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The growth of interest in State Teachers' associations is one of the marked signs of the times. Take our own state; eleven years ago the first state teachers' association was held in the city of Lincoln with an enrollment of 162. Today it has enrolled 1,096 members. The city of Lincoln seems to be the favorite place of meeting, as nine of the eleven annual meetings have been held here. This is the capital of the state; seat of the state university; it has three fine libraries to which the visitors have free access and several auditoriums to accommodate the large body of delegates and visitors. Lincoln always anticipates this yearly visit of the teachers and the auxiliary societies which meet here at the same time, with great pleasure. That the holiday season is a favorite time for these educational gatherings is indicated by the many meetings held at this time in different parts of the United States, and the topics selected for discussion are of special interest to the women's clubs which are co-operating with these educational associations throughout the United States.

The Southern Educational association held a very interesting and important meeting at New Orleans. Delegates were present from Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas, Arkansas, Kentucky and Missouri. This was the eighth annual convention of this association and many important subjects relating to educational work were read and discussed. For example, one on "Higher Education in the South;" another on the "Need of Secondary Schools in the South," and another on "Correlation of High School and College Work." It is interesting to notice these topics as they not only indicate how far southern educators have come in the past twenty-five years but how far they still must advance.

Missouri also held its state association last week. The citizens of Jefferson City had patriotically decorated the city and the thousand teachers took it by storm.

The State Association of Illinois was fortunate in securing President James N. Canfield of Ohio State university for an address. He made an eloquent plea for the common schools as bearing the great burden of perpetuating intelligent

citizenship, asking for a wide system of education, unification of the course of study, better teachers and better superintendents. In the college section of this association were such speakers as President Harper, of the University of Chicago, President Henry Wade Rogers of the Northwestern university. This was the forty-fifth annual meeting of the Illinois State association.

The Minnesota association at its thirty-sixth annual meeting at St. Paul took for general consideration, "How and to What Extent Can Our Schools Impart a Knowledge of Our Institutions and Forms of Government and Promote Patriotism." The thought of patriotism and citizenship seemed to permeate all of these conventions. Another important question discussed by the Minnesota teachers was "Music in the Schools." Miss Amelia Hofer of Chicago presented this interesting topic, after which it was thrown open to the house. Minnesota had less than fifty enrolled at her first meeting thirty-five years ago.

The great Southern hotel of Columbus, Ohio, was the scene of a notable gathering of educators last week. It was the annual gathering of township school superintendents in which every county in the state was represented. The Ohio state association of school examiners was also in session at the same place and afterwards in joint session the two bodies discussed a number of questions of unusual interest as follows: How to secure the proper inspection and classification of rural schools. How to create healthy public sentiment favorable to supervision. How best to encourage organization. How to foster the growth of township libraries, township high schools and other recognized educational agencies and to lengthen the school term and pay teachers proportionately to service rendered.

The association of Michigan met at Lansing the past week with an attendance of about nine hundred educators, including all grades from superintendent of city schools down to the teachers of the cross roads school houses. There was much enthusiasm reported but from the program we should judge that the state which claims to be the "Athens of America" must look well to her laurels. This was the forty-eighth anniversary of the association.

The annual convention of the Ohio Music Teachers' association was also held last week at Delaware, O. This organization embraces most of the prominent teachers of music in the state and has a membership of nearly one thousand. There were two fine concerts given on Wednesday and Thursday and the convention closed with a grand concert by the Cincinnati Symphony orchestra.

The Modern Language Association of America held its annual meeting at Charlottesville, Va., during the holidays. This association includes many of America's foremost scholars. One of the most important events of this meeting was the report of a committee on the subject of reforms in teaching modern languages. The report is a very important one, as it is likely to transform the present system of teaching.

At the Iowa State Association of Teachers held at Des Moines last week the high school teachers endorsed high school athletics, inter-school athletics and appointed a committee to prepare rules and regulations governing athletics in the common schools of the state. The educational council adopted a recommendation for a compulsory education law and urged women's clubs to take up the discussion of neglected and incorrigible children and appointed a com-

mittee to investigate the condition of children of that class. It also indorsed free text books.

At Indianapolis, Ind., on December 27th gathered the State Teachers' association and other kindred organizations. There were over two thousand in attendance. It was the forty-fifth anniversary of the association and the new president expressed the belief that it would be to the interest of the association to recognize that under the present plan there are too many sections entering into its affairs. This thought should receive attention from those associations which are just catching the fine frenzy of having half a dozen sections in session at the same hour. Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews, superintendent of the Chicago schools, gave one of the leading addresses.

