

to be greatly affected in the early fall; a by waist striped with jet and steel over the black net; large black velvet bows on either side.

I run no great risk in predicting the absolute downfall of the anarchistic red and the legitimist royal purple. Smart women have gone back to black costumes and hats. Besides all its Jubilee doings, London has evolved a white canvas sailor hat, which my recently arrived informant tells me is just now the only correct thing for golf and cycling—in Great Britain.

Steel ornaments for the hair are much fancied, and the careful woman who has preserved those worn some years ago may follow the extremes of fashion without cost to herself. This style shows to greatest advantage in black hair. Velvet collars thickly studded with steel are new and correct.

Can it be that none of our traditions is to survive this iconoclastic age? I hear it mooted that lilies-of-the-valley are to supplant orange blossoms as the proper sauce in which to serve a bride.

### THE CLUBS.

University Place is a quiet little town. It looks rather bleak and bare until one gets there and finds pretty homes among the young and growing trees, vine-clad cottages and other evidences of comfort and taste. Under the shadow of Wesleyan college there is much culture, and one of the evidences of that culture, is a thriving and growing Woman's club. For two years, since September 27, 1895, the club has been doing good hard work in the way of study. It was organized by some of the representative women of the little town, and on the charter roll may be found the appended names: Mesdames O. R. Beebe, E. W. Crook, Don Carlos, Fred Fuller, R. O. Castle, C. M. Elinwood, May Caldwell, Chas. Fordyce, Mattie M. Campbell, Jay Blanche Alabaster, Ella M. Hurshey, Ella King Lowe, Frances H. McPherrin, Minnie M. Stuff, Stella O'Neal, Elizabeth Gardner, M. V. Abbott, Theresa Woodward and Misses Hattie M. Blood, Etta Brooke, May Caldwell, Maude Stewart and Minnie C. Jay.

During the life of the club the departments have been domestic economy, literature, book review, art, social, history and civics, and education and reform. These departments have not all been in force at the same time, and several have been discontinued from time to time to suit the exigencies of the case. Perhaps the most prominent departments this year were the literary department and the department of domestic economy.

The literary department gave a banquet during the winter that was in every way a tasty and interesting performance. The menu was all that could be desired and the literary program was most excellent. It was given in one of the pretty homes and the toasts responded to were felicitous.

It has been the aim of the domestic economy department to interest the husbands in the club, and it has succeeded very well in the undertaking. The regular meetings were held weekly and at these, interesting papers on things that are a benefit to housekeepers were read and discussed. At the monthly meetings the husbands were invited and given a chance to sample some of the good things that were evolved from the department in the way of papers and good things to eat. These were hardly to be styled banquets, rather dinners, and the way the husbands responded to the invitations showed them to be popular places to go.

Several times the husbands took it upon themselves to show the women how it was done, and they furnished the entertainment. One time they went so far as to serve refreshments all by themselves, much to the delight and amusement of the ladies. The programs fur-

nished by the men were not always as sedate and dignified as the programs by the ladies, but they were enjoyed, and that was what they were gotten up for.

The ladies who entertained, or rather opened their houses for this department during the year, were Mesdames Alabaster, Fuller, Wineland, Fordyce, Gardener and Caldwell.

The regular meetings of the whole club are held fortnightly. The membership at the present time is 33, the limit is 35, because of the fact that the club is compelled to meet at private homes, and a larger number would be difficult to entertain. The plans for the winter work have not yet been made. At the first meeting in September the program will be outlined and the departments organized. At the last meeting in June the following list of officers were elected: President, Mrs. C. M. Elinwood; first vice president, Mrs. R. O. Castle; second vice president, Mrs. Elizabeth Gardner; secretary, Mrs. Hurshey; treasurer, Mrs. McPherrin. Miss Hattie M. Blood, professor in the Wesleyan university, has been the secretary since the inception of the club, and to her I am indebted for so much of the information in regard to the club.

Mrs. E. W. Crook, the wife of Chancellor Crook, was a woman of much vigor of mind. She was always working for the benefit of the university and among her many works, she organized what she named "The Woman's Educational Council." This is an organization on the same plan as the Woman's clubs. It has departments and each department takes up a line of study. It was the idea of the founder that the Methodist women in each town in the state should organize such a council. The end in view is to build a chapel or conservatory of music on the campus of the Wesleyan university. Each member is to pay into the treasury of the local society, certain dues monthly or yearly, and these dues were all to be collected into the main or state organization, to be expended for the building of whatever the society determined. Several such societies have been doing excellent work. The one in University Place is of course the oldest. Mrs. Roberts is the local president. The president of the state organization is Mrs. L. O. Jones; Mrs. Wimberly, Mrs. Burch, Mrs. States and Mrs. C. C. White are also connected with the present organization. The meetings are held monthly and are of the exact nature of the Woman's clubs. Of course the members would naturally be expected to come from among Methodist women, but any one interested in the welfare of the uni-

versity is allowed to become a member. It has been the aim of the society to put out a state organizer, but the stringent times have hardly warranted it. Mrs. Condon of Pawnee City went for awhile but her many other duties soon called her home and since that the work has been growing but slowly.

