and so well conducted.

'95m. Robert L. Reynolds is now located at Chamberino, New Mexico.

'99. The present address of Macy Lapham is Rima, Arizona.

With '92. News has been received at the College of the death of Dr. B. O. Johnson, of Benton Harbor. He had been ill with pneumonia.

'01. J. B. Stewart is now located at Hartsville, South Carolina, and is employed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

## DAMIEN.

[ORATION TO BE DELIVERED AT OLIVET BY MR. PHILLIPS.]

There are heroes who have never seen a battlefield. Axe and gibbet have given us martyrs whose sufferings have been borne so silently that their history is recorded in a single paragraph. Saints

have lived whose self-abnegation and unselfish love are known only to the poor and afflicted with whom they came in contact. Such men pave the way for the onward march of the race; they are the messengers of a new hope; the incarnation of a new life. Alone have they responded to the dictates of conscience when to respond meant torch and stake. Alone have they battled for needed reforms while about them rang cries of Treason! Treason! Alone have they labored for others, enduring calumny, disease, and death. Such men are the hope of the race, and such a man was Damien de Venster.

Born near the little village of Louvain, in Belgium, we find the boyhood of Damien one of singular purity, gentleness, and dignity. In the midst of preparation for the ministry he said farewell to his college life that he might take a sick brother's appointment as missionary to the South Sea Islands. There he not only performed the work assigned him, but also lightened the labor of a neighboring missionary who was old and worn, and ministered to districts not visited for years before. In tattered clothing and with lacerated feet he endured the blinding storms of the mountains, the burning heat of the plains, as with purpose undaunted he struggled for the cause of truth. Ten years go by and the hundreds of uplifted Islanders remain a lasting monument to his work.

Three decades of his life are now past, and the hour of supreme trial and triumph is at hand. Molokai, the leper colony of the Hawaiian Islands, has sent its appeal to the world. England hears the appeal, but has no answer. Germany is watching the armament of her neighbors and has no time for humanity's cause. Our own country, the nearest of the civilized powers, with its thousands of churches, forgets the Hawaiian appeal almost as soon as it is heard. To Damien only, the summoning of duty comes clear. The appalling bodily and spiritual afflictions of the lepers demanded a Hercules of moral and physical strength for their alleviation. Chastity was scorned, religion was despised. Rampant disease made terrible ravages. Here were projecting rocks and shallow caves forming the habitations of men; there was a stone wall behind which women and children, deep in their affliction, were taken and left to die. Here were bacchanalian revels; there mad delirium and wild frenzy; while above all this seething hell of pain, disease and debauchery rang the cry—"In this place there is no law."

Alone, with nothing but his hands and fertile brain, Damien commenced the struggle. No labor was too hard, no duty too severe. Day after day he worked among the sufferers—washing their sores, binding their wounds, comforting the dying, and burying the dead. Without a hut of his own, he slept for months under a tree in the open air. Standing under the open sky he often addressed the multitude. Love was ever his text, brotherhood his discourse. With a voice thrilling with emotion and running the gamut of human passion, he hurled his philippics against the strongholds of sin. At first the bitter hiss and cruel taunt were his only answer. The vice of years was not to be removed by the work of a day. Only a Titanic force of virtue could subdue the hearts so long dominated by sin.

Believing in the infinite mercy of God and the ultimate triumph of right, Damien's spirit was unbroken by the obstacles that confronted him. Every avenue of island life came under his reform. The water reeking with filth was displaced by a pure stream brought from the mountains. The wretched huts and squalid caves were gradually replaced by neat cottages. Churches were built, schools and hospitals were put in working order. He was carpenter, doctor, law-giver, and minister. Men intrusted with reformatory power he found to be in league with the distillers of a highly intoxicating liquid which was maddening in its effects upon the lepers. This evil he attacked and finally conquered. With some he pleaded, others he threatened; but to all he taught the greatest lesson of life, love and duty. Guided and sustained by the truth and purity which dwelt in his own soul he showed how even the poor leper in Molokai might conform his life to the higher and nobler tendencies of humanity. He discerned eternal justice under the wild strivings of men. His whole soul rose to the height of the great duty before him, and he poured forth with unequalled fervor his vindication of the "ways of God to man."

Vice gave way before the impassioned attack. His philanthropic zeal was repaid by a new life of law and order. Yet evildoers still maligned him, cursed him, even stoned him for the reformation. He was hated for righteousness sake by the people for whom he was giving his life.

