

## THE SOCIAL SETTLEMENT.

### MISS JONES AND MISS HEWINS TO LIVE IN NEW BUILDING.

**Three-story Addition to be Ready in a Month—Enlarged Kitchen for the Cooking School and a Gymnasium on the Third Floor—Classes in Boxing and Athletics — Progress of the Work.**

Miss Jones, the manager of the Social Settlement at No. 6 North street, has returned from Europe, and the various classes are being resumed as fast as practicable. The new addition to the settlement will be ready in about a month and then Miss Jones will live there. Miss Caroline M. Hewins, librarian at the Hartford Public Library, has a library class at the settlement, and she will also live there. When the new building is completed the work can be carried on better and additional branches of work will be formed.

While in London Miss Jones visited the social settlements at Townlee Hall, Oxford House, the Woman's University Settlement at Nelson Square and also Miss Octavia Hill's model tenements. There are between twenty and thirty settlements in London and they are also situated in Paris, Glasgow, Edinburgh and there are a few in Japan and India. The settlement here has been in operation about four years and it has been very successful, accomplishing an immense amount of good.

The addition to the building is of brick and is three stories. This part and the old building will be heated by a furnace. The present house is heated by stoves and some of the boys are experts in building fires. When the stoves are taken out there will be room for three open fires. The first floor of the new building will be used for a large kitchen for the cooking school and a dining-room for those who live at the settlement. The dining-room will also be used for demonstrations by the cooking class. The present stove for cooking, which was furnished by James M. Thomson, will be used in the new kitchen.

On the second floor there will be four bed-rooms and a bath-room. Two of the rooms will be occupied by Miss Jones and Miss Hewins and one has been partly engaged. The third floor will have a gymnasium and this will be used also as for a play-room. Classes for boxing will be organized and Dr. Carroll Beach is to be the instructor. He will teach classes in general gymnastics. The gymnasium is to be fitted up with a punching bag, Indian clubs, dumb-bells, etc. Several athletic clubs have been formed and one is called the North Star Athletic Club. These clubs will take the places of the former classes in physical culture which were taught by Miss Rossiter.

There are about 300 children who have the benefit of the settlement and in order that all can have an equal chance they are divided into many clubs. If it was not for the clubs the 300 might take a notion to go to the settlement on one night and the next night there might not be any. All of the clubs are not in working order yet. Among the clubs for Monday is one for girls in charge of Miss Russell and Miss Corwin. Tuesday Miss Hills has a kitchen garden. The little girls are taught how to set a table, how to make beds, housekeeping, washing, ironing and other household occupations.

One of the sewing clubs for Saturday is called the Thimble Club. A sewing club is soon to be started for young women. Music is taught Thursdays and Saturdays by Miss Abrams and Miss Loomis. On Thursdays Miss Hall of Forest street looks after the children under the kindergarten age. Then there are various reading and study clubs, a penny provident bank and a library, which is in charge of Miss Hewins.

The Christmas festivities began yesterday and will continue through the week. Mr. Dunham of Marshall street presented the settlement with a magic lantern and he showed the boys how to work it last night. Many gifts for the children have been received. The Asylum Hill Congregational Sunday-school and Unity Church sent a load of presents. The presents are to be kept at the settlement for the children to play with except those for the very small children. The principal Christmas entertainment will take place to-morrow afternoon.

The present building is owned by James M. Thomson and he is putting up the addition. The buildings are rented to the settlement at low rates.