A pretty idea that has obtained among the clubs is that of having a club color and flower. Nearly all of the clubs have such insignia. The Plattsmouth club recently adopted the wild rose as its flower, a most appropriate flower for a club in Nebraska. The dainty programs for the district meeting of the Ashland and Weeping Water clubs were beautiful with hand painted sprays of wild roses with a setting of prairie grasses. The programs were highly prized as souvenirs by those fortunate enough to obtain them.

Heat nor cold hath terrors for the Rose Cottage club. It meets the same as ever these hot days and for study the members have nothing else than that light poem by old Homer, the "Iliad." The members are at a white heat of interest all the time and the attendance is large. Of course the club meets with Miss Elliott at her pretty little cottage and if there is a cool spot in Lincoln it is at that place. The meeting Friday morning was led by Miss Brackett. The fourth book was under discussion. Miss Brackett read the book and commented. The other members discussed and talked and asked questions.

The weeds must go. That is a settled fact. The city improvement society has said so, and that means that it must be so. The society met in the Commercial club rooms Monday afternoon. There was not a large attendance, for the reason that so many of the members have gone from the city on their summer vacations. The weed ordinance that

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has been in innocuous desuetude for many moons was resurrected and it was the sense of the meeting that it ought to be enforced. A general discussion of the weed problem took place and it was decided to make a canvass of the city and report to the street commissioners those weed patches that needed attention. Mrs. Bushnell made a report in regard to the Prescott school which was encouraging. Mrs. Langworthy Taylor will represent the society and its work at the state federation in October.

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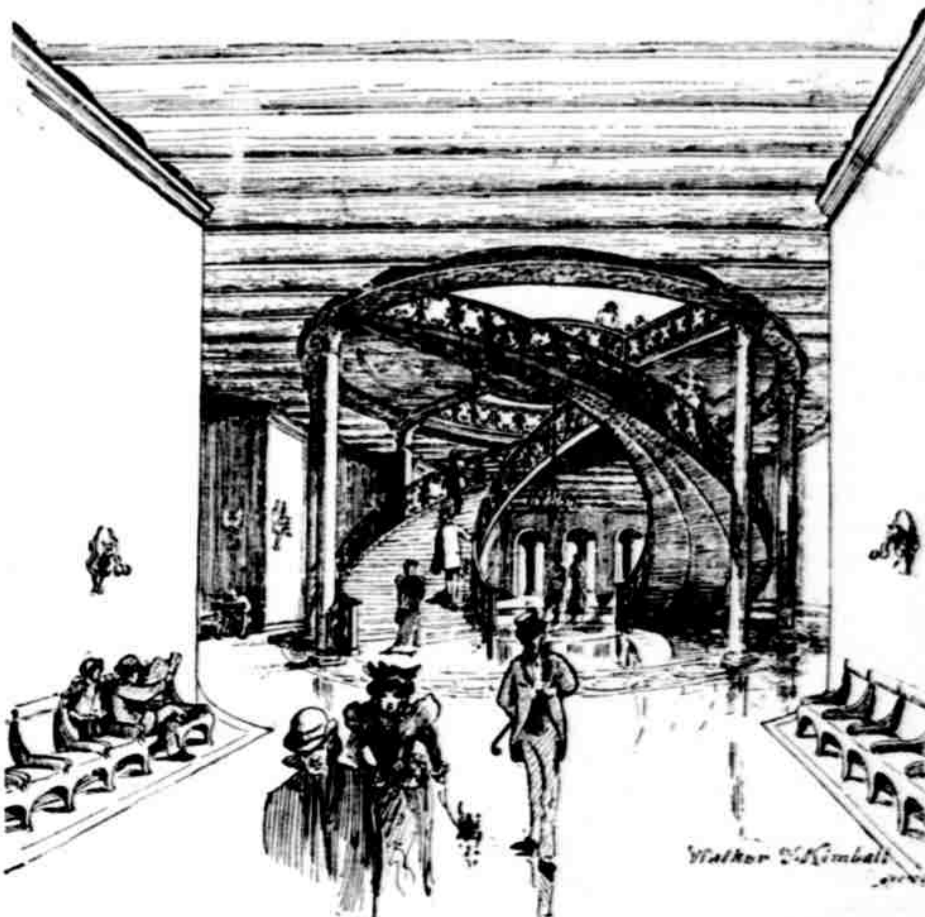
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