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## COMMENTS

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## 12 MEMBERS GIVEN RINGS AT CEREMONY

Poet Moore Speaks on  
Our Ideals' at  
Girls Rite

THE other day, for want of something more exciting to do, I was reading "Makura no Sosh"—yeah, in the English translation, of course, you know. Seems that this snappy little collection of wisecracks and sketches was written way back in about 1000 A.D. by a court lady of ancient Japan, one Sei Chonagon, to give her exact name; and this lady sure knew her onions—or whatever vegetables they knew in those days. What surprised me was how human and modern those ancient people were. For sophistication and cleverness, these sketches might well have been written today—in fact they strangely remind one of the writings of O. O. McNamee, the New York columnist, in one of his confidential moods.

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Here are some samples. Under the heading of Detestable Things, she writes:

"A visitor who tells a long story when you are in a hurry. If he is a person you are intimate with, you can pack him off, saying that you will hear it another time. But those whom you cannot treat in this way are very detestable." (Strange! How could she have guessed the guy I'm thinking of?)

"Babies that cry or dogs that bark when you want to listen." (Brats and mutts—changeless through ages eternal! They will go off just when you want to listen to the radio.)

"People who interrupt your stories to show off their own cleverness. All interrupters, young and old, are very detestable." (Me, too; I like the kind that don't break in with their own chatter but merely roll their eyes and murmur "Oh, you wonderful man," at appropriate intervals.)

"People who, when you are telling a story, break in with 'Oh, I know,' and then give quite a different version from your own." (Gr-r-r. There's at least one in every office!) —oo—

TO continue with some more Detestable Things, as Lady Sel lists them:

"Either at home or in the palace to be roused up to receive an unwelcome visitor, in order to avoid whom you have been pretending to be asleep." (Next time you'll take the hint.)

"While on friendly terms with a man, to hear him sound the praises of some other woman whom he has known. This is detestable even when some time has elapsed, much more so if he is still friendly with her." (Tch, tch! the Green-Eyed Monster.)

"A dog who barks in recognition of your lover when he comes to pay you a secret visit—that dog should be killed." (They must have had strict mothers in those days too.) —oo—

"The snoring of a man whom you are trying to conceal, and who has gone to sleep in a place where he has no business." (M-m-m! Sounds Frenchy! Did they have bedroom farces in those days?)

"People who ride in a creaking carriage. Such people must be deaf, and very despicable. When you ride in such a carriage yourself, it is the owner who is detestable." (I've never ridden in a creaking ox-cart, but I have ridden in rattling Fords of ancient vintage.) —oo—

Among Thrilling Things, Lady Sel mentions:

"To be asked the way by a hand-some man who stops his carriage just for the purpose." (Ah! Need we comment?) —oo—

UNDER Cheerful Things, she lists:

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## American Soldier Under Alcoholic Influence Breaks into Hotel and Throw Down, Caught by 'Jiu-jitsu' Expert

A big husky American, wearing the uniform of the United States army, went wild at a Japanese hotel early Sunday morning and was quieted only after a Japanese guest staying at the establishment came out to put the soldier down by his little tricks of "Jiu-jitsu."

The army man, one Harold Glass, 26, crushed the front window of the Naniwa hotel on Stockton street, and entered the premises about 4 o'clock Sunday morning. Awakened by the noise, the proprietor of the hotel came downstairs in his bathrobe and was met by the big black figure standing in the doorway, staggering a little.

Twelve members of the Japanese Girl Reserves received rings, emblems of the ideals of the organization, at a ceremony performed Sunday evening at the local First Reformed church before an audience composed of more than 200 people. Mrs. Fujita presided over the ceremony.

The ceremony came as a climax to the evening's well arranged program, conducted by the Junior Silver Echo club assisted by Miss Eloise Ewing of the Central Y.W.C.A.

The rings were awarded to Misses Suga Baba, Yone Endo, Hiro Endo, Yuri Enomoto, Kathleen Fujita, Mary Kashiya Honda, Toshi Miho, Kuni Moriyama, Violet Okimoto, and Daly Tomisawa.

Preceding the ring ceremony, Miss Alice Moore, beloved poet of Astoria and one of the founders of the Girl Reserves in America, spoke as the main speaker of the evening.

Speaking on her topic, "Our Ideals," Poet Moore told the young Japanese people in the audience, "Keep your eyes on high ideals, and always ready to serve others."

An impressive candle-light opening ceremony was conducted by 20 girls. Miss A. Hamilton of the Mission Center rendered a beautiful medley of Buddhist music "Pujin Kai," Berkeley Y.M.W.B.A., Oakland Y.M.W.B.A., and Alameda Y.M.B.A.

CLEARED ALL MONEY

Almost all the money the club raised through the donations has been cleared, it was declared by Miss Sueko Nakano, finance committee chairman of the show, because of the fact that the members of the club participated in the program made their own costumes, lent furniture, and other things used in the show.

Fifteen per cent of the money raised will be turned over to the Bay Region Y.W.B.A., in accordance with the motion carried by the central organization, and the remainder will be kept in the Shojo Kai treasury to send delegates to the Northern California Y.W.B.A. conference to be held in Salinas next month.

Under Dreary Things:

The local Japanese Y.W.C.A. girls will meet strong Chinese sextete in a game of basketball on Wednesday, February 18, at the main Y.W.C.A. on Sutter street starting at 8:45 p.m.

The practice for Tuesday evening will not be held this week, due to a game to be played on the following night, it was announced by the director.

MERRITTS TO MEET TUES.

OAKLAND, Feb. 16.—The Oakland Merritts Athletic club will hold an important meeting this Tuesday night, February 17, at its regular meeting place, 386 Eighth street. The meeting begins at 8 p.m. sharp. All members are urged to be present.

DEATH TAKES LIFE OF HOSEI U. PRESIDENT

TOKYO, Feb. 16.—(UPI)—Itaru Ma-

Minister of Justice during the Kasumuro, Privy Councilor of Japan, President of Hosei university, and died here today. Advanced age, aggravated by a touch of influenza, is said to be the cause of death.

Under Dreary Things:

"A letter from one's country home with no news in it." (Another homesick country girl in the big city hungering for home town gossip.)

But this last one is a masterpiece, Lady Sel says:

"A preacher ought to be a good-looking man. It is then easier to keep your eyes on his face, without which it is impossible to benefit by the discourse. Otherwise the eyes wander and you forget to listen. Usly preachers have therefore a grave responsibility." (Shades of Y.M.W.B.A. conferences! What are the men to do unless they go to hear Almee!) —oo—

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