

tious men rather above than below the average citizen as in larger cities, the mayor is a dignitary as conscious of his high office and as worthy of it as any mayor in Edinburgh, so often quoted as the model city to discourage Americans. So in spite of the dirt and the bad manners of a good many men, there is reason to hope that Lincoln can be cleaned and kept clean.

Session of Homeopaths.

The American Institute of Homeopathy, which has lately concluded its annual session in Denver was, as everyone knows who reads the papers and examines the illustrated periodicals, presided over by Dr. Benjamin F. Bailey of this city. The current Review of Reviews publishes a very good likeness of Dr. Bailey and the homeopathic medical journals contain very appreciative notices of his ability and culture as well as his qualifications as a presiding officer. The Critique says: "Dr. Bailey's address on evolution in Medicine was a masterly and erudite presentation of the subject. He has the courage of his convictions and stands squarely by homeopathy and all that it implies. He has reasons for his faith and expresses them effectively. As president of the American Institute of Homeopathy he is the representative of our school and does us honor on all occasions."

THE MEADOWLARK.

As flashing light across the midnight sky,
So rings above the silent level, plain
The meadowlark's exquisite cry;
A thrilling song, that pierces like a pain—
Then softens to a sigh.

It falls with sudden sweetness on the ear
From out the gloom, this tender, tuneful
song,
In cadence, full and clear;
Each note athrill with heartbreak, fond and
long—
Now far away, now near.

And through the air, all laden with the
scent
Of bursting buds and fragrant, waving
grass
With glinting dew besprent,
The joyful birds in splendid chorus pass,
Their songs in concert blent.

'Tis thus the sun arises o'er the plain,
A thousand throats of gold to give him hail
In jubilant refrain;
And as he westward burns his glowing
trail
Triumphant grows the strain.

There is no song that thrills the pulsing air
With half the brilliancy of this happy bird
Untouched by grief or care;
A song that fills the spirit when 'tis heard
With peace that follows prayer.

—William Reed Dunroy.

It was never intended that a lazy man
should reach the top of the ladder.
I suppose not. There is no place up
there for him to sit down.

Hall Rhume—There is something un-
canny about my new landlady. I think
she must be a real lady.

Diggins—Why, what is the matter?

Hall Rhume—She has not once told
me that she has seen better days.

London, April, 29.—An amusing and
authentic incident occurred on the
day of Lord Rosebery's daughter's wed-
ding. The Prince of Wales' carriage
was blocked by a crowd. Two East End
coster girls peered into the window, and
one cried:

"Ow, you do look nice, chase me,
Hedward!"

The Prince uncovered and laughed
heartily.

CLUBS.

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The following are the officers of the
General Federation of the Women's clubs:
President—Mrs. Rebecca D. Lowe
Atlanta, Ga.

Vice President—Mrs. Sarah S. Platt,
Denver, Colo.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Emma A.
Fox, Detroit, Mich.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. George
W. Kendrick, Philadelphia, Pa.

Treasurer, Mrs. Phillip N. Moore, St.
Louis, Mo.

Auditor—Mrs. C. P. Barnes, Louis-
ville, Ky.

State Chairman—Mrs. Louisa L. Rick-
etts, Lincoln, Nebr.

Officers of the State Federation of
Women's clubs;

President—Mrs. S. C. Langworthy,
Seward.

Vice President—Mrs. Anna L. Apper-
son, Tecumseh.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. F. H. Sack-
ott, Weeping Water.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. D. G.
McKillip, Seward.

Treasurer—Mrs. H. F. Doane, Crete,
Librarian—Mrs. G. M. Lambertson,
Lincoln.

Mrs. A. B. Fuller, Auditor, Ashland.

The City Improvement society of
Philadelphia is an active energetic or-
ganization that is doing much to
beautify that city. Last summer they
arranged for a series of popular con-
certs, which were given on one of the
piers of the Delaware river. The reg-
ular and large attendance proved to
the club that the effort was appreciated.

This season they have made perma-
nent improvements transforming the
bare pier into a beautiful waterside
park, making it a pleasant spot for
recreation. Also, through the efforts of
this society twenty-five school yards
are to be opened during the summer
vacation as play-grounds, and parents
and pupils are encouraged to plant trees
to beautify them. To this end they have
established a regular Arbor day and its
committee on forestry last year secured
the passage of a bill in the Pennsylvania
legislature, granting 40,000 acres, for the
cultivating and protecting forest trees
—in three reservations, at the source of
the Delaware, Susquehanna and the
Ohio rivers. The club has also estab-
lished traveling libraries for the tele-
graph and fire stations, and has in-
terested itself in housing many of the
poor in sanitary tenements—the asso-
ciation itself now owns fourteen of these
houses.

The City Improvement society of
Brooklyn has shown originality in one
of its branches of work. Here and
there in Brooklyn as in other cities are
vacant lots. Securing the consent of
the owners these public spirited women,
have transformed these vacant—and in
many cases unsightly—lots into recrea-
tion parks by the judicious distribu-
tion of lawn seed and garden chairs.
In most instances the owner of the
property has not only given cheerful
consent, but has entered into the pro-
ject with hearty co-operation, donating
plants and even trees where immediate
building was not in contemplation.
Brooklyn is thus becoming dotted with
beautiful, little, restful parks.

In discussing plans for the new school
building to be built at the corner of
Twenty-sixth and Randolph streets,
Superintendent Saylor said: "You may
as well plan for a manual training de-
partment, for it is coming." No doubt
it is coming, along with many progres-

sive methods in education.

Liberal educators of today claim that
a wider latitude should be given the
pupil in the selection of studies, that
the natural bent of the inclinations may
be followed. The theory is that if a
student is afforded the opportunity to
gratify his inclinations for study in any
particular branch, interest in other
studies will be stimulated thereby.