The Roman people found in Paul a man with torn, bleeding hands, and poor, mangled body, yet with a soul triumphant, preaching the good news of justification by faith, and redemption in Christ. Downtrodden Spain saw in Emilio Castelar a hero whose firmness of conviction and steadfastness of purpose could teach even a decadent nation—aye, and the whole continent of Europe, too—that order and liberty are necessary to the happiness of men. To the lowly lepers in Molokai both of these characters became a reality in Damien. He taught love, purity, and righteousness; greater lessons than those of Castelar. To teach these lessons he immolated self far more absolutely than did Paul. His was the heroism of a John Howard, intensified by a greater sacrifice; his the indomitable will of a Savonarola combined with the self-abnegation of a Livingstone.

The world was slowly realizing that in the islands of the Pacific a quiet, unassuming hero had been treading the wine press alone; and yet, at the same time, many assailed his character, impugned his motives, and made him the center of opposition and insult. Men of a lesser caliber would have yielded, but Damien never faltered.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend;" and this supreme test of love the lepers' pastor met unflinchingly. He was attacked by the dreadful leprosy, but his tragic intensity of purpose and his love for humanity still moved forward like the irresistible tide of the sea. At last the world awakes to the magnificence of the story, and continental Europe declares him the greatest moral hero of the age. From pulpit and rostrum, from the threshold of the cottage to the steps of the palace, in every clime and in every tongue rings the story of his deeds and sufferings. Yet more thrilling than the awakening of the nations, more thrilling than the applause of kings and courts, more stirring than the loving gratitude of his own suffering lepers, stronger than all these is the ringing intensity and pathos of Damien's triumphant cry—"I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith."

For four years his life had been a living martyrdom. The terrible disease had concentrated itself in his mouth and throat. As he lay there in his tiny domicile with the roar of the sea getting fainter to his poor diseased ears, there came to him no regret that for years [the world had failed to appreciate his work, no bitterness that the praise and affection which encouraged others had never been given to him. There was no condemnation for the friends who had severed endearing ties, none for the enemies lurking near at hand. His sole regret was that the great task before him was not yet accomplished. He was only forty-nine and he was dying—"Well, God's will be done. He knows best. My work with all its faults and failures is in His hands and before Easter I shall see my Savior." But posterity has not judged his work a failure. The man is dead but his spirit still moves on. All Hawaii reverences the

man and his work. Plague-stricken India and Hindostan, with their millions of lepers, praise the name of Damien for the self-sacrificing passion that has brought them relief. Leper hospitals in Europe are dedicated to his memory. The whole world reverently recognizes the glory of such a sacrifice for the betterment of mankind.

But will it heed the mandate, "Go thou forth in like spirit." Alas! the great striving mass of humanity gazes at the monument to glorious deeds and cries out, Chance! Chance! It awakens in the morning vaguely hoping that happy accident will bring today the radiance of heroic effort. Eventide comes and the same great mass sinks to slumber crying out, Fate! Fate! But to the man of the truly heroic mould there is no cry of chance or fate; to him every environment is resplendent with opportunity, every day with its call to duty. Shall we, like mere spectators at a play, applaud the exigent beck of a Damien? Shall we emulate the soft tissue sybarite, lolling on his dreamy, odororous couch and lazily gloating over the straining muscle and corded sinew of the gladiators in death grapple on the arena before him? Rather to us be such a life the trumpet call of a Roland at Roncesvalles, stirring all the depths of our being, and summoning us with glad resolve to the aid of heroes in desperate battle with insolent and treacherous foes.

The Ninth Annual meeting of the Michigan Academy of Science will be held at Ann Arbor, March 26, 27, 28 inclusive. Dr. Beal and Dr. Marshall are officers of this association. M. A. C. people on the program are: Dr. Beal, Professors W. O. and U. P. Hedrick, Professors Shaw, Smith, Jeffery, Bogue, Taft, Dandeno, Pettit, Barrows and Messrs. S. F. Edwards, Barlow, Longyear and K. L. Butterfield now in the University.

A reception was given to the Flint basketball team Saturday evening in the parlors of the Women's building. The members of the M. A. C. men's basketball team were also guests.

Supper, under the direction of Mr. Gordon Stuart, was served by the Misses Bu-kirk, Reed, Lawrence, Peters, and Tompkins in the little dining-room which was prettily decorated with candles, festoons of pink ribbon and smilax, and clusters of roses. Music was furnished by Miss Gilchrist and Miss Freyhofer and also by Miss Carrel of Flint.

The Flint people exhausted their prettiest adjectives in praise of everything at M. A. C. and left on the 8 o'clock car for home. About thirty dollars was realized by the afternoon game, which amount the M. A. C. girls generously gave to the Athletic Association.

