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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.

The club season seems to be opening up in many quarters. The weather has been a little too warm so far for much activity, yet plans are being made for a winter's work that will be interesting and profitable. The club movement has come to stay. In fact it is growing all the time. When the movement started there were many who stood by and scoffed. Some said that it was a fad that would soon die out. Others joined the clubs because it was a novelty, and others joined because they thought it was fashionable.

Some of the women realized what a good thing it was, saw how much it would broaden the minds of women who are cooped up at home, and they worked with a vim. After a few years of trial it has been found that the club has come to stay. It has withstood the fierce onslaught of the newspaper paragrapher, the fearful ordeal of the funny column, and the meetings are held right along, regardless of everything. The men have begun to see that there is more than sentimentality in it, that the women get comfort and culture out of it, and as long as it does not interfere with the home and the care of the children they are satisfied, and even take some little pride in having their wives belong to the club.

Reports from the clubs in this state and from other states would indicate that the club year will be a very busy one. A great many clubs have outlined the work for the year and the first meetings will be held as soon as the weather has cooled off a little.

One of the most practical and sensible club departments in the state is the City Improvement society of Lincoln. This society is an outgrowth of the civic department of the Woman's club. Its inception was due mostly to the efforts of Mrs. Langworthy Taylor. Mrs. Taylor was the leader of this department, and she, having made a life study of political economics, was much interested in putting some of the theories into practice in her home city. She agitated the matter until a society was formed. Mrs. Taylor is the president of the society and her clear insight into into municipal and civic matters have aided the society greatly.

The work of the society has not been on the sentimental order. It has been very prosaic. The cleaning of streets is not aesthetic but it is sensible. The cutting down of weeds and thistles is not a dainty occupation but it means a city of pretty streets. Lincoln had resembled a hog lot long enough and the women grew tired of it. They agitated the matter until the city authorities grew ashamed and began to do something.

A great improvement has been made in the appearance of the city already, but there is much to do yet. Public sentiment must be worked up. People must be taught to see that clean streets mean a better sale for real estate. They must be made to realize that better sanitary conditions mean better health for all who live in the city.

It is not a matter that will grow in a day but it will take time. A good beginning has been made. The members of the society have worked with the utmost harmony. They have antagonized no one. But a greater work yet remains to be done. Ordinances must be framed making it a misdemeanor for a man to expectorate on the streets and in the streets cars. Waste paper receptacles and cuspidors must be placed on the streets. A city hospital must be maintained. There are many things that a live society can do, and when the time comes the City Improvement society will be ready.

Any one may belong to the society. There is no age limit and no race limit. Children and old men and women, white or black, Jew or gentile, are invited to join. Every person who wishes to build up the city, to have clean streets and good sanitary conditions, is invited to join the society and lend a hand.

The Century club of Lincoln met with Miss Anna L. Miller September 21. A tour through Italy and Switzerland will be the program for the year. These imaginary programs are made very interesting by descriptive papers and bright talks given by the different members. Mrs. Dr. Garten, the retiring president, gave a review of the work of last year, which was a trip through England, Ireland and Wales. Miss Miller gave a musical interlude, followed by an address by Mrs. Henry Hartley, the new president.

The start in the tour through Switzerland was made. The early history of the country was given by Mrs. F. E. Campbell. Mrs. W. E. Kirker gave a boiled down biography of Zwingli; Mrs. Dr. Hindman gave a few facts regarding

Calvin and Knox, the two reformers.

The roll call of the club was informal and amusing. Vacation reminiscences were given and pretty as well as witty thoughts were brought out.

To represent the club at the State Federation Mrs. Milton Scott and Mrs. Henry Hartley were chosen.

Mrs. Henry Hartley is president, Mrs. E. H. Howell, vice-president; Mrs. W. E. Kerker, secretary and treasurer. The program for the next meeting will be Barle, Lucerne, Regi. Interlaken, Zermatt, Chamouni, St. Gothard Pass and Tunnel. Mrs. G. T. Lees will be the leader and the meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Waite, 351 North Twenty-eighth street, Thursday, October 7.

