

the meeting were over, the program for the day was in the hands of the Field club. Mrs. F. A. Marsh, their leader, had done her utmost in preparing for the occasion. A large portrait of Mr. Field adorned the audience room, and numerous photographs of members of his family and prints of the heroes and heroines of his famous poems, were to be seen here and there. The program consisted of sketches of Mr. Field and "Tro:ty," the citation of many of his poems, with vocal and instrumental music. The new club then presented our president, Mrs. S. C. Langworthy, with a picture of Mr. Field and a beautiful bouquet of La France roses, with their compliments and claimed her as their president too. The program was closed by their singing a motto song, "Keep Step With the History and Art." A private letter from Mrs. Field to Mrs. Marsh was read, thanking her for the zeal and labor in making this day of tribute to Mr. Field a success. The letter bespoke much loving kindness and appreciation and is highly prized by its owner. Mrs. Norval pleasantly surprised our club by serving dainty refreshments in the drawing room, while the Field club were feasted around the long dining table. After congratulating the new club and expressing hopes for its future success we adjourned to meet one week from date.

If clubs are a good thing why should we keep them to ourselves. "Let the good we are doing shine into every tenement window and on every cottage floor."

Will club life help to develop a feeling of greater responsibility in women? Perhaps we should first ask is there a need of such development? Are women, as a class, as responsible as charged? Do they fail to keep engagements and are they lacking in punctuality? Let us answer the last two questions affirmatively. Will club life help to correct them? We think so. The woman who joins a club and voluntarily assumes the obligations thereof, in a sense pledges herself as a part of a certain whole, which she, with others, hopes to make perfect. They pledge to meet so often and at such an hour. Failure to keep this engagement or lack of punctuality for trivial reasons amounts to discourtesy, even to injustice to sister club women. And the average woman intends to be kind and just to all her associates, yet the failure to punctually keep engagements often causes annoyance and sometimes constitutes a wrong. Women are charged with allowing a slight headache, the weather, the dressmaker, a call, to make a valid excuse for tardiness or absence from a meeting where the time and convenience of many others may be involved. Coming to a committee meeting late one afternoon a lady was shocked by having the chairman say, "Mrs. H., you have wasted fifty minutes of our valuable time." Never before had the lady realized that as a part of the whole she was responsible for the time lost by each member of that committee who was on time. We are, indeed, "our brothers keeper" in more senses than one. The tardy or unpunctual woman invariably suffers herself, but that is of minor consideration when the inconvenience of others is involved, many of whom have often overcome greater difficulties and made real sacrifices that they might keep their engagements. We expect a remedy for these faults from club life, because there the general tendency is to discourage careless forgetfulness of the rights and feelings of others and to correct caprice and irresponsibility. The universal sentiment that the club meetings must begin on time will eventually accomplish its purpose. One Lincoln club made the proposition last year to begin on time if only the hostess was present. Perhaps if the quorum clause in our by-

laws should be restricted to business sessions, the moral obligation would be enough to accomplish this result. Where it is lacking there is the greater need of raising the standard of responsibility.

Rudyard Kipling's poem, "The Truce of the Bear," has cut its way to public appreciation as quickly and keenly as his "Recessional." Through a Hindoo legend he scores the Czar's peace petition in a manner at once powerful, simple, convincing and terrible.

CHRISTMAS DON'TS FOR CLUB WOMEN.

Don't spend more than you can easily afford.

Don't give a present out of policy.

Don't buy just what a child needs unless the little one is actually cold or hungry.

Don't cast your bread upon the Christmas waters expecting it will be returned after few or many days.

Don't neglect to neatly tie up the package for nurse or kitchen maid with a little sprig of holly tucked under the string.

