

mission for an act of bravery in the civil war, through the duration of which she was at the side of her husband, Lieutenant Reynolds, so far as possible. Mrs. Reynolds has already shown herself to be an inspiring and brilliant leader, not withstanding the fact that she fills a difficult position as successor to Mrs. Kate Tupper Galpin, of Los Angeles, whose fitness for the place has been thoroughly exemplified during her term of service.

The federation of clubs of Topeka, Kas., and vicinity, has nearly completed its first year, and now numbers 500 members, and represents twenty-eight clubs. It is justly proud of its achievements in this its experimental year. The first venture, after that of organizing, was a course of six bright and instructive lectures on art, music and literature by Mrs. Mary H. Ford of Chicago. Then under its fostering care came James Whitcomb Riley, with his characteristic readings; Fraulein Stolle, with her fine reproduction of noted paintings; and Jane Addams, of Hull House fame. All these were given to the members of the federation at exceedingly low rates; and yet, by good management, all expenses were paid, and it gained such a reputation that various organizations are applying to it for aid, and only within a few weeks has it assisted the High-School Lecture Bureau in bringing noted speakers to Topeka. There have been four meetings of the federation during the year, at which every member was expected to be present, and where all were free to take part in every discussion. Much of the success of this first year is undoubtedly due to the very efficient and intelligent care of its president, Mrs. J. K. Hudson. She has most unselfishly devoted time and thought to this new organization, and on February 8 added a social feature to the allurements of the association by giving to its members a most elegant and enjoyable reception in her beautiful new home. It is the aim of the federation to cultivate an unanimity of sentiment among the club women, and to put the most aesthetic entertainments within the reach of every member, that all may now and then rise above their daily cares and gain the inspiration of the highest ideals.—Harper's Bazar.

**THE THEATRE**

Sharpley's Lyceum Theatre company, which commences a week's engagement at the Funke, Monday night, May 9, is an organization of more than ordinary merit and efficiently supports the talented and versatile actress, Miss Aida Lawrence, in a repertoire of the latest comedy and dramatic successes. The supporting company has been carefully selected with an eye to the widely differing roles they must portray during a week's repertoire of difficult plays and each play is carefully staged and beautifully costumed. Prices 10, 20, 30 cents. One lady free first night if accompanied by a paid 30 cent ticket bought before 7 p. m. Seats on sale Saturday, 10 a. m.

In presenting "O'Brien the Contractor," Mr. Daniel Sully opens the book of Irish drama at a new and bright page. The story is one of peculiar heart interest, a happy blending of comedy and pathos with a realistic stage picture of realism. As O'Brien, Mr. Sully has given the stage a creation that for originality, quaintness, humor and artistic coloring will add new laurels to his name as a delineator of natural Irish characterization. At the Oliver, Monday evening May 9, for one night only. Prices \$1.00, 75, 50, 25 cents. Seats on sale this morning at 10 sharp.

In his history of Rome, Ridpath writes as follows: "Virginius, a man of plebeian rank, but of the highest character, was

the happy father of a beautiful daughter, Virginia. On her way to school, she was seen by Appius Claudius, who coveted her. He therefore directed a client to claim her as his slave. The maiden was seized and brought before Appius, who sat as a judge to try the cause between the father and the client. The foregone decision was rendered that Virginia was slave's daughter, and the decemvir ordered that Virginius should give her up. The father, in despair, turned aside into a butcher's stall near the forum, and concealing a knife under his cloak, returned to bid his child farewell. First embracing her tenderly, he suddenly raised the knife and smote her dead on the spot. Waving the knife above him, he broke through the lictors, and escaped to the army. Upon this story Sheridan Knowles founded his famous play, "Virginius" which will be presented by the famous actor, Frederick Warde, Thursday, May 12, at the Oliver. Prices \$1.00, 75, 50, 25 cents. Seats on sale Tuesday 10 sharp.

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That only points to veer again.  
But not the dainty little head  
That shakes to say she will not wed.  
—May Scribner's.

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