This club has a membership limit of twenty and the full quota is in the club for the new year.

The friends in Council of Tecumseh is one of the first clubs to hold a meeting since the summer vacation. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Blanche Chittenden, September 22. The program was interesting with papers and musical members. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Edith Chamberlain, the president of the club. The meetings of the club are held fortnightly.

The History and Art club of Seward has not yet issued its annual. The name of this club signifies the aims very well, however. Mrs. S. C. Langworthy has again been elected president, but arduous labors of the office will be partly borne by Mrs. Potter, who was re-elected to aid Mrs. Langworthy. This club has been doing good work for a number of years. It is one of the chief social organizations of the town of Seward and it has made its presence felt in many ways. Mrs. Langworthy has always been the main inspiration and her interest in the club seems to grow with each year. The meetings are held in the parlors of the members. During the year several social functions are given to which the people of the city feel honored to receive invitations.

The Nineteenth Century club of Seward has issued the program for the year. A series of studies of American authors, and the study of American literature marks the program as one eminently sensible and profitable. It is composed largely of women who have taught in schools and colleges and is therefore a wide awake and up-to-date organization. Mrs. Nellie Boyd Anderson is the president for this year. This club does much in a social way and the members delight to invite in their husbands and gentlemen friends once in a while to partake of the choice literary programs as well as the programs of something good for the inner man.

One of the interesting programs is appended:

Discussion—Relative Merits of French and English literature. French, Mrs. Margaret Sackett; English, Mrs. Louderback.

Review of "Kings in Exile."—Mrs. Hungate.

Review of "Middlemarch."—Mrs. Woodford.

Hostess—Mrs. Louderback.

The members of the club are: Mesdames Laura M. Woodford, Henrietta B. Wolcott, Ida P. Ingersoll, Charlena Chase, Stella P. Butler, Carrie Race, Lottie Hungate, Katherine Dunham, Nellie Sackett, Margaret Sackett, Gertrude Girardet, Olive Murtey, Edith Donelan, Mary J. Monroe, Artie W. Louderback, Florence B. Teegarden, Cora B. Moies, Helen C. Kennedy, Carrie M. Leach, Mattie Hay, Gates. Honorary member, Mrs. Carrie Harrison.

The Plattsburgh Woman's club has held but one meeting this fall. That was a preliminary business meeting and was well attended. The club was not



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able to get rooms exclusively for its own use but will meet in the K. of P. hall, a neat and convenient place down town. Mrs. Stephen Davis has been elected to fill the position of president. Mrs. Davis is a woman of refinement and culture. She has a bright mind and has been one of the hardest workers in the club since its inception. She is a busy woman, she has a house full of interesting children, yet she has always found the time to keep abreast of the times.

Mrs. Davis is very enthusiastic over the outlook for her club this year. Plattsburgh being the home town of Mrs. Stoutenborough, the president of the State Federation, the club has the wise counsel of this talented woman to help it along.

The club will have five departments this year. They will be art, child study, household economics, travel and current literature. The art department will be led by Mrs. Ida Snyder. Mrs. Snyder is an artist and has given a great deal of attention to art and its study. Her department is always interesting, and the members of it all say that they learn a great deal by attending the meetings.

Mrs. Myrtle Atwood will have charge of the child study department. It is expected to follow the course of study in this matter outlined by the *Northwestern Monthly*.

Tickets for the coming year for the Lincoln Woman's club may be had of Mrs. Stonebraker, 1608 E street; Mrs. Nellie Richardson, Burr block; or of Miss Phoebe Elliott, 321 South Fourteenth street. It is desired that tickets be called for immediately as it is the aim of the club to get the year book by October 11, the first meeting of the club for the year.

All ladies intending to join the literature department of the club are requested to report to Miss Towne, the leader, or to Miss Elliott at Rose cottage.

The course in English literature will be some of Browning's dramatic lyrics and romances, including a group showing the power of rhythm and tone quality. Also a study of Tennyson's "Elaine," with a study of style from shorter poems.

Miss Towne is a student of Professor Sherman's, has just returned from a