

CLUBS.

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EASTER SHADOWS.

The lilies bow
their heads to cheer
The souls life-raddened
through the year.
What tender message
do they bear
In golden pollen
through the air?
"God's peace on earth
to you I bring,
Hark! hark!
the herald angels sing."

Through storied pane
gleams crimson light
Athwart faith's symbol,
purest white,
Where "fairest" cloth
to mortals known
is consecrate to
God alone;
The lilies tinged
with martyr's red
Droop lower each
foreboding head.

Through organ's
joy-creating tone
We hear the martial
strain alone;
Each heart would fain
suppress its fear
And trust the Lord
as ever near.
In righteous battle
at our side
The Master still
will be our guide.

From altar's rail
on each anew
Fall like the heavenly
Hermon's dew,
The perfect peace
through fasting sought,
The hope and joy
by Easter taught.
Above the lilies bend;
and we
Bow likewise in
humility.

—Annie Miller.

It is a matter of regret that Mrs. Archibald Scott was unable to accept the invitation to the banquet of the Omaha club, and bring back renewed inspiration from meeting the national president, to the Lincoln Woman's club.

The Zetetic club of Weeping Water, met March 26th with Mrs. Leach, with nineteen members in attendance. Program opened with paper, "The Time of Marie Theresa," by Mrs. Gates. Mrs. Monroe read a paper on "The invention and growth of printing." Mrs. Hay presented an original paper entitled "Veracity." Mrs. Sage read a paper on English literature. The program closed with current events by Mrs. Race and a song by Mrs. Gerardet, "The Baby and the Fly."

Arrangements have practically been completed for the congress of women's clubs to be held in Omaha during the exposition. The special trains from the east carrying the delegates to the national federation meeting in Denver, will stop in Omaha, Saturday, June 18th and remain two days. The first morning will be devoted to a visit to the exposition, and Saturday afternoon a meeting will be held on the grounds in the Auditorium, when general topics will be discussed.

In the evening a down town session

will be held, devoted to economic questions.

The Sunday session will be appropriate to the day and addresses will be made by Mrs. Clara Barker Wooley and Mrs. Caroline Bartlett Crane.

A number of prominent speakers are expected for the other meetings, among them is Mrs. Mumford of Philadelphia.

The regular open meeting of the Beatrice Woman's club met with Mrs. Deutsch Saturday, March 26th, at 2:30.

The American History department furnished the entertainment. The opening number was a solo by Mrs. Allen. This was followed by a paper by Mrs. Day entitled "The Prince of Seekers." Miss Anna Day read a very interesting paper on the "War of King Phillip."

Mrs. Hardy gave some very interesting incidents in the life of Abigail Adams and her distinguished husband. The program closed with instrumental music by Mrs. Gibbon.

March 18, Crete Sorosis met with Mrs. F. Johnson. It was a farewell meeting with Mrs. Shanafelt, Mrs. Johnson's sister, who is soon to leave Crete for her new home in Iowa. We were sorry to lose her from our circle. "Green's English People" furnished the lesson, and a review of the "Prince of India" and the "Taking of Constantinople by the Turks," which occurred at the same period of our English history, filled up the whole of the session. Sorosis adjourned to meet April 1 with Mrs. Dr. Root.

On Wednesday afternoon the sixth recital of the music department of the Omaha Woman's club will be given at the First Congregationalist church.

The program has been arranged by the efficient leader, Mrs. J. M. Metcalf, who has managed this department with much ability during the year.

The Ottumwa quartet and Miss Kleinman, who appeared in Lincoln at the Methodist church on Saturday evening, give the program.

The chorus of this department expect to assist in the May Festival at Lincoln.

The W. R. P. C. club of Lincoln, met at the home of Mrs. H. Trowbridge, 143 North 14th street, Friday afternoon, March 25th. The parlors were decorated with the club colors. Hygeia was the topic for discussion, after the program. The ladies were pleasantly entertained.

Mrs. Trowbridge had invited a trio of boys who sang a number of popular songs in a very pleasing manner. Mrs. Bartlett and Miss Dakin were the invited guests. Dainty refreshments were served. The club will meet with Mrs. C. C. Wilson, April 8th, when Mrs. Rover's culinary achievements will be discussed.

