

The year book for 1902-1903 of the Nebraska Federation of Women's clubs has appeared.

The corresponding secretary reports 103 clubs and 3,880 members in the federation; fifteen clubs have come in during the year; twenty-five clubs hold individual membership in the general federation; number of officers and delegates present at the last annual meeting, 128; number of visitors from other towns, 100; number of clubs working for or assisting in the maintenance of libraries 26, number of clubs engaged in educational, philanthropic or other outside work, 54; number of clubs observing Federation day, 21; number of clubs holding social meetings, 70.

Among the clubs endeavoring to secure libraries for their respective towns are: Osceola, Wakefield, Valley and Douglas, that have raised the \$40 necessary to secure the traveling library for five years, and many other clubs are working to the same end. Seward Woman's club, Fairbury Woman's club, the Tecumseh clubs, Stanton clubs, Syracuse Woman's club and Falls City Sorosis are giving financial aid to the libraries in which they were wholly or largely instrumental in securing. Self Culture club of St. Paul purchased and donated books to its public school library; Sutton Woman's club has been the means of establishing a library at that place; Tekamah Woman's club has a library of 100 books; Keystone Country club has started a library with \$100, and the Omaha New Book Review club has sent a box of books to the western part of the state; Lincoln Woman's club and Avon club of York have each furnished the pariors of their new library buildings and in consideration of the same have been granted the use of these rooms for club purposes. The Syracuse Woman's club and the Falls City clubs have extended their efforts toward beautifying their public libraries, the former having been able through the generosity of its individual members and business men to donate \$300 for this purpose; the latter donating a fine library table, clock, pictures and various improvements.

The Fremont Woman's club was the prime mover in securing the Carnegie Library building which is now nearly completed, the members giving liberally

when the fund was started and have pledged themselves to its support. The Beatrice Woman's club has planned to place a bronze bust of Andrew Carnegie in the Carnegie library which is to cost at least \$100. Other clubs interested in library work or planning for the same are: Norfolk, Bloomfield, Randolph, Ashland, Winslow, Pierce, Minden, Gering and Bridgeport.

The clubs interested in civic improvement are: Weeping Water Zetetic, Central City Sorosis, Stromsburg Woman's club, Beatrice Woman's club and Norfolk Woman's club.

Central City Fin de Siecle has been especially active in philanthropy. Minden and Plainview clubs have pledged themselves to visit and co-operate with the public schools; Schuyler Woman's club has given five pictures to its high school and to the Commercial club rooms; St. Paul Self-Culture club donated a fine new piano to the high school; a girls' club has been formed, auxiliary to the Exeter Woman's club and under its executive board. The household economics department of the Omaha Woman's club is also interested in philanthropic work and is helping in the building project of the Young Women's Christian association.

Beatrice is enthusiastic over an art exhibit and sale of Copley prints; York has contributed to the decoration of its high school; Falls City Sorosis has arranged for a lecture course, having raised \$500 for that purpose; the Omaha Woman's club had a series of lectures, free to all club women; it has donated four classic busts and two figures from Michael Angelo, which have been placed in the halls of the Omaha high school. In addition to all the local work, the clubs of the state have contributed \$153.50 within the year for the education of a colored kindergarten teacher in the south.

All of this work has been done outside of the regular work of the clubs.

The letter from the president, Mrs. W. E. Page, contains many helpful suggestions for the strengthening and extension of club work. She says also that "The business of the federation in all its branches would be facilitated by greater promptness and more business-like methods on the part of club women. Will all seek to remedy this defect?"

### Rho Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta

Rho chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta was the fourth Greek letter sorority established at the University of Nebraska, the first three being Kappa Kappa Gamma, Sigma Chi and Phi Delta Theta.

The charter was applied for by Gertrude Laws (Mrs. Will E. Hardy), Minnie Latta (Mrs. C. F. Ladd), Dena Loomis (Mrs. Guy Gere of Honolulu), Elizabeth Bonnell (Mrs. Carl Williams of Chicago), and Annie Childs (Mrs. Clark F. Ansley of Iowa City, Iowa). Kate Wilder Cross came up from Lawrence, Kansas, and initiated these girls April 7, 1887, in the Sigma Chi hall, which had been generously given for the impressive ceremony.

During the next four years only seven girls were found who satisfied the very exacting requirements demanded by these few Thetas, and at no time did the chapter roll exceed nine members. But this exclusiveness necessitated the return of the charter, for in 1890 when three of the active members graduated, two went abroad, two married, and two went to other cities to live, and it was decided to let the chapter lapse.

