

Dr. D. Parker Morgan, who, a fortnight ago, had old Trinity church hung with British flags, and who preached a sermon in which, among other things, he said he deplored the absence of a monarchy in this country and blushed to think of how far short American women came of Queen Victoria in the rearing of children and in fidelity to domestic duties, etc. The priest's eulogy of the parsimonious monarch with the frugal Dutch blood was more eloquent and devoted than true. Many an American mother can present examples of sons who can beat their royal highnesses all along the line. Not to speak of the character of the Prince of Wales and of his younger brother, Queen Victoria herself who has made it a practice to refuse to receive at court any divorced woman, insisted on annulling the marriage of Prince George her grandson with the daughter of an English admiral, in spite of the fact that it was a perfectly legal, though secret marriage, and that the pair had two children. Yet the marriage was declared morganatic, Prince George's wife and children were set adrift with a sum of money sufficient to keep them in comfort and H. R. H. was espoused to Princess May of Teck. The pictures of the skeleton subjects of the famine sufferers in India, side by side with a beautiful monument to Queen Victoria by her Indian subjects appear in the current number of the Cosmopolitan. Notwithstanding the immense sums given by Englishmen and Americans to signalize the jubilee the multi millionaire Queen is not reported to have given a cent. Considering the famine in her Indian empire she might have endowed a hospital there, or organized some institution of education or healing. But she did not care to spend her money in that way. It is somewhat ungracious to reproach the old lady after her triumphant anniversary with a lack of generosity and consistency and American women would not be guilty of it if they had not been referred to her as a model wife, mother and administrator of affairs. The Rev. D. Parker Morgan should seek a parish in England. Even New York women are disgusted with him.

The New York Mail and Express in speaking of Mr. Smith and Mr. Guilmette said: "Mr. Smith attracted considerable attention by the excellent campaign work he did for the Republican party in the summer and fall of '96, in his correspondence with leading newspapers in the east and west. When he came to New York he joined the staff of the Mail and Express. Mr. Smith's decided ability both as a writer and gatherer of news was displayed to its greatest advantage on this newspaper. His energy was indefatigable and his mind was fertile with suggestions for special work. His interviews with notable people visiting New York attracted wide attention, and were quoted throughout the country. By his own personal efforts he made this one of the most valuable departments of the Mail and Express. He had recently been assigned to assist in the financial department of the paper, and with his usual energy had entered into an exhaustive study of financial questions."

Mr. Frank L. Sheldon, of No. 10 Wall street, who was a personal friend of Mr. Smith, was greatly shocked when he heard of the accident. He said today that he regarded him as one of the brightest young men of his acquaintance. He said he was known by almost every one of prominence in Lincoln, Neb., and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of them all.

Mr. Guilmette was also a young man of rare promise. He came here recently from Nebraska, comparatively unknown and secured employment with Moore & Schley as stenographer. After a short service in this capacity he was made manager of the uptown office of the firm. In introducing him to a bank shortly before the young man's death, Mr. Schley is said to have given him the highest possible endorsement. "Anything that this young man does," he is reported to have said, "our firm will stand by." To intimate friends, Mr. Schley is quoted as having predicted a most brilliant future for him.

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Atheneæ	Mrs. Will Green	Mrs. Belle Hamilton
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Wednesday Afternoon	The hostess acts as president.	Mrs. Robert Wilson
Woman's Club	Mrs. A. A. Scott	Mrs. Kelly
Y.W. C. A. Magazine Club	Miss Wild	

OFFICERS OF THE 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.

As all club women know, the Beatrice club will entertain the state federation in October. The Beatrice club has shown itself to be most hospitable, in that it not only invited the state meeting of the federation, but also invited and entertained the mid-summer meeting that was held on the 17th of June. This mid-summer meeting was most enjoyable. It brought a large number of the club women together just after the close of a year's work, to talk over what had been accomplished, and to plan for accomplishments next year. The members of the executive board met and sketched plans for the fall meeting. Greetings were exchanged and a good time was had in general. There were 75 club members from outside of Beatrice at the meeting. Among the good things on the program was a witty and pretty poem by Mrs. D. C. McKillip, of Seward. The lecture by Mrs. Keysor, of Omaha, on the "Scarlet Letter," was also a rare treat. She reviewed the book from a dramatic and artistic standpoint and gave some strong original ideas to the listeners.

The Beatrice women served a luncheon to the delegates and were hospitable in the extreme. The decorations for the meeting were most tasty. The club color of the Beatrice club is purple and this rich color combined with the corn color of the state federation made a pleasing setting for the pretty gowns of the ladies who took part in the program.