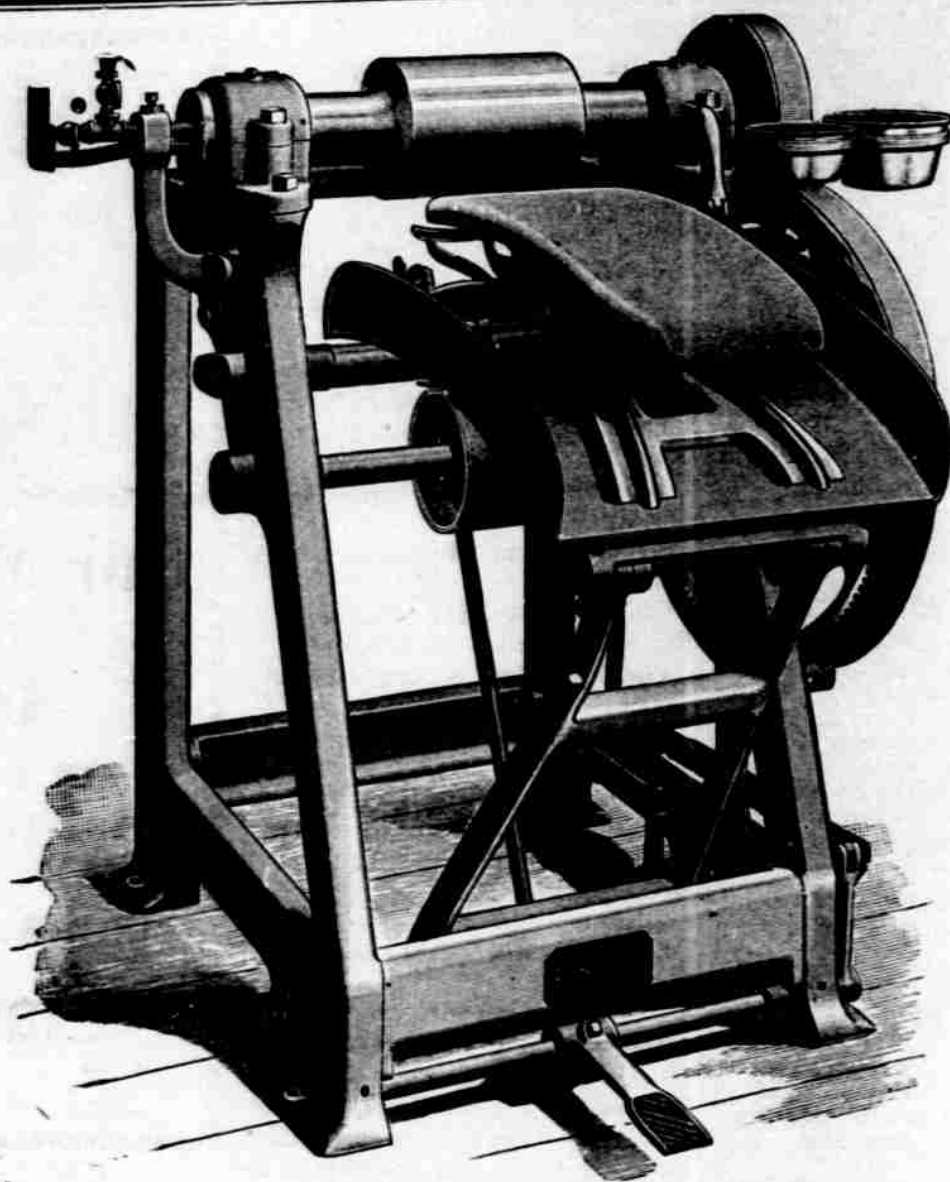
Don't put off making or buying your Christmas gifts too late.

Don't be too practical in selecting gifts for family or friends.

Don't forget to be hopeful, cheery, thankful and merry on Christmas morn—on this blessed Christmas day let us "dwell on our mercies," thus lighten our own load and honor Him.

And above all—Don't forget to help spread that heaven-born song, "Peace on earth, good will to man."

Interest in the Milwaukee Biennial is already lively. Mrs. Buchwalter of Ohio, one of the pioneers in Federation



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work, has charge of the program as chairman, and is already giving serious thought to the task that lies before her. There is a tremendous amount of work, as well as great responsibility in arranging for a great Biennial. It is comparatively easy to find fault with the Denver program; but it is an entirely different matter to tell definitely where and how to strengthen and improve it.

Mary Lyon used for the motto at Mt. Holyoke in the days when our mothers and grandmothers used to come under her care "Freely ye have received, freely give,"—although for that matter, the words originated with a Greater than Mary Lyon, What better motto for the club movement?

Culture is a worthy end, and one to which we all aspire. But whose culture? Our own or our neighbor's? "Freely ye have received, freely give."

If the women of the clubs were to be mingled with non-clubbing women in an assembly; no man could select the active from the passive ladies by any of the outward signs which were once supposed to be appropriate to them. Nor is the old quip about the disregard and neglect of home duties and husbands any longer opposite.

Mrs. Mary Orme Hall, who has been for two years president of the New York Sorosis, has been obliged by prolonged ill health to resign that office. For a year past Mrs. Hall's health has been in a very precarious condition, and for several months she has been in a sanitarium in Michigan, although she has now improved sufficiently to be removed to her sister's home in Detroit, where she will remain through the winter, if able. Mrs. Hall has long been an active and popular member of the executive board of Sorosis and her resignation was accepted with regret. The Vice

president, Mrs. Dimies T. S. Dennison, another exceedingly popular woman, has been elected president.—Club Woman.

To have the entire meaning of a sentence changed by the typesetter might verily develop incipient insanity.

It is bad enough to have the typo mutilate grammar and spelling until you feel your teeth on edge, as when you find yourself on record as using a conjunction for an article; a plural verb for a singular; a personal pronoun for a relative; the word sense translated into "issue;" and find that Mrs. Brown came "around" with pictures of the "Buzzacat" ovens, instead of armed and Buzzacat, etc.; but the 'unkindest cut' of all, is to be on record as speaking of Rudyard Kipling's Reccessional as a "good" poem. As soon speak of Gladstone as the good old man. Still, we have great sympathy with the typo. No doubt if the average woman—or man—who writes for the press would send along an interpreter with their copy such thoughtfulness would be highly appreciated by this much abused member of society.

The women of Massachusetts are showing their loyalty to the new president of the G. F. W. C. in pleasant and practical ways this week. An extra federation meeting was called to meet in Boston December 13 and 14, in honor of Mrs. Rebecca D. Lowe's visit there. Meetings were held in Park street church the morning and afternoon of Tuesday. The subject discussed at both sessions was "Industrial Conditions," especially those pertaining to women and children, and in a manufacturing state like Massachusetts there is plenty of room for improvement of these conditions. Hon. Carrol D. Wright of Waltham and one of the state factory inspectors,