

**WORK THAT COUNTS**

**IMPROVEMENTS IN A JERSEY TOWN INSIDE AND OUT.**

**Civic Advancement as Seen at Montclair—Better Streets and Removal of Garbage—Improved Train Service. Sewing School For Children.**

Much work is being done in cities and towns which does not receive a proper amount of credit. This is because of the unobtrusive way in which it is done in many instances. The true value of such work would best be recognized if it were suddenly to come to a stop, says Margaret Mead in Municipal News.

Work of this nature is being done by the Town Improvement association of Montclair, N. J., a place to make one draw a deep breath of satisfaction in contemplating it as a residence. This association, organized in 1894, is working along the lines laid out in the beginning except in what is being done for children, the latter being regarded as an important advance step. Other work has to do with matters which make life comfortable in a small town. And this is the work the benefit of which would best be seen were it suddenly to stop. It is like that prosaic matter of getting three meals a day for the members of one's household. No one thinks of talking much about it, yet have would censure it if it were overlooked twenty-four hours.

The ordinance providing for prompt removal of snow from sidewalks was drafted and pushed through by the efforts of the Montclair Town Improvement association, a work the good of which will not be denied by city folk who go anywhere in the country to spend Sunday and who have to make an early train back Monday morning regardless of a blizzard overnight. Street signs guiding the stranger to his destination were secured by this same agency after efforts extending over four years. Through the work of the association, assisted by Robert M. Boyd, assemblyman, the amended law providing for the collection of garbage and ashes in towns under certain conditions was approved by the legislature. This is a good measure, but is one that needs still further attention, some difficulty having arisen in the disposal of garbage. As the town is allowed to contract for only one year at a time, it is a difficult matter to find any one willing to equip himself with horses and wagons without a guarantee for the work for a longer period than twelve months.

From the beginning the association has worked for improvements in railroad service. Trains have been added from time to time and the schedule altered to suit the convenience of the public. The surroundings of the station, too, have been improved. Where once were heaps of ashes and old lumber one now sees flower beds and grass. Instead of a plaza, dusty in summer and muddy in winter, there are now good pavements.

Another line of work pursued by the association is the movement by the health inspector to place in tenement houses distinct rules, printed in Italian and English, to assist tenants in living in a sanitary manner. A sewing school is held every Saturday in the old library building from 9:30 to 11:30. This work was undertaken three years ago and has become quite systematized today. From sixty to sixty-five children attend these classes. They commence with the simplest patch, and last year the older girls made shirt waist suits for themselves. Last summer the school board assisted this work in a financial way. Cooking classes have been introduced and met with success. In order to make this work thoroughly practical only the plainest kind of cooking is taught.

Following up this work of teaching the children to carry usefulness into their own homes, the association later gave seed to the pupils of the Chestnut street school and offered a prize for the best home garden. In many cases the children not only supplied their own families with vegetables, but had some to sell. The enterprise of one lot is worth recounting. Having no plot of ground in which to plant her seed, she sowed it in an old dishpan which she kept on top of a wood pile. An effort is also proceeding to have the town authorities approve the New Jersey law permitting the appointment of a tree planting commission and thus to place all the trees of Montclair under central control.

**To Teach Civic Beauty.**  
A class which should be beneficial in its influence has been formed by the Young Men's Christian association in New York, writes the Pittsburg Dispatch's correspondent. Underlying it is the idea that good citizenship is enhanced by the intelligent comprehension of the principles which underlie the building of a great city or town in so far as these pertain to art. While the matter of professional art training is left to other classes, this class undertakes to teach the duty which a community owes to itself to beautify its surroundings. This instruction covers the art of various periods, illustrated by a chalk talk, followed by present day questions relating to park schemes and buildings and the work of the municipal art commission. One evening in the week the class meets at the Metropolitan Museum of Art to take an object lesson in the subjects covered by the chalk talk. Frank Alvah Parsons directs the course and Nicholas Vachel Lindsay is the lecturer. The class is free.

**STATE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.**

Great Gathering of Members of Young Peoples' Societies to be Held in Greensboro, April 24-25.

The next session of the North Carolina State Convention of the Young Peoples' Society of the Christian Endeavor will be held in Greensboro April 24-25. The City Union of Greensboro is making elaborate preparations for the entertainment of all delegates and visitors. Special rates over the railroads have been asked for, and homes will be provided free of charge for the delegates while in the city.

While the program has not been completed, it may be safely said that it will be a most attractive one. Among the speakers will be Mr. Wm. Shaw, of Boston, Mass., general secretary of the international organization of the Christian Endeavor; the Rev. A. S. Thayer, of Bethlehem, Pa., and other prominent workers of this and other States. Music will be furnished by a large choir under the leadership of a competent musical director.

**DEATH OF MRS. BAILIFF.**

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reitzel, of Liberty, Passes Away at Greensboro.

Mrs. Chas. W. Bailiff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reitzel, of Liberty, died at her home at Greensboro Friday. The deceased was 25 years of age.

She is survived by her parents, her husband and babe, three sisters and three brothers. She was a woman of fine and firm character and was beloved by all. The funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock and the burial will be in the cemetery at the old home near Liberty.

**The American Magazine.**

The American Magazine for April was a fetching number of that popular and widely read publication. The cover design (by Dan Sayre Groesbeck) is a gingham effect containing the portrait of an old colored woman, illustrative of Ray Stannard Baker's series of articles—"Following the Color Line." These articles are running in the American Magazine and are attracting wide attention, his article in the current number being on the subject of a "Race Riot and After" special reference being had to the race trouble in Atlanta. In his article Mr. Baker speaks of the criminal negro, and the thrifty of the race, some of whose residences there are illustrated. There are scores or more of other notable articles by a corps of able contributors, besides romance and poems, all making the American Magazine reader's paradise. This splendid publication is sent a year for \$1.00 price per copy 10 cents. Address the Philip Publishing Co., 141-147 Fifth Avenue, New York.

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