

taken in the meetings, and the ladies are preparing for a winter of good hard work. Mrs Stephen Davis, the president of the club, is a woman of earnest characteristics and she feels the responsibilities of her position. She makes the good of the club her study and aim, and she is proving to be a woman well fitted for the place.

The reform department of the Women's club of Denver, sent out a committee of two recently to look into the city and county jail. Such a move on the part of the Woman's club of this city might be productive of good results. The appended report was brought in by one of the women who visited the county jail:

"The only two white women in the jail at the time of our visit begged for material for crocheting and knitting, which was afterwards supplied to them with good results. The warden stated that from his experience a great want exists for a prisoners' aid society, or of a committee ready to give a helping hand to a discharged prisoner. The United States prisoners are furnished on leaving jail with a new suit of clothes and \$5 in money, but the county prisoners receive nothing. Such gifts would not be desirable for the short term cases, but from time to time the warden finds men and boys, as well as young women who deserve help to a better life. The jail suit of blue overalls is often all a discharged prisoner has; even underwear is not furnished. Your committee feels that reform is needed in this matter of clothing, in order that a man may not be tempted at the first turn on leaving the jail to steal clothing in which he may more readily obtain work.

Might it not be well for the reform department to study the subject of the prisoners' aid societies, and take steps to organize one within its limits, or in that of the Woman's club?"

The committee made some good suggestions as to improvement, among them being better ventilation, hammocks instead of mattresses, to rid the jail of vermine, the treatment of habitual drunkards as diseased, employment for the women and literature for the children who should be detained at the matron's room.

Orders are pouring in for Mr. Dunroy's new book "Corn Tassels," from all over the country. He has received orders from as far east as Pennsylvania, and as far west as California. Several eastern publications have given the book flattering advance notices which are an earnest of what the reviews will be when the book is out. The book is now in press and will be out for the holiday trade. Mr. Dunroy will handle the book himself and all orders should be sent to him direct. It is to be purely a Nebraska enterprise. The design was made by a Nebraska artist and the book is dedicated to Nebraska and her people.

The Child Study department of the Woman's Club met last Saturday at the usual place. The subjects considered were Dress, Hygiene and Food. Mrs. Sawyer's paper on dress and Miss Rand's on food were comprehensive and instructive. The paper on Hygiene was by Mrs. Dinsmore and was so valuable and forcible and so earnestly presented as to bring forth the unusual compliment of a round of applause. In the discussion following this paper, a question was opened to the solution of which the ladies would like to call the attention of the School Board. And that is why it is necessary that the basement should be used for the school room. Above all who is responsible that the youngest and those most susceptible to unsanitary influences, the kindergarten scholars should be the ones placed in these unhealthful surroundings?

The adjourned meeting of the city federation will be held at two o'clock on

Monday afternoon in the Matinee Musical rooms before the regular meeting of the Woman's Club. The delegates of last year do not seem to understand that their presence is necessary in order to close up last year's business, before turning over the affairs to the new delegates. It is hoped that a sufficient number of delegates will be present to allow a definite decision as to the advisability of retaining the federation.

It was probably the nearness of Christmas that aroused the interest of so large a number of the members of the Woman's Club, in the program of the department of Household Economics on Monday afternoon. About fifty ladies gathered at the home of Mrs. John A. Ames to be instructed in the art of making candy. After the reading of a paper on the origin of gifts and gift making by Mrs. McLennon, the ladies crowded about Mrs. Ames while she moulded the toothsome sweets, later to be enjoyed by the guests. After the serving of light refreshments, the department adjourned to meet in two weeks with Mrs. Plummer, 2504 O street.

The first open meeting of the Matinee Musical for this year will be given in the club room on the evening of December 13th. Each member will be entitled to two tickets, besides the use of her membership ticket for herself and escort.

It has always seemed a waste of effort for the many excellent papers read before the various culture clubs to be enjoyed by so few persons. Yet in spite of their excellence and the amount of information patiently gleaned on a chosen topic, the majority of such papers could only have the interest for those burrowing in the same channels of thought. Compensation comes to the writers through self-culture, otherwise it would be discouraging indeed to devote a winter's thought and study in producing an article which will be heard, perhaps, by fifteen or twenty women, and then be forgotten.

It has been left to the State Federation of Wisconsin, to suggest a use for this accumulated information. A reciprocity bureau was started about a year ago, which has for its object the exchange of papers and talks among the federated clubs, making it possible for each club to secure useful suggestions from the sister clubs pursuing similar lines of work or study. The first catalogue of the bureau, issued within four months of its organization, showed a list of nearly fifty papers loaned by club women for circulation among the other federated club. In addition an excellent list of speakers is included, who respond to invitations from clubs to whom their subjects appeal. The movement is said to have proved helpful in promoting the spirit of good fellowship among the clubs, and as a result all are doing better work. The bureau has also assisted the work of the Educational Committee, by offering three papers on State institutions, which had been read by their writers before the State Board of Control and Associated Charities. These papers have been in great demand and increased the interest in the educational work of the federation.

The reports from the convention of the New York State Federation have proved disappointing in that so much of the time was devoted to the revision of the constitution. One point of general interest in connection with this revision was the voting down of an amendment which provided that clubs of sectarian or political leanings should not introduce their special subjects at the meetings of the Federation or use the Federation to strengthen their cause. The two hundred delegates present were liberal minded women, willing to give any club within the Federation an attentive hearing on its special work if the occasion required, and felt themselves strong

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enough to need no artificial barriers. This broad spirit is to be commended even though a doubt as to its wisdom may exist.

The program for the meeting of the Woman's Club on Monday afternoon, will be given by the department of child study, leader Dr. Wolfe.

A program of overtures, sonatas and romanzas was given on Monday by the Matinee Musical. After current events in the musical world were briefly stated by Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Mitchell, a paper on the "Growth of the Sonata Form" was given by Mrs. Paul Holm. This was followed by Weber's "Jubel Overture," with Mrs. Bartour, Miss A. L. Miller, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Winger at the two pianos. The example of sonatas rendered were Beethoven's Op. 10, No. 2, by Mrs. W. Q. Bell, and the Allegro Agitato movement from Grieg's Sonata for piano and cello, by Mrs. Wil Owen Jones and Miss Lillie Eiche.

Three singers gave an interpretation of the romanza form of music; Miss Turner in Rotoli's "All Things, O Maiden," Mrs. E. Lewis Baker by the beautiful romanza from Verdi's "Il Corsaro," and Mrs. A. W. Jansen in a double number "Turnera" by Tito Mattei, and Bizsky's "Thou art mine all." Mrs. E. P. Brown was the accompanist for the afternoon. There will be no regular meeting of the club until January 10th, as the open meeting falls on December 13th and a vacation of a month is then taken. Those members who were not present on Monday can get their complimentary tickets for the open meeting by applying to the secretary, Mrs. E. P. Brown, any morning at the club room.

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