

CLUBS.

The Lincoln Fortnightly club met with Mrs. A. S. Raymond last Friday afternoon and listened to a paper by Mrs. Gere on the history of Poland.

The Mental Culture club of Auburn held its regular meeting at the residence of Mrs. J. W. Barnhart. Carefully prepared papers on the lesson topic by Mrs. W. B. Fisher and Mrs. T. W. Eustice were read and the usual discussion of the lesson took place. The next meeting will occur on the afternoon of Thanksgiving day at the residence of Mrs. J. C. Bousfield.

The Woman's club of Auburn at its last meeting discussed Christmas and Thanksgiving dinners during the half hour devoted to domestic economy and literature and current events occupied the usual place in the program. Mrs. Richard Neal was elected vice-president in place of Mrs. J. C. Bousfield, who resigned. The program for the next meeting to be held November 26, will be current events under the leadership of Mrs. J. S. McCarty. "Sketches of Noted American Singers" leader, Mrs. W. B. Harman. Half hour talk on "American Literature," Rev. E. S. Murphy.

Serena met on Tuesday with Mrs. H. E. Wheeler. Mrs. Hinman, B. S., lectured on the Psychology of Suggestion, following an outline prepared by her and published in these columns two weeks ago. The abstruse subject was treated with such simplicity and directness that she was clearly followed by her listeners. Mrs. Hinman said in conclusion that no eminent psychologist admitted the various theories in regard to two selves in one being, which the theosophists have named metempsychosis transmigration, or reincarnation. Eminent physicists there are in plenty who are satisfied that the incidents accepted by the credulous as supernatural indicate that the spiritualists and the Blavatsky cult have a strong case. But the real psychologists of eminence are unconvinced. After the lecture Mrs. Hinman was besieged by questioners who have read and accepted Hudson's romance as something scientific.

The newly elected officers of the Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs met in executive session in the parlors of the Lincoln hotel Monday, Nov. 21. Five members were present, Mrs. S. E. Langworthy, Seward, president; Mrs. F. H. Sackett, Weeping Water, recording secretary; Mrs. McKillip, Seward, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Doane, Crete, treasurer; Mrs. Lambertson, Lincoln, librarian. Mrs. Langworthy, in the absence of Mrs. Apperson, presided. Outline plans for the formation of a reciprocity bureau for the benefit of our federated clubs were laid before the committee by Mrs. A. A. Scott, Lincoln, receiving most favorable comment from the ladies present. The motion was entertained that a committee be appointed to take in charge matters relative to the reciprocity bureau. The committee appointed was as follows: Mrs. A. A. Scott, Lincoln; Mrs. Keyser, Omaha; Mrs. Langworthy, Seward; Mrs. Stoutenborough, Plattsmouth, Mrs. Lambertson, Lincoln.

The practicability of university extension was discussed at some length.

The Plattsmouth Woman's club met at the residence of Mrs. S. H. Atwood

Friday evening. The English literature department having charge of the program. The evening's entertainment was exceptionally interesting, although the leader was unavoidably absent from the city. Miss Gass, principal of the High school, took charge in Mrs. Stoutenborough's absence and supplemented the topics presented by various interesting incidents that she recalled from her studies of English literature. Mrs. Wise, Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Newell, Mrs. Elson and others made concise and entertaining remarks on the "Physical and political divisions of Great Britain, the manners and customs of the early Britons, their modes of warfare and their methods of defense, while interesting papers were read on the origin of the English language and English literature from the conquest to Chaucer by Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. Fellows. There seems to be a deep interest in this department of club work and a large proportion of the members names are enrolled for work this season.

The North Bend Woman's club met in regular session Saturday, Nov. 12. Roll call was responded to by quotations on "Home." Every chair in the hall was occupied and only two ladies answered roll call by "present." The subjects for consideration were "Household Economics" and "Child Study." "Conservation of Energy" was introduced by Mrs. Rose Walker. The discussion following brought out many useful and helpful ideas. "Conversation at Meals" was extemporaneously rendered by Mrs. Oscar Dodge. She touched on all points so thoroughly we could add nothing to it. Mrs. Doubrava handled the subject "The Rainy Day," in such a pleasant, practical manner, none of us need dread the rainy days. "Starting Points," in child study, by Miss Osborn, was given in her usual interesting manner, showing her intense interest and knowledge of the subject. "Instinct of Imitation," was beautifully written up by Mrs. Kavan. "Instinct of Justice, or Right and Wrong Punishment," was introduced by Mrs. Hiatt, followed by a general discussion. Regular business, then adjournment.