Brown University has a new swimming pool that cost \$20,000.

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# ABOUT THE CAMPUS.

The thermometer last night registered 22 F.

Miss Edith Torrance, of Portland, visited Miss Harriet Toan the past week.

It is reported that two fifty-horse power motors have been purchased by the Lansing Street Railway Co. for the large College cars.

Mr. F. R. Haven, of Clio, Mich., now has charge of the experiment station bulletin list, which work was formerly in charge of Mr. P. M. Lyman.

Mr. F. D. Stevens will not be in college during the spring term as he will have completed the work necessary for the B. S. degree by the close of the present term.

Officers of the Phi Delta Society for spring term are as follows: President, H. M. Eaton; Warden, G. V. Howard; Secretary, E. K. Mason; Treasurer, R. E. Ferguson; Steward, F. S. Dunks.

The Governor's Guard basketball team, green with envy because M. A. C. dares to claim the championship of Michigan, says several things in the Thursday issue of *The State Republican*, which are absolutely false and misleading.

The Union Literary Society gave its second winter term hop Friday evening. Palms and evergreens formed the tasteful decorations. Mr. and Mrs. Clark, of Lansing, furnished excellent music on the harp and violin. The party was chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Robinson.

The farm department slaughtered several lambs last week.

All the senior mechanical students are busy with their thesis work.

Prof. W. S. Holdsworth conducted a meeting for all teachers one evening of last week.

Last Saturday evening the Eclectic Society gave a mock banquet in honor of O. D. Dales and G. S. Covell. The menu consisted of several courses. W. P. Snyder acted as toastmaster.

The Eclectics have elected the following officers for the spring term: President, F. C. Rork; Vice President, John A. Fraser; Secretary, W. P. Snyder; Treasurer, E. H. Wieder; Marshal, J. W. Bolte; Record Editor, E. S. Good.

At the meeting of the Kedzie chapter of Alpha Zeta last Tuesday evening, Ray R. Tower was made a member of the fraternity, also Clark L. Brody, the latter being the first chosen from the Junior class. At Monday night's meeting Geo. C. Morbeck and Wm. J. Wright, both Juniors, were initiated.

The officers elected by the Young Women's Christian Association are as follows: Pres., Elisabeth Johns; Vice Pres., Clara Woodley; Treas., Ethel Adams; Sec., Grace Braham; Committee Chairmen: Devotional, Bessie Cordley; Membership, Clara Woodley; Bible Study, Irene Way; Social, Katherine McNaughton; Finance, Ethel Adams; Missionary, Arvilla Coomer; Intercollegiate, Alida Alexander.

The Columbians gave a ten o'clock party Saturday evening.

The removal of the old street car waiting room takes away a well known landmark.

Guy S. Covell, '02, and O. D. Dales, with '03, spent Friday and Saturday visiting friends at the College, while on their way West.

Miss Katharine Stahl, in a recent article, takes occasion to thank the College and members of the faculty for the hospitable treatment received here at the meeting of the Grange in Lansing last November.

The officers of the debating club for the spring term are: President, D. B. Button; Vice President, Geo. P. Morbeck; Secretary, H. C. Oven; Record Editor, Bronson Barlow; Program Committee, A. C. Miller, F. C. Reimer and A. J. Anderson; critic, Thos. Gunson. The subject for debate was: "Our nation should increase its navy." Affirmative, Barrows and Barlow. Negative, Lilly and Wheeler. The negative side won the debate.

At the Botanical Club meeting last Thursday J. E. Schaefer gave a talk on some experiments in plant physiology, made last summer by germinating corn in various nutrient solutions. The plants in distilled water had long, slender, and seldom branched roots, while those in river water were shorter and covered with root hairs. The following officers were elected for next term: Moses Craig, President; F. M. Morrison, Vice President; L. B. McWethy, Secretary.

Some of the spring flowers are showing through the dead leaves on the plots about the campus. The spring of 1903 is fully a month in advance of the normal Michigan spring.

Instructor Arthur E. Kocher has gone to his home for a short vacation before beginning work for the Bureau of Soils, U. S. Department of Agriculture. His first work will be near Viroqua, Wisconsin. Mr. Warren J. Geib, who is visiting M. A. C. friends has resigned his position with Swift & Co. and will also be employed by the Bureau of Soils April 1st. Mr. Kocher's position will probably be filled for the rest of the year by Mr. O. H. Skinner.

