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The Century club met Tuesday with Mrs. C. I. Jones. The election of next year's officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. R. T. Van Brunt; vice-president, Mrs. J. F. Saylor; secretary, Mrs. Waite. The report of the program committee was accepted, which is a combination of Russian and American topics.

Mrs. M. E. Van Brunt read a paper on Sicily and Capri, and Mrs. Waite spoke of the Vatican. The study of Rome will be continued at the next meeting.

The members of the club wish to tender Prof. Barber a vote of thanks for his interesting talk at their last meeting.

The household economics department of the Lincoln Woman's club met Monday with Mrs. Rezin Welch, 1709 L street. Recipes were given, but no papers read. Much time was given to the discussion of the proposed banquet, with the result that the plan is abandoned. Refreshments were served by Esdames Welch, Rogers and Freeman.

The last regular meeting will be held at Mrs. J. A. Ames, 1118 G street, in two weeks, when the election of officers will be held. On Easter Monday, the husbands of the members will be invited to participate in a social evening which will close the year's meetings.

The Sutton, Neb. L. L. P. has the following officers: President, Mrs. W. Bonekemper; vice-president, Mrs. J. B. Dinmore; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Birkner. Current events are given at the meetings in answer to roll call, and each member represents some country or special topic throughout the year. English history is the main study with child study, economics and literature as secondary topics.

On March 16th, the following program was given at the residence of Mrs. W. Bonekemper: Current events; Henry II, 1154-1189, Miss Pritchard; Child Study, Mrs. J. Roberts.

With any change of administration real or pretended reforms are excited. Spring elections will soon be held in all the clubs, and many precious minutes might be saved during the coming year, if each candidate for office or place on committees, could be compelled to sign a "pledge of punctuality," promising to be prompt at all executive or committee meetings. Any one who has served in such capacity, knows the exasperating delay while waiting for a quorum.

The busy women who have learned responsibility, or inherited consciences

which recognize the rights of others, are the ones who wait until their irresponsible sisters flutter in at the last moment to vote without having heard the discussion. In all large clubs the business becomes burdensome, but a much needed reform in this direction would lighten the toil considerably.

The Avon club held its regular meeting at the club room on March 9. Mrs. S. H. Sedgwick read a paper on the Romantic School of German Literature. Mrs. Pierson gave interesting accounts of the lives and works of Fouque, Uhland and Burges. Mrs. Sedgwick and Mrs. Harrison played one movement from Ruffa Lenore Symphony description of Burger's poem of "Lenore." An interesting discussion followed this part of the program on the philosophy and idealism of Kant, Fichte and others. Two scenes from Hamlet were reviewed.

The Avon club has made arrangements with Miss Marion Treat of Lincoln to give a Shakesperian musical recital the last of this month. This will be of interest not only to students of Shakspeare but to all lovers of music, as the program will be composed of vocal numbers principally, with a short description of each.—York, Neb., March 19.

On the afternoon of March 12 the Zetetic club met at the home of Mrs. Lucy Teegarden. The attendance was smaller than usual, only twelve members being present. After a somewhat lengthy business meeting the program for the day on the subject of child study was taken up. The leader of this department, Mrs. Murtey, had given out questions on such subjects as "What to expect in our children," "Literature for the young," "Punishment," "Motives for right doing," "Reclaiming of spoiled children." After these questions were read and answered an informal discussion of them followed in which many wise and helpful ideas were brought out, which had not been gleaned from magazines, but from actual experience in the training of children, showing how deeply is the mother mind engaged upon this important question, "How shall I train my child to become one after God's own heart?"

A very enjoyable meeting of the University Place Woman's club was held March 12, with Mrs. Love. Immediately after the opening order of exercises Miss Blood, superintendent of the Physical Culture department, took the chair and

proceeded with the program. Mrs. Fordyce occupied the attention of the ladies with a carefully prepared and very interesting paper on the nervous system. Following this was one on the nervous strain in pain and sickness and nervous strain on the emotions by Mrs. Alabaster. The subject for the afternoon being one of such prevailing interest, created a lively discussion in which all participated.

Miss Priestly entertained the club with two very pleasing selections of music. After a short business session the meeting closed in the usual happy manner. The social department invited the ladies with their husbands to meet in two weeks with Mrs. Barnett.

The P. E. O. club of Plattsburgh gave a very charming afternoon and evening's entertainment on March 17 from two until ten o'clock in the nature of an art exhibit. Mrs. C. C. Parmelee loaned her charming house and the two parlors and library were most attractive with their cases of rare china, dainty needle-work and the walls hung with beautiful pictures. One room was entirely given to paintings in oil and water colors by local artists and the display was far above the ordinary. The walls of the second parlor were hung with photo gravure copies of celebrated paintings loaned by the Ladies' Home Journal. So carefully were these arranged they showed artistic inspiration by some members of the P. E. O. and brought many purchasers, a per cent going to the society. The china display was most beautiful and the fancy work proved that there could be artists as well with the needle as the brush. Ices were served from a charmingly decorated table in the dining room, the young ladies of the society presiding and attending to the wants of the guests. It was a most successful evening artistically, socially and financially and the P. E. O. society received many well-deserved compliments.

The Current Literature and Current Topics department of the Plattsburgh Woman's club held its last meeting for the year on Friday evening. The program was rather an informal affair, a great many things being discussed, as well as the Arctic explorations, the subject for the evening. Mrs. Travis, the leader, has a happy faculty of drawing out the brightest ideas of the members of her department, and the papers were rather more original than the Encyclo-

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pedia Britannica generally furnishes. Mrs. Davis gave an excellent talk on "The Geography of the North Pole;" Mrs. Hay on "The Inhabitants," and Miss Gass on the fauna and flora of that country.

"Miss Porter's paper on the "Scientific Benefits of Polar Research" was excellent, as was Mrs. Agnew's on the De Long expedition and Mrs. Root's on the Hudson Bay company. So lengthy were the discussions and so late was the hour for adjournment some of the ladies confessed to feeling quite chilly from their long sojourn and research of the cold country. It was all most interesting however, and all were sorry that two evenings had not been allotted to this subject. Our club, as a club, has not given much time this year to social gatherings, the regular evenings being given up entirely to the study of the topics assigned by leaders of departments.

The Pickwick club met with Mr. and Mrs. Kent D. Cunningham Friday evening. The name of this club is somewhat deceptive, but it is probably used in a "Pickwickian" sense, for the real object of the society is to make a thorough study of parliamentary practice. An elaborate supper was first served as is customary in mixed clubs, where man needs to be fortified for literary exercises.

The members take turns in leading the "drill," and on Friday, Mrs. Worsley was in the chair. Mrs. S. B. Hohmann made a motion that the ladies be prohibited from wearing song birds on hats. This was amended that the words "song birds" be omitted, leaving the motion to read that ladies be prohibited from wearing hats. The amendment was lost and the original motion carried, after an exciting discussion. The usual current events were omitted, and the remainder of the evening passed in social intercourse.

FOR THE COURIER:

Thinking it might be agreeable for your readers to hear from the Mary Barnes Literary club, which stands upon the federation records as one of the three year-old clubs of the state, our esteemed president, Mrs. E. M. Lagrange, has asked me to contribute an article to THE COURIER. Well, we are a live, wide-awake progressive club, with a ditto corps of officers. Although located in the little town of Fullerton, on