The Beatrice club is one of the thoroughly well organized clubs of the state. It has been organized three years and has been doing effective work all that time. Fifty members are enrolled in the five departments. The departments are art, music, current events, English literature, domestic science and a projected department is that of American history. The meetings are of necessity held at the homes of the members. During the last winter the club meetings have been held, with the exceptions of two, at the home of Mrs. M. V. Nichols, who has also been the president as well as the hostess. Mrs. Nichols' home is well adapted for a club gathering, it being large and the rooms are connected by folding doors. It is a home where refinement

and culture are everywhere in evidence and the members of the club must indeed feel fortunate in having such a delightful place in which to meet.

The plans for the fall meeting are in the hands of committees and individuals. It is most too early to say just what will be done but it is thought that the meeting will of a necessity hold over two days. It is also thought that the press of important business will necessitate the holding of an evening session, something new for the federation. As far as the social functions are concerned they will not be held on an elaborate scale. A jam is not pleasant and it is thought that several small functions where the people may meet and become acquainted more informally, will be of more benefit and be more pleasurable than a crush where no one makes an acquaintance to be remembered.

There will be good addresser, good music, plenty of entertainment for the delegates besides the grind of important business. The presidents of the state federations in Iowa, Missouri, Colorado, Kansas and other states will be invited to be present and give addresses and it is hoped that the women may be able to attend for the reason that an exchange of ideas is beneficial. A hope has been expressed that delegates from the western clubs may be able to attend the state meeting, because of their isolation. They need the helpful influence and enthusiastic uplift of the more prosperous and larger clubs of the eastern part of the state.

If all the clubs send delegates this year it will make a list of about 108. These the ladies of Beatrice will entertain at their homes, but all visitors, not accredited delegates, will be compelled to furnish their own entertainment. Much hardship was worked because of the misunderstanding of the delegates in regard to their transportation last year. The railroads will make a reduced rate this year if 100 women will go. Each delegate must, however, get a receipt from the agent where she buys her ticket that will entitle her to the reduced rate. Last year when two came from the same town one receipt was often taken, where two should have been, thus making a confused muddle of it when the return tickets were obtained. In this way, though there were over one hundred who attended, not that many receipts were on hand and the reduced rate was called off. It must be impressed forcibly that each individual delegate must take a receipt from the agent of whom she buys her ticket. The women of Beatrice are already

planning for and talking over the meeting. The members of the club are workers and though they say they do not hope to rival Fremont, yet from what has been seen of their hospitality it is sure to be a place of enjoyment this fall when the delegates come together. One of the delightful features of their club life is the taking of flowers to those of the members who are sick. A fund is provided for this purpose and it has been the pleasure and privilege of the ladies to take fresh flowers to the sick rooms of members or brighten up the dreary room of suffering. By these little kindnesses the members are bound together by bonds invisible, but indissoluble and club life is not a hollow artificial thing, but a social and lovable companionship. With the women of this stamp for hostesses, and with such a program as can be gotten together from among the many bright women of the state, the federation cannot help but be a pleasant and profitable place to go to this fall.

Thinking that the club women might like to know a little concerning the lives of some of the prominent club workers in the state, a card was sent out to some of them asking for a little bit of biography and other items of interest. But alas! the club women are modest, the funny columns to the contrary notwithstanding, and but meager details came back through the mails. Of the beloved president just a quotation or so: "Looking back over the stretch of my life's pathway today I can truly say the best thing I have learned of life is that its days and years are not my own, but belong to those whom I would gladly see avoid my mistakes." With Paul I have known both to abound and how to suffer need and I have found the first to be the harder."

For many years it has been the aim of this little woman to do the most good to those around her. She has been unselfish in her devotion to the young trying to have them see high ideals and reach them at last. She has been interested in charitable, benevolent and Christian work, and when one visits Plattsmouth and sees the esteem in which she is held, there need be no question asked regarding what she has done. To quote again: "I feel inclined to think that the days of whitening hairs should be days of simple giving without regard to the thought whether my own life be enriched or otherwise. I know of nothing which furnishes such a beautiful opportunity for carrying out this theory as the women's clubs."

All who have attended the meetings of the state federation know Mrs. D. C. McKillip, of Seward. She has in a short time won her way to the reputation of being the brightest and wittiest woman in the federation. Her talents are varied, she being able to put her thoughts in bright smooth verses, and a poem by Mrs. McKillip is always sure to bring out a good audience and bring her a rich reward of applause and commendation. She is a woman of opinions, and knows how to talk for them. She is vigorous and fearless in her attacks on the enemy, and in debate is able to hold her own. She is the avowed champion of the smaller clubs, and made considerable of a stir by her speech last year in favor of the conservative club. When asked for a bit of auto-biography, the following laconic third person little sketch came. It is characteristic:

"Mrs. D. C. McKillip, nee Darling, was born a long time ago in New York. Her school days were passed in Wisconsin. She came to Seward, Neb., in 1877, was married in '78, and began kindergarten work with one very small scholar in '79. Tastes purely domestic along the cool sequestered vale of life she keeps the even tenor of her way."