Among the women's clubs of New York, The Woman's Professional League holds a distinct place. Although it was originated only five years ago, it has now a membership of nearly 500, and has accomplished much work of a philanthropic sort. It is, strictly speaking, a mutual benefit society, and is designed to make it possible for women who are engaged in dramatic, musical or literary work to help each other. The aid is by no means entirely of a financial sort, though it is the chief object of the league to extend this when necessary. It is no less the object of the league to promote acquaintance among the members, and for this purpose frequent meetings are held and socials and lectures given.

The attention of the general public was first called to the league by a performance of "As You Like It," given under its auspices. All the characters of the play were impersonated by members of the league, and the presentation won much recognition for their talents. But it did more than this. It was the beginning of a series of entertainments which are in a fair way to put the club in a position to own its own club house before long.



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Many of the members are well known in dramatic, musical and literary circles. Mrs. A. M. Palmer, who has held the office of president since the organization of the league, has contributed much to its prosperity by her faithful work in that office. No small part of Mrs. Palmer's success has been due to her personal magnetism and attractive individuality. It was through Mrs. Palmer's generosity that the former home of the league was placed at its disposal.

Associated closely with Mrs. Palmer in the preliminary work of organization was Mrs. Rachel McAuley, late chairman of the executive committee and one of the most active members of the league. At her recent death Mrs. McAuley bequeathed a considerable sum of money and her stage wardrobe to the organization. For many months the duties of chairman of the executive committee have devolved upon Miss Maida Craigen, as first member of the committee in the absence of Mrs. McAuley.

"Aunt Louisa" Eldridge, the first vice president, is a well known member of the dramatic profession, and her cheery and sympathetic ways have made her a popular chairman of the visiting committee.

Preparations are being made at present for one of the yearly bazaars, which are a feature of the league's work. Mrs. E. L. Fernandez, chairman of the bazaar, has arranged a number of interesting novelties. Their will be a college booth, a floral booth, violet booth, photograph and a souvenir booth, where relics of the war with Spain will be sold. The array of character dolls will be unusually attractive. The bazaar will be held in the Waldorf-Astoria, opening on November 26, and continuing daily from 11 a. m. till midnight.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

Mrs. W. B. Lowe, the new president of the General Federation of Woman's clubs, has announced that the policy of the federation for the coming year will be to investigate the condition of the wage earning women and children and encourage them to organize for mutual

protection and benefit. A committee has been appointed to look after this work, called the "industrial committee," and Mrs. Corinne Browne was made chairman. Mrs. Lowe said: "We do not offer organization as a panacea for all the evils and ills of the world, but it has shown such wonderful results among club women that we feel it might be tried among the three million laboring women. Working men have labor unions and capitalists have formed combinations for mutual benefit, but as yet the laboring women have remained as individuals and have been used by both organizations to further their ends."

There has been so much discussion of the ten per cent per capita tax amendment passed at the Biennial that Mrs. Lowe, the new president, has written one of the protesting committees: "This increased taxation does not come due until 1900. Should the clubs be unreconciled to this measure, there is ample time for discussing it together, and for bringing about a compromise that will perhaps be agreeable to all." Probably by that time the clubs will have had time to convince themselves that this change is really in the line of progression. There is no division of opinion as to the necessity for more funds, but only as to the manner of raising the requisite sum.

Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews comm. need his work as superintendent of the public schools of Chicago by declaring that while he occupied that position "there would be no discrimination in the selection of teachers on account of sex." In commenting on this action the Chicago Legal News says: "We have watched with great interest the admission of women into colleges and universities in the west, and as teachers and principals in the higher grades of our public schools, and we are pleased to be able to say that Chicago now has more experienced women teachers in her public schools than any other city in the world." It is perhaps superfluous to add that the club movement, as it is now, practically began in the Woman's Club of Chicago. The influence of that club at home and elsewhere can never be measured.—The three preceding items are from the Western Club Women, the new club magazine published in Denver.