

e has a peculiarly sure touch with his women. He writes of them with understanding, or perhaps it is only with that respectful and sympathetic misunderstanding which is quite as effective. But in his reading this comes out even more prominently than in the printed page. Yee, the thing is clear; he wrote those stories for the sake of the women in them; for "Dolly" and the "Duchess" and "Osra" and "Flavia."—Flavia most of all.

The feminine, the even girlish quality which Mr. Hawkins sometimes introduces into his voice is quite baffling. It is not really in his voice at all, which is deep and rather heavy. It is rather the audible translation of a psychic quality.

His second reading was that notable last chapter "If Love Were All," from the "Prisoner of Zenda." In that his reading was almost monotonous at times, but that was done with a purpose, as the romance is written in the first person and supposed to be related by the hero. Mr. Hawkins adopts the careless, unostentatious air of a gentleman telling of his own exploits. Only into "Flavia's" replies, did he throw any dramatic intensity, and it seemed as if he put all his life into those. "I do not know why God has let me love you. But this I know: then you must go and I must stay." If a few of the actresses who play "Flavia" could hear him read those lines, they might receive some enlightenment.

Mr. Hawkins seems to cherish an author's usual fondness for his more unpopular works, for when he read from the "Princess Osra" stories, he selected the least liked and probably the least deserving. "The Miller of Hoffbau." I believe he cherishes a personal weakness for "Osra." He seems to have the same sort of lenient, half regretful fondness that the rest of us do for that wilful, winsome Princess.—By the way, in pronouncing the name "Flavia," he uses the long and not the broad sound of A.

The readings from the "Dolly Dialogues" were of course, the best—as readings at any rate. They were written to be read aloud. As he read them, the man seemed now and again to quite forget that they were his own and to be quite unconsciously amused by the delicate, volatile humor which plays through them. He makes "Mr Carter" rather "harder hit" than he is usually supposed to be, but Mr. Hawkins leans just a little towards sentiment. Who wouldn't after "Marie Delahesse" and "Osra" and "Dolly" and—"Flavia?" No wonder he does not care for the society of ordinary women!

After his "lecture" he was seized by the multitude and dragged off to supper parties and smokers and other grown-some festivities. Poor man!

WILLA CATHER.

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NEVER MORE.

'Twas a goodly ship
I sent to sea,
Well found and manned,
with treasure of gold;
So sure, with May,
she'd be back with me,
My venture increased
manifold.

Slow, lingering years
are gone since then:
But, trades the good
ship yet, I wonder,
At home, in port,
will she anchor again,
Or, rots her hulk
the black sea under?

Thou cruel sea!
to that ship of mine
I trusted all that
I had in store;
Soothfast know I,
be my stout ship thine,
For me can be sunshine
never more.

—IDYLA.

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The Woman's Club is to be congratulated on the fact that no papers were read at the meeting on Monday.

A paper, no matter how carefully prepared, will always lack the charm of a "talk," which brings the speaker into close sympathy with the audience. On Monday the club enjoyed three such "talks," on subjects requiring considerable thought.

The meeting was opened for the first time this year by the president of the club, Mrs. Archibald Scott.

After the reading of the minutes, Mr. Haydon Myer gave great pleasure by his rendition of two songs, "Dreams" and "For All Eternity." The leader, Mrs. Rehlaender spoke on "The Nature of Government," and was followed by Mrs. Bryan on "Why women should study Civics." The subject of Mrs. H. M. Bushnell's talk was "The Annexation of Hawaii."

A piano solo from Miss Frances Gage closed an exceedingly interesting program.

Very little business came up before the club. Mrs. A. J. Sawyer was elected a delegate to the City Federation with Mrs. I. N. Baker as alternate and the membership committee reported an enrollment of 426 names.

Mrs. Lahr kindly offered her home at 17th and L streets for a "birthday party," to celebrate the third year of the club's existence, to be given Wednesday, November 17th. An attractive program, as well as refreshments, will be provided for that occasion.

Club women of the state will doubtless be interested in the announcement of a new book of poems called "Corn Tassels" by William Raed Dunroy. The book will be out for the holiday trade and will be a handsome little volume of green and gold binding, printed on the very best linen paper. It will make a very pretty holiday present. Nearly one hundred advanced orders for the book have already been received. All those wishing to secure a copy should send in their orders to the COURIER or to Mr. Dunroy care of the Evening Post, Lincoln, Nebr. The price of the book is 81.

The last meeting of the Plattsmouth

though it has accomplished little at home. We give the following from the Harper's Bazar:

"Another interesting point raised by the Maine Federation was that of the possibility of State organizations joining in some national educational movement. The matter was brought forward in considering a circular letter addressed by the Nebraska Federation to its sister organizations. To quote from the letter: 'Is it unreasonable to look to a national movement in this direction? What more appropriate than that the great women's clubs movement should ally itself with and become the strong moral support of the educational interests of the nation?' The president of the Maine Federation, Mrs. Alice Frye Briggs of Auburn, in presenting the Nebraska letter, commented on it favorably.

'No organization numbering 4,000 persons,' she said, 'can stand together without some common object.' Mrs. Briggs further pointed out that the educational committee of the women's clubs be held in connection with the meeting of the State Teachers' Association, and recommended a consideration of this suggestion in connection with that included in the Nebraska letter. There is little doubt that when the State Federations have passed their formative stage, and have developed their working strength, they will become valuable agents for national movements.

This general educational action, which now seems probable in a not too distant future, will be one of the most important and useful that could be undertaken."

For a considerable time after its formation the General Federation of Woman's Clubs counted only one federated club outside of this country—the Sorosis of Bombay. Now the list has appreciably increased.

Another Indian club has joined, and two London clubs, one South American society and one in Australia have also become federated.

The Century Club will meet on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. G. W. Noble, 1003 Poplar street. The briefs will be under the leadership of Mrs. Waite, and a paper on the "Palace, Art and Modern Life" of Venice, will be given by Mrs. Kirker.

At the meeting of the Art Department on Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Winchester will speak of "Life in Florence" in the time of Cimabue, Niccolo Pisano and Giovanni Cimabue."

The department of Child Study is doing excellent work in a quiet way. About forty ladies were present at the last meeting, who listened to an interesting program. The leader, Mrs. Wolfe is a competent physician, and gives much thought to the preparation of her work. Her plan for arranging the programs is admirable. The general topic is divided into three sections, each of which is assigned to a lady member of the department; and three others are prepared to discuss the subject, bringing six persons on each program. "Prenatal Influences" is the subject for the meeting today.

The City Federation, which holds its autumn meeting on Thursday next seems to be in a transition state.

Many of the clubs feel this organization with its complicated machinery, but an added burden to their already over-worked members; and yet, some general organization is decidedly needed. If enough clubs send delegates to this meeting, of course the continuance of the Federation is assured. But in case of an insufficient representation, could not the methods be modified?

Misses Boggs and Caffyn have removed from their rooms at 1123 N street and may now be found at 1516 O street, in the rooms formerly occupied by Miss Guilmette.

Come in and let us show you the nice line of pictures we have for presents. They are small and dainty and don't cost much. Crancer and Curtice Co., 207 South 11th.