

grammatic in its force and directness. "We worship Emma Willard," she said, "and we love each other." The federation showed that women are learning to do away with useless verbiage in making their points, but it is also showed that the truth was not entirely learned.

Mrs. Harriet R. P. Stafford of Cottage City, Mass., a patriotic old lady of that patriotic old state, has just presented to the government through the president, and secretary of the navy, the flag carried by the frigate Bon Homme Richard during its memorable and victorious engagement with the British frigate Serapis, September 23rd, 1779. Mrs. Stafford presented satisfactory evidence that it was the first flag bearing the stars and stripes ever hoisted over an American vessel of war and the first that was ever saluted by a foreign naval power.

The star spangled banner
Long may it wave
O'er the land of the free
and the home of the brave."

THE COURIER acknowledges the receipt of the following report from Mrs. F. H. Sackett, of Weeping Water, recording secretary of the N. F. W. C., of the proceedings of the recent business session held in this city.

A most pleasant and profitable session of the executive committee of the N. F. W. C. was held in the parlors of the Lincoln hotel Tuesday, January 31.

Notwithstanding the intense cold every member of the committee was present.

The invitation kindly tendered the federation by the C. F. W. C. of York, Nebr., requesting that the next annual meeting of the N. F. W. C. be held at that city was acted upon and gratefully accepted.

The Exeter Woman's club was admitted to membership. Mrs. D. A. Campbell of Lincoln, and Mrs. Wilson, dean of women of the university, were present on invitation. Much interest was displayed in the discussion of plans looking toward the success of the new musical department. Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Doane of Crete, committee in charge of musical department, were given the privilege of selecting a third member.

It was resolved that the executive board recommend that the university send out an organizer to introduce the work of university extension to the women's clubs of the state. It was also recommended on motion that the educational committee confer with the university extension committee. Following members were present: President, Mrs. S. C. Langworthy of Seward; vice-president, Mrs. Anna L. Apperson of Tecumseh; recording secretary, Mrs. F. H. Sackett, Weeping Water; corresponding secretary, Mrs. D. C. M. Killip, Seward; treasurer, Mrs. H. F. Deane; auditor, Mrs. Fuller; Mrs. G. M. Lambertson and Mrs. A. C. Ricketts of Lincoln.

Mrs. Ricketts of Lincoln brought before the board and explained the per capita tax as presented at the Denver biennial.

The faculty of women's clubs met Wednesday with Mrs. H. H. Nicholson, 1113 N street.

The many friends of Mrs. Stoutenborough will be pleased to know that they will have the pleasure of listening to an address given by her before the Woman's club at its next meeting Monday afternoon, February 13.

Mrs. Nellie M. Richardson, leader of the department of parliamentary practice of the Woman's club, spares no time or trouble to make her department practically instructive. Recently they have been studying the manner of organizing and conducting legislative

bodies. The next meeting will be devoted to a discussion of the repaving of O street. The open meeting of the Woman's club for next month will be under the auspices of this department and it is their intention to give a practical demonstration of the manner of conducting a study class in this department. This is one of the largest and most interesting departments in the Woman's club, yet there is room so that all who will may come.

Mrs. O. M. Stonebraker entertained the New Book Review club at its last meeting. Mrs. R. L. Reblaender read an interesting paper on the "Russian Mir" and in the general discussion many interesting details were given of government and institutions. This club will meet February 15 with Mrs. H. W. Kelley.

The last meeting of the Century club was with Mrs. M. H. Garten. The club is following a miscellaneous program this year from which they feel they have derived much benefit. Mrs. W. A. Lindley read an interesting paper on the life of Jean Ingelow, and Mrs. F. E. Campbell an equally interesting one on "Old Virginia and Her Neighbors." The following committee was appointed to arrange a program for next year: Mrs. Garten, Mrs. Waite and Mrs. Lindley.

We are indebted largely to the efforts of Mrs. Sarah J. Hale that a definite day was set apart for thanksgiving. Mrs. Hale was editor of the first woman's magazine published in this country, and for twenty years worked for this object, always insisting and never losing courage. She constantly wrote to presidents and governors and those in high official position. At last in 1864 President Lincoln adopted her suggestion, feeling it a suitable time to make a definite day of rejoicing over the restoration of the union.

English newspapers do not carry departments for women. To meet this want a daily newspaper has been started in London by women for women. It is believed that the projectors will supply a long felt want, and from the first will meet with success.

The Cozy Club of Tecumseh has worked steadily all the year on Spanish history. The last lesson brought us through the reign of Phillip II, and the culmination of Spain's glory. We will now begin to trace the degeneracy and downfall of the haughty nation on the earth. We feel that we shall soon solve, to our own satisfaction at least, the problem of the easy conquest of Spain last summer.

There is something new under the sun—at least we never heard of babies being checked in church. They have been checked at international, national and sectional expositions and at department stores, allowing mother to shop at her leisure. But it remains for Brooklyn, the city of churches, to apply this checking system to church goers. Dr. Wiley, of the Nostrand Avenue M. E. church, originated this scheme. A large room has been fitted up with hammock cribs, perambulators and toys, and a volunteer committee of young women assemble every Sunday morning to care for the little ones left by the mothers, who would otherwise be kept at home. Thus the babies are properly cared for while the mothers attend the regular church service. This novel plan promises and deserves to be popular.

