

ed a "mass meeting" in which resolutions bearing upon the work of the village improvement society were introduced by Mrs. A. W. Field as follows:

"Whereas, The sidewalks of the city of Lincoln are unhealthy, unsafe, irregular, dirty and inartistic; and

"Whereas, Scientists and physicians are agreed that decaying wood furnishes unlimited accommodations for all kinds and conditions of bacteria; and

"Whereas, Sweeping skirts in walking costumes are a standing menace to the health and comfort of their wearers; be it

"Resolved, That this department demand: First, that the sidewalks of the city of Lincoln to be hereafter constructed or repaired of hard pressed brick or stone and laid at the established grade and at the proper distance from the lot line; and secondly, that all expectation upon the sidewalks be prohibited by law as well as all other accumulations of dirt or refuse of any kind. Be it further

"Resolved, That the members of this department do hereby pledge themselves to wear no walking costumes which shall be less than two or more than six inches from the ground."

Miss Stull took the negative side in a most amusing speech. An amendment which the club enjoyed immensely proposed that the sidewalks receive a scrubbing every twenty-four hours with carbolic acid, borax, bi-carbonate of soda, ammonia and hot water not less than ninety degrees Fahrenheit nor above one hundred and fifty.

Another member thought hot water and a new soap she was using, called "Wash alone" would answer the purpose, but she was promptly called to order for using the club for advertising purposes.

The speeches were supposed to be limited to one minute, and if some ran over the time, no one regretted it. Among the members of the department who took part in the discussions were: Misses Stull, Stevens and Bracken; Mesdames Marshland, Milton Scott, Cooke, McClennan, Plummer and Field.

A reception will be given for the club between the eleventh and twentieth of April, and the two Wesleyan societies, the Woman's club and Sorosis will be invited guests.

It was decided to change the method of nominating officers. Instead of depending upon a committee appointed for that purpose, names will be proposed at the next meeting directly from the floor, and will be voted upon two weeks later.

It is hoped by adopting a plan which has proved successful in other large organizations to learn the real wish of the club in respect to the future officers.

The next meeting will be in charge of the department of current events.

The society of the Hall in the Grove will meet Friday with Miss Stevens, 821 E street. A paper on French, Russian and English painting will be read by Miss Stevens. Mr. H. M. Bushnell will talk on Spanish Influence in Mexican Art. The discussion on The Race Problem, will be led by Mrs. Metcalf.

The Omaha Woman's club has given a brilliant illustration of woman's adaptability and power to rise to an emergency. When its members heard that Mrs. Henrotin would necessarily stop at Omaha on her return from Denver, to confer with Mrs. Ford who is a member of the national committee, it was immediately decided to welcome her fittingly. And that meant a royal welcome such as the women of Nebraska have never before offered.

A scene of splendor was evolved and the guests received in an atmosphere of wit and grace, created for the occasion, yet seemingly native to the hostesses.

A woman of experience and ability has informed us that it was the finest enter-

tainment of the kind she had witnessed, and her knowledge is not slight.

The speeches with a few exceptions were delivered fluently, and mostly without notes.

Many Nebraska clubs belonging to the national federations were represented by their presidents; among them, those of Beatrice, Stromsburg, Plattsmouth and Lincoln.

An Omaha paper kindly awards the palm for brilliancy to Lincoln: "Mrs. Sawyer, according to opinions expressed, was the queen of the occasion. Her remarks were pointed, brilliant and eloquent."

But Lincoln would be equally generous and according to a local authority, (if comparisons must be made,) the toast of Mrs. C. C. Belden excelled all others as a genuine bit of literary art of dainty and symmetrical construction.

In her toast, "The Genus Homo," she began with the one "nearest and dearest," the husband. From that she passed to the baby boy in the cradle, following his career through the age of kilts, picturing his advance upward to manhood and marriage, where she ended as she began with the "nearest and dearest."

Mrs. Henrotin although a woman of great ability and public experience lacks the personal magnetism and animation necessary to a successful afternoon speech. Perhaps at the beginning of her career, the novelty of her official topic proved more inspiring. Two years of constant speeches on the General Federation, great as its usefulness may be, can leave little new to be said.

Mrs. Henrotin also addressed the Omaha club at its open meeting on Tuesday evening at the Congregationalist church when five hundred members and friends were present. She spoke again at the regular meeting on Monday.

The city improvement society met on Wednesday morning in the parlors of the Union Commercial club, the president, Mrs. Langworthy Taylor presiding.

Mrs. Gertrude Dean, chairman of the patrons' association in the Bancroft school district, was made chairman of the committee on school grounds for that school. Arrangements are being made for planting of trees, and the chairmen of different committees on school grounds reported gratifying progress in carrying out the plans previously adopted.

Mrs. Welch, chairman of the committee on street cleaning reported that the refuse cans were in process of evolution and there were good reasons for believing that the result would be models of neatness and utility. Mrs. Welch said that all the city officers with whom she had conferred were courteous, and willing, so far as they were able, to help the association in its efforts at city cleaning.

In particular street commissioner Lindsey had expressed his appreciation of the aid given him in his efforts last year to keep the city clean. The city council has authorized the society to have thirty cans constructed. The secretary, Mrs. Richardson was requested to have complaint postal cards printed which shall be distributed to the members of the association. Any serious infraction of the ordinance prohibiting any one "to cast or put into, drop or leave in any street, alley, lane or public place or any uninclosed public grounds in the city of Lincoln, any stone, masses, nails, ice, glass, iron or any other metal, or any hay, straw, paper, parings or fruit or vegetables, or any other article or thing, except ashes on unpaved streets or alleys" observed by a member may be reported to the street commissioner on these postal cards provided by the society. It was further recommended that neighborhood inspectors and encouragers of neatness in alley, street and dooryard be appointed. The idea being to locate a branch of the city improvement society in every



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district of the city to influence and interest the children and finally every resident of the city in its appearance.

Mrs. W. B. Ogden and other ladies volunteered to take certain districts with the hope that in the near future the entire city may be reclaimed from its present distressing state of untidiness.

Mrs. E. T. Hartley read the outline of a city improvement program prepared for the public schools and expected to be given very soon, and assurances from the teachers who had been consulted of their hearty sympathy and support.

Mrs. Nellie Richardson of the committee on place of meeting reported that after consultation with the president and secretary of the Union Commercial club they had offered the ladies rooms in their building and that the kindness had been gratefully accepted.

After tendering the club a vote of

thanks for its courtesy in extending to the club the use of its building the meeting adjourned to meet next on April 13.

The meeting of the patron's association announced to be held at the Capitol school Friday, April 8th, is postponed for another week on account of school vacation.

Lincoln Sorosis met in Professor Barbour's lecture room in Nebraska hall at the State University on Tuesday, March 29th. President Welch reported that the luncheon to Mrs. Henrotin by the Woman's club of Omaha, at which she was a guest, was a brilliant and entirely successful function. Sorosis then decided to elect the delegates to the Biennial at the next meeting to be held with Mrs. Miller on April 12th.

Mrs. E. H. Barbour then spoke for an

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