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The current events department of the Woman's Club will meet today after a vacation of a month. Mrs. Le Gore will read a paper upon the "Notable Assemblies of the year" followed as usual by the reports of events in different countries.

The Fortnightly club met with Mrs. W. A. Green, 1428 Q street, last Friday afternoon and listened to a paper on the Dutch painters of the 15th, 16th and 17th centuries by Mrs. A. S. Raymond. It was decided to ask Mrs. C. H. Imhoff to read her paper again, so few having been present at the last meeting, when the paper was read. On January 21 the Fortnightly will meet with Mrs. A. S. Raymond, when Mrs. Barbour will present the subject of the music and drama of Holland and Mrs. Campbell will sing some Dutch songs.

In spite of the gloomy afternoon on Monday, an excellent program was enjoyed by the majority of the members of the Matinee Musicale. The talk on "Music in South America" by Mrs. E. Lewis Baker, gave the results of her personal observation during a residence of five years in Argentine Republic, and the extent of the musical temperament as well as the musical cultivation in that country was a revelation to many of her hearers. The program of preludes, fugues and arias was illustrated by two of Bach's fugues, played by Mrs. E. P. Brown and Miss Elinor Young respectively; some preludes of Chopin, and two arias, one from "Martha" sung by Mrs. R. A. Holyoke, and the other from "Les Huguenots" by Mrs. Mark Woods. It was Miss Young's initial performance before the club, and she introduced Bach's Fugue in B flat major, by prelude from the same great master. Miss Stella Rice accompanied the singers.

There are so few "student" members in the Matinee Musicale this year, that it is considered scarcely advisable to give a separate recital for them. In place of the custom followed last year, one or more students will be asked to perform at the regular meetings, preceding the program given by the active members. This may prove more of an ordeal for the students, but the audi-

ence though critical is never unkindly. Some charming music has been ordered for the chorus, and work will be begun upon it on the next club day. The chorus has already done excellent work, and may be expected by the time of the May Festival to surpass their efforts of last spring.

The New Book Review club met with Mrs. Kelley on Friday afternoon, January 7th. One could have called it a William Reed Dunroy afternoon, for the music sung by Miss Jennie Erbe was from his heart and pen, as well as his book, which Mrs. A. A. Scott reviewed. Corn Tassels is a book of poems full of pen pictures touched by an artist's brush, for the figures with their own true coloring are there. The book is dedicated to "Nebraska, the state I love, and those who have been an inspiration and help along her rough ways." Surely Nebraska and Lincoln people feel that no one but a lover of the corn fields, the wind and the wide stretch of prairie land could have sung so truly and so tunefully of their state and its beauties, as this Nebraska poet. When a poem touches nature, and through the things seen brings the unseen nearer, we can truly say thou art a poet. Like Walt Whitman, Mr. Dunroy deals with the common things of life. The old rag carpet makes us feel that the old home things near mother's chair were the best things in our life. The Poster Girl has humor which is clever and bright, but it is the corn tassels waving and the swish of their broad green leaves which makes the whole book tuneful. Poets of our own and other lands were toasted when the club adjourned to meet with Mrs. A. A. Scott on January 19th.

The Plattsmouth Woman's club is deservedly proud of the prosperous condition in which it finds itself at the beginning of the new year, and in its daily increasing membership. New Years eve the club kept "open house" and numerous guests enjoyed the hospitality extended to them by the club members. The rooms were brilliantly lighted, the tables decorated with holly and the pretty gowns of the reception committee, as well as the dainty refreshments served, were so thoroughly enjoyed that the wish was expressed more than once that the club should keep "open house" more frequently than once a year. The Friday night following the usual "after-the-Holidays" lassitude prevailed in a measure, but there were a fair number of members and guests present to enjoy

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the program prepared by Mrs. Atwood, leader of the Child Study department. The program was as follows:  
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 Training of a Child's Appetite.....  
 Training of a Child as a Questioner...  
 Teaching a Child Courtesy.....Mrs. Cole  
 Mothers' Clubs.....Mrs. Wescott  
 The papers were of great interest, as well as the little talks, different members being asked to give their views on the subject under consideration. Next Friday evening the Current Literature department gives way to a parlor lecture from Prof. McHugh, superintendent of our city schools, on "the work being done in our schools" and "what is expected of us at the Trans-Mississippi exposition." This lecture is given in response to an invitation from the Woman's club, as it is endeavoring to advance the educational interests of our city.

Our travel course will be the topic for the third Friday in this month, and an interesting discussion is anticipated. I will send you a detailed account of this meeting.—Frances E. Wise, Cor. Sec.

The fourth year of the existence of the Woman's club of Denver finds it a greater power and influence than at any previous time in its history. Its year book for 1897-98 demonstrates this fact. A perusal of its ninety beautifully bound pages shows how the work of this wonderful club has expanded and deepened this year. It must be taken into consideration that the club has a very small annual due for a great department club, only \$5, and no initiation fee. With this revenue the club offers to its 800 members a choice in the following classes: parliamentary drill, voice culture, psy-

chology, kitchen garden, dramatic art, business training, physical culture and chorus training; the last both for members of the clubs and for the girls of their families who are too young to be members of the club. Some of these classes are taught free of charge by members of the club who are experts in their profession. Others are provided by the club with the most competent professional instruction in the city. The Woman's club, however, is not a collection of study classes. There are seven departments: Those of home, education, philanthropy, reform, art and literature, science and philosophy, and music. The last named, department organized this year, allows its members to belong to one other department in the club. These departments all have their monthly meetings, in which they present fine programs, which are quite dis-

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