

—Preliminary steps have been taken this week by the friends of St. John's Guild and the Orthopedic Hospital for another loan exhibition of women's portraits in the Autumn. The exhibition will be similar to the one held last year at the Academy of Design, which proved so successful and satisfactory in every respect: The management will probably be in the hands of the same committees, and it is possible that the exhibition may assume a somewhat wider scope than the first one, taking in also children's portraits, and possibly some of men. There will be new portraits by some of the best known French artists, many which were offered too late last year, and some which the committees have since discovered. Robert Waller, Jr., of 501 Fifth Avenue, was the Secretary of the exhibition last year, and the committees were:

Executive Committee—Henry Marquand, Chairman; Robert Waller, Jr., Secretary; James Speyer, Treasurer; Charles T. Barney, William F. King, H. Walter Webb, and Osgood Welsh.

Ladies' Committee—Mrs. Robert B. Potter, Mrs. Henry Winthrop Gray, Mrs. John A. Lowery, Mrs. Charles De Rham, Mrs. J. Hobart Warren, and Mrs. Adolf Ladenburg.

Artists' Committee—Francis Lathrop, Chairman; J. Carroll Beckwith, William M. Chase, R. Swain Gifford, F. D. Millet, B. C. Porter, and Stanford White.

—Lecture by Mme. Ragozin.—The first of a course of six lectures on "The Old Religion of India" was delivered yesterday by Mme. Zénaïda A. Ragozin at the Chapel of the Ascension, in West Eleventh Street. She was greeted by a large audience, which appreciated the spirited manner in which she delivered the discourse and her thorough knowledge of the subject. Some of those present were Mrs. Seth Low, Mrs. Richard M. Hunt, Mrs. Daniel Butterfield, Mrs. Hamilton Fish Webster, Mrs. George Haven Putnam, Mrs. Richard Mortimer, Miss Ruth Morgan, Prof. W. R. Ware, Prof. E. Delaven Perry, Dr. John P. Peters, and Clarence C. Buel.

—Progressive Euchre Party.—Card playing, which falls in the list of Lenten diversions, was participated in by a large party last night at the home of Mrs. Frank B. Keech, 14 East Sixty-fifth Street. Progressive euchre was the game, and all the prizes were of silver. Among those present were Miss Helen De Peyster, Miss Winthrop, Miss Gardiner, Miss Brewster, Miss May Barron, Mr. and Mrs. George P. Cammann, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Emery, Miss Scott, Miss Julia Grant, Miss Mary Kearny, Miss Livingstone, and Messrs. George A. Morrison, Charles Morrison, Russell Landale, Floyd James, Cecil Landale, and Montgomery Strong.

—Lecture on the Sun.—Miss Mary Proctor, daughter of the late Prof. R. A. Proctor, gave her lecture on "Giant Sun and His Family," in the assembly hall of the Hebrew Institute, East Broadway and Jefferson Street, last night, under the auspices of the Board of Education. She briefly referred to the old theories with regard to the earth and the solar system, leading up to the theories of the astronomers of modern times. A sketch was given of the planets, comets, meteors, and shooting stars. The lecture was well attended.

—Dr. Depew's Dinner.—Dr. Chauncey M. Depew gave a handsome dinner last evening at his home, 43 West Fifty-fourth Street. The various rooms were beautifully decorated with flowers and palms. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. John Howe, Col. and Mrs. Jay, Mr. and Mrs. Orme Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dana, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Baylies, Mr. and Mrs. W. Rathbone Bacon, Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Wysong, Miss Frelinghuysen, Mrs. Gambrell, Miss Josephine Johnson, Miss Paulding, James Otis, and Peter Marie.

—"Linen Shower" for Miss Louise Wilson.—Mrs. W. H. Kenyon of 321 West Eighty-second Street gave a "linen shower" and tea yesterday afternoon in honor of Miss Louise Wilson, to whom the Rev. Merle St. Croix Wright, pastor of the Lenox Avenue Unitarian Church, is soon to be married. A large number of the ladies of the church were present. Miss Wilson was the recipient of many pieces of choice needlework on linen, and the congratulations and best wishes of her friends.

—Social Incidents Yesterday.—The lecture on art given by Elliot Dangerfield, at the home of Miss MacClean, 7 East Sixty-third Street, was very largely attended yesterday. Among those who received was Mrs. Charles Weiher of 117 East Seventy-eighth Street. Grenville Snelling gave another lecture on "The History of Architecture," at the Hotel Renaissance. Mrs. J. Watts Kearney of 17 East Fifty-fourth Street gave a luncheon.

—The Vedanta Philosophy.—The last lecture on "The Vedanta Philosophy," by Swami Vivekananda of India, was given last evening at the home of Mrs. A. L. Barber, 871 Fifth Avenue. About 200 persons were present. Miss Thurston sang several songs. Mrs. Barber has kindly given her parlors for Saturday night, when Ernest F. Fenollosa of the Boston Art Museum will talk on "Art as Related to Science."

Mr. Parsons on Rapid Transit.

William Barclay Parsons, engineer of the Rapid Transit Commission, lectured on rapid transit in other countries at a meeting of Good Government Club Q, held last night, at the Young Men's Christian Association Hall, Washington Heights Branch, between Tenth and Eleventh Avenues.