

# CLUBS.

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## Lincoln Clubs.

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Sorosis, Jr.	Mrs. Wm. T. Stevens	Mrs. Fred Shephard
Wednesday Afternoon	The hostess acts as president.	Mrs. Robert Wilson
Woman's Club	Mrs. A. A. Scott	Mrs. J. L. Parsons
Y.W. C. A. Magazine Club	Miss Wild	

## OFFICERS OF THE CITY FEDERATION.

President, Mrs. Geo. L. Meissner, 1512 D street.  
 First vice president, Mrs. Ida Kelley, 839 North Twenty-third street.  
 Second vice-president, Mrs. H. H. Wheeler, 1517 H street.  
 Recording secretary, Miss Laura Wild, 141 South Twelfth street.  
 Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Milton Scott, 202 South Thirty-third street.  
 Treasurer, Mrs. C. R. Richards, 221 North Sixteenth street.

The meeting of the city federation of women's clubs Monday afternoon in the women's club rooms was attended by a large number of ladies. New hats and striking gowns made the meeting look like an animated rainbow. Mrs. Meissner presided. Miss Sallie Furnas sang a beautiful solo, "So Saron Rose," by Ardit. Miss Grace Greenwood Griffith assisted in making the song enjoyable by her sympathetic accompaniment on the piano.

Following the solo, a parliamentary drill by the members of the Woman's club, led by Mrs. Nellie M. Richardson, was a diverting and pleasing affair. Several witty and bright speeches were made on a resolution to do away with high hats at the club meetings, and the following resolutions were passed:

Whereas, The great social and intellectual movement of the so called Woman's club has obtained recognition all over the country, and

Whereas, These clubs are constantly being called upon to take a stand upon questions of the day, and

Whereas, One of the questions being discussed in other cities is the high hat ordinance, and

Whereas, The Lincoln Woman's club wishes to keep in touch with the times, and

Whereas, There has been much complaint from individual members, less than five feet in height that it has been impossible to see farther than the hat directly in front of them at our club meetings, and

Whereas, The pleasures and accommodations of our members should be duly considered by us. Therefore be it

Resolved, "That all ladies attending our club meetings be requested to remove their hats."

The following amendment was offered:

I move to amend the resolution by adding: In case these hats are over three inches in height.

The second amendment was: I move

to amend the amendment by striking out the words, "are over three inches in height," and inserting the words "are trimmed with plumes, aigrettes, birds or parts of birds."

Several witty speeches were made, among them one by Mrs. A. W. Field's, in which she described the use of birds or wings on hats, and said that she thought a little black bonnet with a few dried cherries on it was good enough for any one, the humor in the speech being brought out by the fact that Mrs. Fields was describing her own bonnet.

Both ladies paid high tribute to the fine character and worth of one whom they had known and loved.

Miss Grace Reynolds sang acceptably "Two Loves," by De Koven, Miss Metcalf playing her accompaniment on the piano. Miss Reynolds' voice was suited to the song and everybody enjoyed the number.

The latter half of the meeting was given over to a short memorial to the late Mrs. Harriet Curtiss Shepherd, Mrs. Meissner spoke for Sorosis, jr., and Mrs. T. C. Munger for Sorosis, sr., and Mrs. McConnell spoke as a member of the library board, when Mrs. Shepherd was librarian. Miss Dena Loomis presented resolutions which were adopted as the sense of the meeting.

## MRS. M'CONNELL'S TRIBUTE.

Mrs. Munger and Mrs. Meissner have given us a picture of the beautiful life of Mrs. Shepherd, as seen and appreciated by the circle of which she was a beloved member. It is my privilege to speak of her as librarian of our public library.

I had known Hattie Curtiss as a school girl and in the church; I had been impressed by her gentle pleasing manners, her ability and faithfulness in doing the work she was called on to do.

Eight years ago, a vacancy having occurred, she was chosen by the board of trustees of the Public Library to fill the position of librarian.

At that time she was a young girl, not yet twenty years old, but the members of the board, recognizing her special fitness and unusual though undeveloped talent, felt assured that she would be fully competent, and faithful to all duties pertaining to the position. Her work in the library during the time she served as librarian demonstrated the wisdom of their choice.

She entered upon the duties of the library with high ideals of her responsibility for the trust committed to her, and an earnest desire to aid the trustees in their efforts to make the library of the best possible use to the public.

She improved every opportunity to fit herself for library work in all its departments. Her industry and enthusiasm in this work were an inspiration to all who were associated with her.

She loved books. Her knowledge of them was of great service to the patrons of the library. It was her delight to assist them in making selections.

Little children were objects of her special care. She ever sought to place in their hands books from the library adapted to their needs—books that would be helpful to them, that would brighten their lives, awaken pure thought and stimulate desires for that which is noblest and best in life.

The progress she made during the four years she served as librarian, and her great efficiency, gave assurance of the future.

We hoped to retain her; many regrets were expressed when, called by higher duties, she resigned the position of librarian four years ago. Although no longer librarian her interest in and love for the library never abated.

Her manners were always pleasing and genial. Her's was "the sweet presence of a good diffused." Her helpful influence will always be felt in the library. Many lives have been enriched by it. She has joined "the choir invisible of those immortal dead who live again in minds made better by their presence. So to live is heaven; to make undying music in the world."

Ices were served by members of the Atheneia and Fortnightly clubs. During this part of the program, Miss Olive Josephine Shute, the new soprano at the First Presbyterian, who had been delayed, sang "The Spanish Gypsy," by Watson. Miss Shute has a good voice and shows method and training. Her song was decidedly pleasing. Miss Alla Givens was her accompanist.

The society of the Hall in the Grove held the last meeting of the year Friday, May 11, at the residence of Mrs. H. M. Bushnell with a large number in attendance. The program of the evening was current events, a discussion of the year's work, election of officers and selecting the course of study for the com-

ing year, followed by refreshments and a social session.

The study for the past year has been in Oriental history, American literature and a discussion after intermission of the principle topic of the day.

The work of the coming year will be "Art and Artists" and "Travels in Russia." The discussion of the past year's work showed how thoroughly they had all appreciated the studies and a vote of thanks was tendered the program committee for the intellectual feast it had prepared.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the president, Mrs. H. M. Bushnell, and to the secretary, Mrs. Walter Davis, for their faithfulness, the records showing that they had not been absent from a meeting during the entire year.

The officers for the coming year are: President, Mrs. M. Garten; vice-president, Mrs. Smith; secretary, Mrs. W. A. Ludly; program committee, Mrs. H. M. Bushnell, Mattie Hawley, George A. Loveland.

Sorosis met with Mrs. Miller on May 18. Mrs. Maule read a thoroughly prepared paper on "Our Foreign Relations." She traced the relations of our country with the other countries interested in the Louisiana purchase, northeastern boundary dispute, secession of Florida, and the annexation of Texas, after which she dealt with the diplomatic relations of the United States with England. She believes that former treaties between these nations have not been to the advantage of the United States and she thinks our country is to be congratulated upon escape from the last arbitration treaty considered. The first or second reading of this document makes it appear fair, but subsequent study dispels all idea of fairness in her opinion. The paper was listened to with attention and called forth some discussion. Adjournment was made to the last Tuesday in September, when the club will meet with Mrs. Welch in business session.

The Ashland and Weeping Water clubs met with the Plattsburgh ladies clubs this week. The meeting was followed by a reception at Mrs. S. Waugh's.

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