On Tuesday evening of March 8 Gnosis club, of Milford, met at Industrial home with Miss Reed as hostess. Responsive roll call proved nine members present. The program was as follows: History of Macbeth and Introduction of Shakspeare's Plays. Owing to the absence of Miss Banks, who was to have entertained the club with a glimpse of those old Scotch chronicles, Mrs. Chaddock gave a synopsis of the play and Miss Honeycutt extended and expanded the "Introduction" until, before anyone was aware, we had been the in-



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terested listeners to quite a lecture on Macbeth. At the message "we are invited to the dining room," the Macbeths and their tortured minds were put aside for themes more cheerful. Gnosis met with Miss Schaaf last Tuesday evening and again took up the subject of Macbeth and the play was read, each member having been assigned the part of a character.

The household economics department of the Lincoln Woman's club, will meet Monday with Mrs. J. A. Ames, 1118 G street.

This will be an experience meeting, where each will tell her gain from the winter's study. It would be interesting to learn the effect upon the tempers of the husbands and families of the members of this very useful department from the experiments upon their digestive organs. Perhaps the ladies will kindly inform us.

The National society of household economics have asked for one hundred recipes which have been conscientiously tried and are known to have injured no one permanently, to be sent to the Chicago headquarters. On Monday these recipes will also be collected.

An enormous amount of nervous energy is wasted in useless conflicts. Most points at issue settle themselves if we can but be patient and wait. Unfortunately a comfortable seat "on the fence" is regarded with disfavor and no awnings are provided to keep off the fierce rays of criticism.

A case in evidence is the recent experience of the Omaha Woman's club. Sometime ago, as mentioned in these columns, the club discussed the expediency of renting the Congregational church for a year at a rental of \$1,500, for the purpose of providing a place of meeting for the various club congresses to be held during the exposition.

The plan was voted down amid much feeling. But as both parties were willing and anxious to make concessions, it was amicably decided to rent the church for five months for \$1,000, of which the club would be responsible for \$600 and the congress committee for \$400. This discussion has lasted two months. During that time the trustees were perfectly quiet. Now they say the edifice is too sacred to be used indiscriminately, and refuse to rent it unless they retain the right to dictate the kind of congress that may be held there. In consequence the

project is abandoned.

Why the trustees did not impart their religious scruples in the beginning is uncertain, unless they enjoyed the amusement of watching a game in which they concealed the winning card. However an opportunity has been given the Woman's club to show with what generosity and magnanimity a large body of women can settle a disputed question.

An effort is now being made to have a suitable building erected on the exposition grounds to be used for congress meetings, and the Omaha club women will save their money to assist the exposition in some other way.

At the meeting of the current events department of the Lincoln Woman's club on Saturday, the leader, Mrs. S. B. Hohman, read a paper on "Forestry in the United States."

The laws relating to the subject in other countries were first touched upon—France, Germany, Switzerland, Russia and Japan each have their own methods of protecting their forests.

Spain has shown her usual poor judgment in her neglect of this important matter. Only one third of Spain is productive, the remainder of the land is arid from the total destruction of their forests.

In this country forestry laws are still wanting and their importance will not be appreciated until the damage to our forests becomes irremedial.

The government does not own a single acre of the redwood in California, and that is the only place in the world where that valuable tree grows.

Mrs. Simpkins followed with an interesting article on "Leper's Island" in Hawaii which excited an animated discussion upon the subject of leprosy.

This department will give the program at the next regular meeting of the Woman's club.

The Household Economics department of the Plattsmouth Woman's club met in regular session last evening. After the routine business was disposed of Mrs. Ritchie made a motion which was quickly seconded, that the club should give an entertainment for the benefit of the Cuban sufferers. A discussion of ways and means followed, the chair finally appointing a committee consisting of Mrs. Ritchie and Mrs. Judge Chapman, said committee to outline a program to be submitted to the club whose hearty co-operation was guaranteed. It was deemed advisable owing to