

WOMAN'S SOCIETY TO HAVE JAPAN PROGRAM

Miss Isabelle McCausland of Kobe College to Be Speaker at Meeting Feb. 15

The Woman's society of the Winnetka Congregational church is to have an interesting Japan program February 15, when Miss Isabelle McCausland, head of the department of social science, at Kobe college, will give an illustrated talk about the college, and Miss Katsu Yonezawa, a former student, and daughter of a trustee of the college, will sing a group of songs, wearing Japanese costumes.

Kobe college is Christian in character, non-sectarian in control, and international in service. It is one of the three largest colleges for women in Asia, and the oldest college for women in Japan, having been founded in 1875, the same year as Wellesley and Smith in America. The present president, Dr. Charlotte B. De Forest, is a Smith graduate, while the president-emeritus holds Wellesley degrees. Kobe was the first college to receive the status of a university. The present enrollment is over 700 in three departments: college, music, and academy. There were 12 in the first graduating class, while in 1927 there were 163. In 1875 the budget was \$350, coming entirely from American women. In 1927 the budget is \$66,000, 45 per cent from Japan.

The city of Kobe is the largest international port in Asia in the amount of annual tonnage shipping which passes through it. It is situated on Osaka Bay in southwestern Japan, and is the harbor for the great industrial city of Osaka, sometimes called the "Chicago of Japan." Kobe city is beautifully situated, a long narrow city stretching out between the shore land, and the beautiful hills rising beyond it. Kobe also may be called the educational and governmental center of southwestern Japan. It is given increased importance due to the fact that Japan's colonizing is toward Korea, Manchuria, Formosa, and the South Sea Islands, and Kobe is a natural port of entry and departure.

Japan's Two Sides

Japan has her bright side, being a haven for the tourist, with her famous Inland Sea, her beautiful temples, shrines, and pagodas. She has truly been called the Flowery Kingdom, with her plum in March, cherry in April, wisteria in May, peony in June, sacred lotus in August, chrysanthemum in October and red maples in November.

And yet Japan has her dark side in her economic, industrial, and social life. Investigation shows that 92% of the families of Japan (five persons to a family), live on 68 cents a day. Only 812 families in Japan have an annual income of \$10,000 or over, gold. 68,000 women work below ground in the coal mines from 9 to 13 hours a day, with only two vacation days a month. In the slum sections of Kobe and Osaka, where 20,000 human beings are herded together like dumb beasts, the death rate for little children is the highest in the world. Japan had 150,000 lepers with hospital accommodation for only one-twentieth of them. Japan has 150,000 blind, with less than 1,000 blind children of school age under training. A man may occupy a respectable place in society while maintaining two or more establishments. The Japanese geisha or dancing girl still exerts an influence, wrecking many home, as many men prefer the company of these clever professionals to that of their wives and children.

One Cure

The cure for these conditions is an educated and spiritually revived citizenship. This must come through the

homes, and Kobe college offers a key to the solution.

John R. Mott says: "I believe in Kobe college with all my soul," and Dr. James L. Barton gives his opinion thus: "I know of no college in the near or far east that has more favorable prospects for a brilliant career of development and enlargement than Kobe college has at the present time." President Ebina of Doshisha university, a wise, internationally-minded, and beloved leader, says: "As an international educational agency in Japan, especially in the field of Christian education for women, Kobe college is second to none in the amount of its contributions made in the past, and in its wonderful opportunities in the future."

Housewives Eager to Get Aid From Gas Company Expert

Gaining the confidence of the public, with whom she is in daily contact through her services as head of the Home Service department of the North Shore Gas company, has been achieved by Mrs. Nina T. Brewer to such a degree that many unusual requests are made of her.

One instance in particular, according to Mrs. Brewer, shows the faith of at least one housewife in the home service department director's ability in the kitchen.

Mrs. Brewer was calling on this particular housewife one day to make some adjustment of the heat control on the oven or some similar service. Evidently knowing Mrs. Brewer's knowledge of cooking and her acquaintance with a wide variety of recipes, the housewife informed Mrs. Brewer that she was giving a dinner party that day and wouldn't she help direct its preparations?

Of course, Mrs. Brewer gladly would have helped show the woman some of the dishes that would fit in nicely with such an occasion, but if she were to stay and personally direct the cooking of the dinner this one time, and other women were to ask her on other occasions, the day would have to be longer than its allotted twenty-four hours.

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Winnetkans Entertain for Boston Debutante

Several Winnetkans gave parties last week for Mrs. Norman Harrower and her daughter, Miss Nancy Crocker, a Boston debutante of this season, who spent a few days with Mrs. Ralph C. Hamill and then went to Chicago as the guests of Miss Harriet Houghteling. The visitors formerly lived in Winnetka. Thursday evening, January 26, Mrs. Laird Bell gave a dinner at the Fortnightly, after which the party attended a Jai Alai game. The following evening, Mrs. Ayres Boal had a dinner party at her home, 701 Sheridan road, and Sunday Mrs. Hamill gave a luncheon at her home, 666 Spruce street.

Mrs. Arthur C. Sullivan and her oldest son, Arthur, Jr., of 830 Hill road, left recently for a two months' trip to Chandler, Ariz., and Pasadena, Cal. Mrs. Sullivan is the sister of Miss Betty Pain, one of the season's popular debutantes, who recently was chosen as one of the new members of the Service club.

Mrs. Ellis H. Yost, 1749 Glencoe road, had as her guest, her sister, Mrs. H. Teubert of Janesville, Wis.

Winnetkans Named in Will of Late Edward L. Ryerson

Three Winnetka men were remembered in the will of the late Edward L. Ryerson of Chicago, whose will was filed for probate in Waukegan, Monday, January 30.

Two cousins of Mr. Ryerson's, Morris L. Greeley of 655 Maple avenue, and Samuel A. Greeley of 200 Chestnut street, each received gifts of \$2,500. William C. Boyden of 725 Pine street, attorney for Mr. Ryerson's estate, received a gift of \$5,000.

In addition to these items in the will, were many gifts to schools and organizations, beside the large amounts awarded to the immediate family. Mr. Ryerson's attitude toward making donations was to do so while he was alive, and it has been said that during the last eleven years of his life he gave \$1,000,000 to charity.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Henry of Nashville, Tenn., and Angus D. McDonald of New York were recent dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Byron V. Kanaley of 682 Ardsley road. Mr. McDonald is president of the Southern Pacific railroad and a college classmate of Mr. Kanaley.

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