

with their teachers, and how the little folk enjoyed it. As every one in town had been so kind in assisting the club by loaning choice articles, the club took that manner to thank the parents for their kindness, by giving the children a free day. The History and Art club has taken up American history for its year's lesson. And what a change from the program of last year which was French history. To leave the wit, philosophy, elegance, courtiers and beauties of the magnificent French saloons, and eat corn meal with the Pilgrim Fathers with their sugar loaf hats and solemn demeanors, makes one appreciate Mary Stewart's feelings when she left sunny, merry France, where all her life had been gay with happiness and flowers, to reign over the serious Scotts, with John Knox as her advisor. Who could blame her for blowing up Darnley with gun powder?

A large audience assembled at the meeting of the Woman's club on Monday afternoon to listen to the program arranged by the department of child study. The president, Mrs. A. A. Scott, announced a profit for the club of one hundred and thirty-six dollars as a result of the Riley evening, and then introduced Mrs. Dr. Wolfe, the leader for the afternoon, who gave a few introductory remarks on the importance of an intelligent study of childhood. The program was unique in that children themselves took so prominent a part in it. Both musical selections were furnished by little tots. A piano solo, the "Wedding March," from Lehengrin, was quaintly and conscientiously played by Miss Silence Stewart, and later little Fay Lorena Herzog (aged six) sang "Dollie's Mama" with a style and spirit that might be envied by older musicians. She had an enthusiastic recall, to which she responded with a short verse from another song. Three papers, or talks, were given. The first of these, on "Motherhood," was delivered by Mrs. Grace Mason Wheeler with a tender sympathy, which only comes for a subject very dear to one's heart. She gave as a motto, "For all Eternity," for to such limit does a mother's work extend.

A class of children, conducted by Miss Kittie Baldwin, then gave kindergarten songs and games.

Mrs. Janet Marferding spoke from the teacher's standpoint on "Child Study in the School Room."

This was followed by an exhibition of physical exercises by a class of children taught by Miss Spurr.

An address by Prof. G. W. A. Luckey, "Suggestions on the Development of Character," closed the program. Prof. Luckey gave as the greatest fault in the present school system, the lack of opportunity for the development of originality in the child, and he also advised the mothers to think more while about their work and seek a fund of information from their own and their friends' experiences, rather than the statistics of books. "When you are asked to read a paper on heredity," he said, "it is yourself, your opinions and personality that are desired, not Weismann's ideas—if Weismann's had been wished, you would have been told so."

So excellent a program will surely increase the interest, already great, in this department.

The *Ishmaelite* of Indianapolis says: "Mr. William Reed Dunroy, whose work has been seen from time to time in the *Ishmaelite* during the past year, is about to publish a book of verses. Mr. Dunroy's muse was born in Nebraska and she breathes forth all the health and vigor of that prairie State, but none of the heresies. "Corn Tassels" is the title under which Mr. Dunroy will offer his verses to the poetry-loving public, and we hope that that public will be quick to recognize his fresh, unconventional methods and appreciate his graceful,

swing'ng meters."

And as a pretty postscript to this, follows this little note by the editor of the *Midland Monthly* in his last issue: "William Reed Dunroy, the Lincoln, Nebraska poet, is about to issue a book of verse entitled "Corn Tassels." Mr. Dunroy has surely caught the spirit of poetry hiding in Nebraska cornfields."

A circular letter from the educational committee of the Nebraska Federation of Woman's clubs seeks to interest club women in the betterment of the public schools by providing increased means of culture for the teachers as well as pupils. The members of the art department of the Woman's club whose leader, Mrs. McConnell, is also a member of this educational committee, has already taken steps towards awakening a love of art and literature in the school children of Lincoln by means of pictures and talks and easy access to instruction, and entertaining books. The letter is signed by Harriett H. Heller, Omaha; Matilda R. McConnell, Lincoln, and Ellen M. Austin, Stanton. The committee requests correspondence from anyone desiring information upon this subject.

So much effort is being made by various organizations towards the proper education of children—efforts to cultivate their patriotism, their style of reading and observation of the beautiful—that many forget that object lessons of the personal example of their elders lie much easier within the grasp of youthful mind than any abstract lecture.

The children of the Capitol school had learned to take just pride in keeping their grounds free from disorder, when someone threw out two large baskets of papers and light trash which a propitious wind soon scattered far and wide over the grounds, discouraging the children utterly. If the work of the Village Improvement society and others is to succeed, each householder must cultivate neatness.

The social meeting of the Century club to have been held on December 14th is postponed for the present owing to other engagements of the members falling at that date.

The program of the art department of the Woman's club on Tuesday afternoon will be in charge of Mrs. B. F. Bailey, who will speak on "Mysticism and Symbolism in the Religious Art of Italy," and "Fra Angelico and the Brotherhood of San Marco."

As a quorum was lacking at the adjourned annual meeting of the city federation on Monday afternoon, that organization may now be considered a thing of the past. The funds in its possession will probably be turned over to some worthy object.

A neat copy has been received of the address delivered by the President of the Nebraska Federation of Woman's Clubs, at the annual meeting in Beatrice. It deals with the history of woman's efforts towards education and self culture, and contains what Mrs. Stoutenborough styles a few examples in federation mathematics. Thus "education plus confidence equals enthusiasm"—but do they? Sometimes enthusiasm seems but a matter of temperament, and confidence itself may diminish as education teaches the littleness of the knowledge of a man or woman. No confidence is so great as that of pure ignorance for "Fools step in where angels fear to tread."

An address of this nature gives little opportunity for original thought, but this has been carefully prepared and is worthy of an attentive perusal by club women since it plainly states the aims of the federation. The especial notice of the clubs is called to the need of increased educational advantages for the community at large, particularly in the country and smaller towns. An attempt is also made to show the benefits of

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federation, and certainly if this movement was not needed, it could not have become the mighty power it is at present, but in Nebraska the experimental age has scarcely passed as the writer acknowledges, and tangible fruits are barely yet visible.

The city improvement association held its deferred meeting Wednesday morning in Superintendent Jackson's reception room. A large number of ladies attended.

Mrs. H. H. Wheeler reported on her investigation of ordinances in other cities against public excretion. She had found that the reform had gained considerable ground. The replies received were not all favorable, however. Self-righteous Topeka responded that they didn't need such ordinances there. The Omaha improvement association was the kindest and sent many documents. Great improvement was noticed there in the street car floors. Denver, also had made progress.

Mrs. Richardson was appointed to confer with the city attorney as to an ordinance for Lincoln and Mrs. Welch was named to assist.

The ladies discussed the excretion matter at some length.

The circulars explaining the objects of the improvement association will be distributed by the chairmen for the different schools among the school children in any manner deemed best.

The resignation of Mrs. Lucy Tait as chairman of the street committee was accepted. She is out of the city.

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