

Y. W. C. A. Notes

Meet the Japanese

Over 100 boys and girls and some grown-ups met Japan and the Japanese on Wednesday, November 20 where they gathered in the Y.W.C.A. assembly hall to be introduced by Miss Hazel Verry, the general secretary at Yokohama, and through her beautiful slides. The afternoon crowds filled the hall and were entertained for over an hour by Miss Verry's wonderful pictures and true stories of the Japanese and their country. Her pictures were perfectly colored and gave a most beautiful impression of the scenic glory and native costum and customs. We learned that there is not a time of the year when there is not some lovely tree or plant at the height of its loveliness even though once in a while the thermometer does drop to freezing. If you have seen the cherry trees at cherry time in our national capital, you will have some idea of Japan's beauty when the cherry trees, native of Japan and growing wild over the country side, bloom.

The pictures of the people were as interesting as the beautiful scenes. They still wear their picturesque kimono though some few of the Japanese women have begun to use modern dress. During the evening talk Miss Verry dressed Myra Jane Hutton in the proper way for a Japanese girl to dress. If you think it is a simple process, you should have been there to witness it and learn how mistaken you are. We're sure an American girl would need a personal maid to dress her.

The evening attendance was not so large as the afternoon one had been, but those of us who were there felt that through Miss Verry we have gotten a much clearer viewpoint about and are able to understand much better our Japanese neighbors, about whom we so often get a distorted and completely wrong picture through the medium of our moving picture shows at our theaters.

Our Y. W. C. A.

A very mysterious letter came to the publicity chairman in the mail one day recently containing a poem from our Y.W.C.A. At the end of the poem a phrase was found "By a Wellwisher" and an explanation that the song was written as the well wisher sat on the train between here and Chicago. The publicity chairman admits that she is no detective as she can think of no way of finding out who the wellwisher is. However, we are glad we have one who thinks enough of the "Y" to compose a poem about it so we are going to publish it for everyone to read. We hope the author will forgive a few changes in wording here and there in correcting the matter.

Deerfield G. R.

On November 20 the Deerfield Girl Reserve club day came on the day that Miss Verry was telling us about Japan. So 22 of the Deerfield girls came in to enjoy her and her pictures.

Elm Place

Lillian Nelson who was with the

Girl Reserve group last year which passed on to high school leaving her behind, came into the Y. W. C. A. last week to see whether another Girl Reserve group might not be organized at Elm Place. Lillian says that she has 12 girls ready to start this club with her and we sincerely hope that the Girl Reserve committee will be able to find an adviser for this group and to organize it in the near future.

Cubs

Both groups of Cubs have their scrapbooks made with bright, attractive oilcloth backs and have sorted their pictures with their advisors deciding which pictures to use and where each shall be placed in the scrapbook. The children who are convalescing in the hospital wards will find many lovely pictures in the books to delight them and the Cubs hope that each page will bring joy and happiness to the sick or injured kiddies.

Display Table

By December 16 all Girl Reserve clubs will have their Christmas service work done and their work will be displayed upon a large table at the Y. W. C. A. The Cubs will have their scrapbooks there, and the Freshman G.R.'s, their dolls and filled stockings. We do not know yet what the Deerfield or Makio girls will add to the display but we are sure their additions will be interesting. Anyone is invited to come to see the display table during the week of December 16.

Carols and Pageant

All of the Clubs will be practicing Christmas carols during December so that on Christmas eve the girls may be prepared to go carolling as they did last year. A tableaux is being planned, also, the date of which will be announced later. Each club will be responsible for one scene in the Christmas tableaux.

Friendship Club

The Friendship club met on Thursday, November 21, and passed a vote that the meetings be held every other Thursday at 8:30 p.m., beginning that evening. This puts the next meeting evening on December 5 and the following one on December 19.

A few important business matters were settled before the club adjourned for refreshments served that evening by Miss Lulu Ditmer and Miss Sophie Brauch.

Effort is being made to obtain a leader for a discussion at the next club meeting of the problems these girls meet in their experience with the members of the opposite sex.

B. Y's

The business girls met on Tuesday, November 26, to hold a very important business meeting. Plans were discussed for the National Business Girls' banquet which is held by business girls' Y. W. C. A. clubs all over the country. For the February banquet the Waukegan and Highland Park business girls will hold a joint banquet with Lake Forest at the Lake Forest Y.W.C.A.

The girls went all over the association building from basement to third floor on an inspection tour. Many of the girls had never seen the second and third story rooms and many more had not seen them since the house committee has done so much to improve their appearances.

After the house inspection the girls practiced songs which they will need to know for the Business Girls' conference which will be held at Rockford sometime in January.

Thanksgiving

On Thanksgiving day there will be many young women who will have to enjoy the customary turkey dinner in a cafe or restaurant in our town away from their homes or who will be weary preparing, serving, and cleaning up after a big dinner in some home. We invite these young women and any others who care to, to feel free to use the Y. W. C. A. as a place to rest, read write or meet and feel generally at home.

Sunday Afternoon Tea

Miss Alvina Schneider and Miss Mathilda Haelmer and other young women of the Redeemer Lutheran church of Highland Park will be hostesses at the Y.W.C.A. Sunday afternoon tea from 3:30 to 5 o'clock. All young women are most welcome to join this friendly circle. Its a good

time and place to widen your acquaintance in Highland Park. It may be just the place you may meet that longed for friend to pass some lonely hours with "Come once and you'll come again."

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