In other words, if none of the studies
appeal to the student directly, the ap-
petite for learning is dulled and educa-
tion becomes perfunctory. The adop-
tion of this liberal view means the en-
largement of the elective courses and
the introduction of many new ones,
especially those of a technical nature.
A step in this direction has been taken
by many high schools and the results
in every instance have been satisfactory,
for instance, it has been found that in
high schools where manual training has
been introduced the per cent of atten-
dance and punctuality has been largely
increased. Students who found the
ordinary routine dull and uninteresting,
had mind and energies quickened be-
cause the mechanical work appealed to
their natural inclination. But there are
many who oppose manual training, be-
lieving that it will tend to draw the
high school further from elementary
and grammar schools and encroach upon
the functions of colleges and universi-
ties. But experience does not support
this view. 'Tis claimed that every high
school which has followed the progres-
sive movement will show a greater pro-
portion of students entering the colleges
and universities than under the old
system, and that the student whose
latent thought and energy is not
aroused never realizes the desire for a
college education. Based upon experi-
ence rather than theory the progressive
methods of education will continue to
gain ground so long as they give better
results than the old plan.

The club women of Junction City,
Kas., are the proud possessors of a club
house, which came to them in the form
of a magnificent gift from Major Ber-
trand Rockwell. It is a fine stone edifice
with a beautiful lawn fringed with scar-
let geraniums. The roomy auditorium
is finished in light hardwood, has a
highly polished floor, tinted walls and
stained windows. The well filled library,
connected with the main hall by an
archway, is hung with pictures, and has
a very home like atmosphere.

The annual convention of the Kansas
Federation was held in Junction City
last week, and the club women of that
city may surely be excused, if, with the
cordial hospitality extended was mingled
a very worthy pride that they were able
to welcome their guests in their own
club house. A reception committee
was stationed in the vestibule, where
guests were first welcomed, then invited
to register, then given badges of yellow
and brown ribbon knotted in sunflower
fashion. The convention was called to
order by the president, Mrs. S. R. Peters,
of Newtown. In responding to the ad-
dress of welcome Mrs. Garner, president
of the Atlantean club of Topeka, among
many other happy things admonished
members of the federation to constantly
exercise grace, that they might be saved
from coveting the club house of their
sister clubwomen of Junction City. The
annual address of the president was a
concise practical statement of the work
of the year. She counted among the
greatest benefits of the club movement
the awakening of sisterly sympathy, and
said that one of the many lessons of the
biennial was the fact that the effort for
the better won more attention from press
and federation than any other kind of
work. She urged the clubs to adopt
business methods in club work and
briefly spoke of the success of the trav-

eling library.

Mrs. Peters also submitted the follow-
ing recommendations, which will be ta-
ken under advisement by the executive
board:

That an official club column be main-
tained by every administration as a me-
dium of continuous communication be-
tween officers and clubs, and that clubs
be required to subscribe for the paper in
which it is published and to furnish their
reports.

That the federation library be united
with the traveling library and put
into circulation for state use.

That the constitution and bylaws be
amended, giving the president the power
to fill vacancies between regular sessions
of the federation.

That, whenever possible, one member
of each committee be retained as chair-
man for each new term of office.

That the district vice president be ap-
pointed by the president of the federa-
tion.

That individual clubs pay the dues of
the state to the general federation.

That the term of office of state federa-
tion be two years.

That civics be added to the federation
departments.

Lincoln has another book club similar
to the one already in existence. The
new club will have a few frills to dis-
tinguish it from the old one. First a
designating name. It will be known in
club history as "The Central Book Club."
This club is limited to twenty-five mem-
bers with an annual membership fee of
\$2.50. Each member is allotted two
books for two weeks then they are pass-
ed on in accord with the rules we here-
with appended. One unique feature of
this club will be the requirement that
each member, after reading a book must
write her opinion in a little blank book
that is attached. In selecting the books
each member was asked to submit the
name of two books which she would
like purchased. This club recommends
itself to those who enjoy reading the
new books, while they are very new, but
no doubt many old friends "tried and not
found wanting" will creep into the lists.
One feature of the book clubs which
recommends them to busy women, is
that they only meet twice a year.

The members of this club are Mes-
sames Wharton, Outcalt, Elmendorf,
Morrison, A. J. Sawyer, G. M. Lambert-
son, Tibbetts, M. D. Welch, C. L. Hall,
H. J. Hall, H. H. Wheeler, C. L. Hag-
gard, Spaulding, Miller, J. H. McCree,
M. H. Garten, Mason, Sabin, Lyman,
Barber, L. A. Sherman, and the Misses
Irwin, Loomis, and Howland.

RULES CONCERNING THE CENTRAL BOOK CLUB.

The officers shall be a president, secre-
tary and treasurer, and a book commit-
tee of three, who shall constitute an ex-
ecutive committee.

Annual meeting for the sale of books,
election of officers, and members shall
be held. A fine of \$1 for non attendance
at this meeting.

Membership limited to twenty-five;
yearly fee not to exceed \$2.50.

A member during sickness or absence
may transfer her privilege to another.

Books may be retained but two weeks,
then passed to the number next on the
list. Fine of five cents for each day a
book is kept over time.

Date of receipt and passing of book
must be marked in place provided in
each book. Fine of twenty-five cents
for not marking.

No member is allowed to loan a book
belonging to the club upon penalty of
expulsion.

Any member receiving defaced or mu-
tilated book, will report to the secretary
and the preceding member will be held
responsible.

Books marked for second reading must
not be disposed of until privilege is