It is pleasing to note that all nations are appointing representatives to the peace congress asked for in the czar's message. It now remains for peace organizations all over the world to lend their strength and influence to this movement for a higher civilization. The United Society of Christian Endeavor at Boston is in receipt of the following message in regard to universal peace from William T. Stead, London, for the Christian Endeavorers of the world: "The year 1899 brings with it a great opportunity. In the last nine years Christian governments have spent upon armaments for war a sum far exceeding five thousand million dollars. To abate this gigantic waste of the resources of the civilization the Russian emperor has summoned all governments to a conference. That conference will fail unless vigorously supported by demonstrations of enthusiastic approval all around the world and an appeal to the Christian Endeavorers to do their part in evoking that enthusiasm and giving it practical shape. Now is the time to act. Let each society be converted into a local peace conference. Otherwise the responsibility for the failure of this great opportunity may rest on your hands."

Mrs. May Wright Sewell of Indianapolis, president of the National Council of Women, is already in Washington making preparations for the third triennial meeting of this body, which will be in session there for two weeks during the month of February. Mrs. Sewell says: "The work of the council is well mapped out in its standing committees and we have just added two new committees on domestic relations under the law and on the care of dependent and defective children. On the former committee is every woman who is a star in the legal profession. These women will codify all existing state laws relating to marriage, divorce and the domestic relations generally and bring to the surface their inconsistencies through the national council to have some general and adequate legislation on the subject. This congress will be most important because it just precedes that of our quinquennial international council to be held in London in June. These national councils of women in Great Britain, the United States, Germany, Canada, Italy, Sweden, Greece and Holland will be represented and national councils are being formed now in France, Finland, Denmark and Switzerland."

At the London convention, Mrs. Sewell, who is its vice president, will speak on organization as a factor of development in modern life, Rev. Anna Shaw on "Women as Lecturers." Mrs. Purdy Peck of Iowa on "Social Education of Women," Mrs. Margaret Kane on "Industrial and Silk Culture in the United States," and Miss Octavia Williams Bates of Detroit, Mich., on "Women in Legal Professions."

England has introduced an innova-

tion in educational matters that her American cousins are not likely to adopt. The Midland university at Birmingham has added to its industrial department a chair of brewing, a brewery laboratory, and have arranged a special course of instruction for brewers and malt makers. This seems carrying industrial education pretty far. Much farther than our country has yet done. Still let us be prepared, for our educators seem possessed of a frenzy to be the first to take up new departures along all lines. Industrial education is all right; then the question arises, if we must have malt and beer, why not have educated scientists prepare them? Still we have little fear of that idea being adopted by our educators or tolerated by our people. The temperance sentiment is too strong in the United States for any State university to add such a department to its curriculum.

The attendance at the Plattsmouth Women's club on Friday evening was smaller than usual, but those who braved the inclement weather were well repaid, the program being most excellent. Mrs. Toliff as chairman of the school visiting committee for the month of December, gave an interesting report of her three afternoons spent in the work. She thought the means of ventilation in some of the rooms inadequate and also spoke of the dilapidated condition of the window shades not being in keeping with the standard of excellence and order that should be maintained in our city schools; the suggestions embodied in her report will doubtless be acted upon by the school board. Mrs. Root and Mrs. Elson were appointed to serve on this committee for the month of January. Some very good music was enjoyed by the club, Mr. Tucker singing "Once in the Purple Twilight" delightfully, and Misses Baird and Smith playing a piano duet most acceptably.

Quotations from Shelley were given in response to roll call and Mrs. Stoutenborough read an interesting paper on his life and works. Mrs. Unruh also gave some incidents of this talented poet's life and domestic troubles. Miss Mauzy's apologies for the length of her paper on "Glimpses of the Authors of the Elizabethan Age" were quite unnecessary as the subject matter was so interesting and the paper so well written, no one found it too lengthy. Miss Gass had Feudalism for her subject and her manner of presentation made her remarks most entertaining. Mrs. Toliff closed the program with an instructive paper on English Literature from Chaucer to Spenser which showed careful preparation and research. Parliamentary Law and Current Topics will furnish the program for the next meeting of the club and as this is a popular department it is expected a large number will be present.

The City Federation of Women's clubs of Tecumseh pledged itself to work this year for the City Library and they are redeeming their pledge right nobly. During holiday week they placed the "Old Maids' Convention" on the boards. The opera house was filled and the audience so intensely appreciative that it was decided to repeat the performance on New Year's Eve. The two entertainments netted a sufficient sum to pay for a set of the Warner Library which the federation had purchased and leaves a nice amount on hand for other books. On the evening of January 4th, the Library Board gave a public reception in the library rooms when the new books were formally presented to the Board by the City Federation. Excellent music and speeches helped to make the occasion memorable.

Miss Anne Rivett, hairdressing and shampooing, moved from Burr Blk to Emporium, 143 South Twelfth.