Mr. Ray Kingsley led the Thursday evening prayer meeting. Subject: "National Prosperity." Blessed is that nation whose God is the Lord.

The chapel exercises Sunday morning were conducted by Charles D. Hurrey. Theme: "The Y. M. C. A. and its mission in the world." Mr. Hurrey read during the service some cablegrams sent to Boston Y. M. C. A. Jubilee meeting by kings, emperors and rulers from all nations; all expressed their appreciation for, and pronounced their blessings upon the Association.

The men's meeting in the Y. M. C. A. room Sunday evening conducted by Charles D. Hurrey and L. E. Buell was a success and all present enjoyed the service. Theme: "The college man who wins." Who is he?

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## THE ANGLO SAXON SOCIETY WOMAN.

READ BEFORE THE OLYMPIC SOCIETY BY W. C. BENNETT, '05.

Far remote in history, in what is now the German empire, there existed hardy bands of warriors assembled together in class, and living a roving outdoor life. Yet from these bands, during the centuries that have intervened, have sprung the rulers of the world.

Strength and endurance were at a premium among these sturdy tribesmen, and their most powerful man was their ruler. Not only was it their belief that the clansmen should be perfect specimens of humanity, but that the women should be equally perfect types of womanhood, that they should be physically and intellectually the equals of the men. This was a principle new to the world at that time, and one which these tribesmen and their posterity have stood for and impressed upon the civilization of the world from that time to this. It is in fact one of the great basic principles which have made the posterity of these tribesmen the great people they are today, a great dividing line as it were between the Anglo Saxon and the Latin.

It is but natural that from such a people there should spring a race, not merely physically perfect, but endowed with strong intellectual powers as well. And that the Anglo Saxon woman should be more intellectual, and hence to wield a greater influence, to have higher ideals, stronger personalities and greater ambitions than the women of other races must necessarily follow.

To be sure greater advantages have been hers, but remember that these have come to her through the racial belief in equality, and that she has seized them with an ardor characteristic of her race, and utilized them to the best of her ability.

But up to within the last few decades she has been curtailed somewhat in the choice of a vocation and hence quite naturally drifted into that field which perhaps her whole nature best adapted her to fill, the field of society.

How well she has filled this field, making the whole social life of our country reflect her characteristics and peculiarities, you may judge for yourselves.

Suffice it to say that the society of today is composed mainly of the wealthier class of women and that the leaders are not in society merely for enjoyment and a pastime but rather for the sense of leadership and power which their position offers them.

Society is the profession, the calling, the life work of the wealthy women of our land, much more so than in other lands. And the originality, daring and effrontery (phases in her character derived from her primitive ancestry) are unparalleled by the society of any other country, while the luxury, extravagance and dissipations of our social life have given the impression of our great wealth to the rest of the world.

Thus her surroundings of wealth, her natural restlessness and inborn desire for power, have made her a powerful factor, not only in the society of our own country but of all countries, and not only in the society but in the politics at home and abroad.

But a brief survey of the society of almost any country will show

you the American girl with her titled husband and munificent wealth, the social center, innoculating into her associates American ideas and customs, in fact, tending to Anglo-Saxonize the world.

At home, however, her field is not as wide, and as a consequence she becomes narrower in her views and her life, confining herself more to herself and the exclusive class of society. She becomes in a degree jealous of her neighbors' successes, selfish, snobbish, and faddish. But through all she still retains her passion for power, to enhance which she marries some wealthy old codger, and he, poor victim, pays her bills, for which he receives the glory of posing as the husband of the charming and fashionable Mrs. So-and-so, who is illuminating the social world at Newport, Paris, Saratoga, and St. Augustine, in as many weeks, while her poor old man is enduring his solitary days in New York.

It is needless to go farther to show that the higher class of society of our country is not what it should be. A model, after which that class which has not had the advantages offered by wealth and its kindred accompaniments, may pattern and thus unify the society of the country, but that the leaders of our more exclusive society, who are responsible for existing conditions, are working for the centralization of power, both socially and politically, for it is an established fact that political power will follow social supremacy and great wealth, and as such worker she is a menace to good government.

Such is the influence of the American society woman. She is exerting all her influence toward the formation of an untitled aristocracy and the overthrow of the basic principles of our government. To making all else subservient to her social aspirations, while she should be lending all her energies toward the elevation of the social conditions of the masses. To be the living example of those principles for which her forefathers lived and died, and the fulfilling of the true, God-ordained function of womankind, to refine and elevate the amenities of life, and to diffuse a spirit of graciousness, elegance, and charm to her associates.

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