

doubt that Miss Wells can be called a "one price clothier," for there are unexpressed adjustments of prices to the purses of customers; but no one parts with an atom of self-respect in buying from this dealer.

Never before has the Friday evening work been so successful. Why? Because there are so many people who are willing to come to the Alumnæ House to play games with the children. Eighty girls and boys can now be admitted. Does it seem of little consequence to play with half-a-dozen children for an hour? It would not if you had our opportunity to note the development of the power to enjoy intellectual exercise, the quickening of wits and the improvement in manners that come from this close contact with "a teacher."

When Peter says, "Oh, 'messenger' is a lovely game!" and Anton asks to have his game saved for him next Friday; and Augusta thinks, "We've had a fine time with 'cuckoo!'" one cannot but hope that a taste for this kind of fun is growing.

WANTED.

More players will be welcome Friday evenings. More games are needed, such as checkers (the simplest boards are preferred), "messenger boy," dissected maps, sliced pictures, "jack straws," small dictionaries to help us in playing anagrams, etc.

Perhaps you may think of some simple game, not mentioned, that will become a favorite. If you send us anything that is at all complicated, please come to teach us how to play. Duplicates of games are especially desirable.

Alumnæ House Library.

Almost one hundred books have been added to the Library since our last report, and these, as a rule, are of a better class than our earlier contributions. Evidently those Alumnæ who have visited the house have noted the work that the Library is doing, and the lack of certain works which boys and girls are sure to ask for, for we have within the last month received donations of Henty, Cooper and Dickens, mostly new books, which fact is the cause of special rejoicing among the Library staff. It may be wrong to "look a gift horse in the mouth," but the Librarian is obliged to insist that books that are in too bad a condition to be used at home are of no use in the Library. By this is meant, books with pages torn and missing, or cheap books that are falling to pieces. It costs as much to rebind these latter as it does to buy them new, and the Library has funds for neither.

A pleasant surprise has come in the shape of a copy of "The Birds' Christmas Carol," bearing the following inscription: "For the Library of the Normal College Alumnæ House. From the Author, Kate Douglas Wiggin. 'Never forget that your mother was a McGrill!'"

Christmas will probably bring duplicates to many bookshelves. Tell the children whom you know, of the Alumnæ House Library, where their surplus books will be gladly welcomed, and where there cannot be too many duplicates of a really good book.

The report of evening work is as yet not very encouraging—about fifteen have been enrolled, and call for books on Monday evenings; but if this number grows slowly but steadily, we shall feel quite justified in having opened the Library at night.

Among the Federated Clubs.

The Brooklyn Woman's Club was organized in 1869, and incorporated in 1871. It is thus only two or three years younger than Sorosis, the pioneer among women's clubs. Its object, as stated in its constitution, is "the improvement of its members, and the practical consideration of the important questions that grow out of the relations of the individual to society, and the effect of existing institutions upon individual development. It shall be independent of sect, party and social cliques; the basis of membership being earnestness of purpose, love of truth, and a desire to promote the best interests of humanity." The writer, having had the pleasure and honor of being a member of this representative woman's club for four or five years, can bear personal testimony to the faithfulness with which these aims have been carried out, and to the earnest, thoughtful work done. There seemed to be a general feeling among the members that the club meetings were a real source of inspiration and help in their lives—a broadening and uplifting influence.

The club work is under eight heads, and is carried on by means of eight standing committees as follows: Literature, Music, Current Topics, Art, Science, Economics, the Home, and Education. There is also a Committee on Hospitality, having charge of the social side of the club's work. The chairman of each of the above committees is responsible for the program of two meetings a year, the subjects being taken up in regular order. Each member may choose the committee upon which she will serve, and it is understood that she thereby pledges herself to render such reasonable service as may be asked of her by the chairman of her committee. The number of active members is limited to two