During the next few years numerous petitions were received asking the help of the alumnae in bringing back the charter, but it was not until the fall of 1895 that the time seemed opportune for its return. The university attendance had by this time increased to 1500 and the sororities from one to four.

The ten Theta alumnae members living in Lincoln were all anxious to see a strong chapter again established in the University, so six girls were selected, and after several months of work and investigation on the part of the grand council, the charter was re-granted.

The rumor of these prospects created no little interest, at least this is what appeared in a University paper at the time:

"Quite a little excitement was created Monday by the report that Kappa Alpha Theta had organized, but there seems to be no foundation for the report as

nothing definite has been decided upon. Kappa Alpha Theta is an excellent fraternity, ranking second to none in the east, and we will be glad to see a chapter organized here. It is to be hoped the alumnae will decide in favor of bringing back the charter."

On February 11, 1896, Emily Weeks (Mrs. Julius Sedgwick of Eveleth, Minn.), Leola Vancil (Mrs. Carl Randall of Pittsburg), Jean Tuttle, Lida Millar, Nelle Randall of Omaha, and Jessica Morgan of Hebron, were initiated into the mystic circle of Kappa Alpha Theta, and so after a lapse of five years Rho chapter lived again.

In the same year Phi Beta Kappa was established in Nebraska university, and four of the first six graduates of Rho were elected to membership. They were Gertrude Laws Hardy, Katharine Weston Wing, Anne Wilder and Elinor Williams Sisson. From the succeeding classes Edith Schwartz Clements, Emily Weeks Sedgwick and Ruth Wilson have been chosen as P. B. K's.

In the fall of 1899 the Thetas went into their own chapter house, one of the first two "frat houses" for women in Lincoln. The first year they occupied 1601 M street, but each year since then they have been in the beautiful old home of Judge Amasa Cobb, whose three granddaughters, Jane Macfarland Douglas of St. Joseph, Missouri, and Jessie and Ruth Macfarland of Los Angeles, but all formerly of Lincoln, are all enthusiastic members of Kappa Alpha Theta. This makes an ideal fraternity home, with its beautiful grounds, used for lawn fetes in the spring, and the roomy house which accommodates ten or eleven girls. This year the chaperone has been Miss Sara Hayden, art instructor at the university, who is a member of the fraternity.

Since Rho was re-installed she has averaged about fifteen members. This year the chapter roll has been larger than usual, including the following young ladies:

Edith Schwartz Clements, Lincoln; Margaret Loomis, Lincoln; Jeannette Post, York; Laura Woodford, Knowlesville, N. Y.; Alice Towne, Omaha; Sallie Agnew, Lincoln; Harriett Paul, Henderson, Ia.; Nellore Wilson, Lincoln; Mary Bedwell, Omaha; Zola Dellecker, Omaha; Ena Brach, Hastings; Martha Cline, Minden; Ethel Norval, Seward; Joyce Broady, Lincoln; Martha Post, Columbus; Edith Robbins, Lincoln.

In addition to the above Miss Elizabeth Jeter, of Omaha, has been pledged.

There is no alumnae chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta in Lincoln, so the alumnae are in close touch with the active chapter. Among the alumnae living in Lincoln are Ida Robbins, Sara Hayden, Anne Barr, Clara Walsh, Mrs. W. E. Hardy, Mrs. F. M. Fling, Mrs. Fred Clements, Mrs. T. L. Lyon, Jean Tuttle, Mrs. C. F. Ladd, Frances Cunningham, Ella Harper, Lida Millar, Charlotte Clark, Rose Carson, Mrs. F. W. Eason and Miss Edith Long.

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He—Do you see anything on the bill of fare that you like, dear?

She—Oh yes. I was looking to see if there was anything I didn't like.

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Teacher—Now, Johnny, why has February only twenty-eight days?

Johnny—Maybe the cook took two days out.

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She (ecstatically)—How kind of nature to bestow upon the blind the faculty of distinguishing colors by the sense of touch!

He (philosophically)—Yes; but it's not altogether confined to the sightless. A fellow needn't be blind to feel blue.

### PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER VISITS ISLES OF PORTO RICO



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The steamship Coamo, with Miss Alice Roosevelt on board, reached Porto Rico at noon Thursday, March 19th. Miss Roosevelt will be the guest of her friend, Governor Hunt's daughter, and will stay at the palace.

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