The Federated Clubs of Tecumseh

held their first literary and social meeting on February 2 at the home of Mrs. Charles Chamberlain. After a brief business session the ladies settled down to enjoy the following program:

President's Address.....Mrs. Tracy
Piano SoloMiss McCrosky
Report from State Executive
BoardMrs. Apperson
Paper—"Our Neighbor, Mars,"...
.....Mrs. Pollock
Vocal SoloMiss Gail True
Paper—"Washington's Influence on
History".....Mrs. Edith Chamberlain
Piano Solo.....Miss Jessie Davidson
Paper—"As Others See Us".....
.....Miss Nellie Scott
Vocal Duet...Misses Stewart and Dafee
Paper—"The Club Movement"....
.....Mrs. Cooper
Piano Solo.....Miss Margaretta Scott

Mrs. Apperson's report was very much enjoyed, bringing as it did very warm and appreciative greetings from the State Board to our Federation.

The rooms were charmingly decorated and the dining room, which was spacious enough to easily receive the forty guests, was especially beautiful. The young ladies of the DeKa Club served the refreshments and did the honors gracefully.

A new literary club, the Acme, with a membership of twelve, was received into the Federation at this meeting, and with this added strength the Tecumseh Federation of Women's Clubs feels that it will be a power for good to our city.

There is large room for sympathy and harmony among the various organizations in Lincoln. This can be accomplished by a better knowledge of the work done by the various societies, and this knowledge, with its concomitant sympathy, can be brought about by a state council, resulting in the accomplishment of work which smaller federations could not accomplish single-handed, and with a great "economy of time, labor and money." After all, says the Kansas City Star, the cursory reader of club records asks, "What is a local council? which it answers thus:

It is in brief a union on the principle of absolute equality of all local organizations wishing to unite with one another for the common good. A state council is a similar union of all state organizations wishing to come into fraternal relationship with one another. To a national council, besides national organizations, state and local councils may also belong, while to the international council all national councils are eligible.

In this great fold are found organizations of various religious and political convictions, national educational clubs and philanthropic orders of world wide renown.

If a large heartedness, which takes sincere interest in all classes of women is one of the desirable things in the official representative of an organization representing nearly a quarter of a million of women, who are pledged to mutual improvement and to the betterment of humanity in matters literary, educational, philanthropic, economic and financial, then indeed was the action of the Denver biennial wise in selecting Mrs. Rebecca Douglas Lowe as their president. Her New Year's greeting to the club women of the United States thrills with the earnestness, which I feel, comes from the heart. She says: "The world has never needed them (club women) more than today. More women daily are forced to go into the ranks of the wage earner, and daily the voice is growing bolder and louder of those whose interest

prompts a curtailment of opportunity to these women. The voice speaks through corporations, and says, 'No woman wanted here!' It speaks through the press, and says, 'Let women marry and remain at home!' ignoring the fact that in New York City 27,990 women support themselves and their husbands. It speaks through labor unions and says, 'Women must not thrust men out of work!' Is it not time that an answering voice was heard? A voice which shall say, 'Let justice be done!' The world does not owe every man a living, but it does owe every man and every woman too a chance to earn a living. The best labor will always command the market, but it is flagrant injustice to bar competition by lines of sex. It is barbarous to say, 'Because you are a woman you shall not work, and therefore you shall not eat!' This voice is going to be heard, and that speedily. Let the New Year ring with the cry of the club women of America—"The few for the many, and each for all!"

London has condescended to copy one thing from New York City. And what do you think it is? Nothing more or less than a woman's club. Some London ladies have modeled a club after Sorosis and named it after the "mother club" of this country. But why do we persist in calling Sorosis the oldest club, when we know, or ought to know, that Onondaga county, New York, claims the honor for itself. It has a club that was organized in 1817, which celebrated its eighty-first anniversary last summer. Years before Sorosis was dreamed of (the first meeting of Sorosis was held April 20, 1868) these Onondaga women formed a club which they named "The Female Charitable Society of Baldwinsville, in the town of Lysander, N. Y." They met fortnightly, carried on their work methodically and serenely—'tis said with more serenity than has existed since in feminine clubdom. Since its organization this club "has held regular monthly and annual meetings." Last June the eighty-first anniversary was held at the home of Mrs. Payne Bigelow, in the village of Baldwinsville. On that occasion the fifty women who entertained their friends were all descendants of the original charter members. So methodical were these sister club women that they have the original constitution and all the records down to date. The society is still governed by the same rules that were adopted eighty-one years ago. They remind one forcibly of Puritan days, and although rigid, the wording is sweet and quaint. The first meeting is thus recorded:

"A number of ladies met this day at the home of Mrs. Farrington in Lysander with a view to form a charitable society. Mrs. Hamill presided and the Rev. John Davenport opened with prayer. A society was formed and a constitution adopted."

The society is referred to as "a friendly association"—the members are called "fellow sinners." Each on pledged to contribute 12½ cents four times a year to carry out their benevolent undertakings. It is strictly non-sectarian and non-partisan, and unlimited. "Persons of unblemished moral character shall be received as members upon making application to one of the directresses." "If any member should conduct herself improperly and refuse to hear reproof, she shall be excluded the privilege of meeting with the society until she manifest unfeigned repentance."

"We resolve to be charitably watchful over each other, to advise, caution and admonish, if necessary or useful, and we promise not to resent, but kindly and thankfully receive such friendly advice or reproof from any of our members." The records give no account of any discord in all the eighty-one years, so this section of the constitution seems to have been a master stroke and worthy the consideration of the good daughters of those pioneer club women.