

ways in which the delegates were entertained.

The president of the York federation, Mrs. Carscadden, with an able corps of assistants, was in constant evidence. Never before has there been a heartier or more cordial welcome to club women. Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock the State president, Mrs. Langworthy, called the executive board together.

After the executive meeting the board of directors immediately convened to discuss the business which was to come before the federation during the convention.

Tuesday evening at Fraternal Hall a charming reception was tendered to the delegates and visitors of the State Federation. The rooms were beautifully decorated and filled with a happy crowd, of about three hundred, bent upon mutual acquaintance. In this large auditorium delicious punch was served throughout the evening by two charming young ladies. In the banquet hall below were three long tables with rows of columns extending their length—the columns of the center table were trimmed with green which was filled with white daisies, the columns of the two outer tables were covered with pink poppies. This beautiful contrast in connection with the potted plants and palms made a charming scene. Not only were the club women there to receive and introduce, but they were ably assisted by their husbands, sons, and daughters. At ten o'clock the gentlemen were requested to take a visiting lady down for refreshments. At a late hour this happy social event came to an end.

There was a large attendance on Wednesday morning at the opening session of the convention. Mrs. Langworthy called the convention to order and introduced Mrs. O. W. Pifer who pronounced the invocation. Mrs. Carscadden, in a few hearty words offered a most cordial welcome to the federation in behalf of the York federation, to which Mrs. Apperson from Tecumseh made this happy response:

Mrs. Carscadden's cordial welcome is like a warm garment on a chilly morning.

Once upon returning from a day's absence my brother brought my little daughter a bag of pears. The child sat down in silence and ate awhile, then as the pears met her approval in every way, she got up and putting her arms around his neck, said: "Oh, I am glad to see you, Uncle!"

The Federation is partaking of your hospitality and I wish I could say to you in that childish voice of perfect pleasure and perfect satisfaction,

The Federation is glad to see you, York!

Mrs. Carscadden has expressed such a kindly interest in us that we would like to present her with a family group to show her with what perfect equanimity our husbands watched us pour water on the kitchen fire and lock the kitten out the back door, simply smiling and carrying our grips to the station because they have come to realize that the club movement has made us better and broader women.

It is singular that a literary or philanthropic uplift such as club life gives, should help us over the homely duties of every day and give us stronger to-morrow, but it does.

I always think of this club movement as an architectural achievement, and when I look to what it will be, the threadbare quotation is still appropriate:

"They builded better than they know."

Let us make it a Temple.

There is nothing more holy and more filled with happy possibilities unless it be an unwritten song—than a new structure. We who are later have simply rested in the vestibule enjoying its beauty,

we must enter soon and find our work.

We are exceptionally fortunate in the situation of this great club home of ours. In one of the most enlightened spots on earth our responsibility is less than in other states. So let us be all the more ready with the hand that helps. If I were a club woman down in Georgia with the race problem before me I should feel that clubdom was a great field and that it was growing late and all must get out and dig.

We have proven that we do not need the ballot to mould public opinion or further public enterprise and that plain every day living is no less an art now than music or sculpture.

Like all things new the club movement is pure, like a new country the atmosphere is rare, like a reform in its first effort it is untainted with personal ambition, like a new home it is holy.

Let us keep it a Temple.

In the decadence of things that should be beautiful I think of M. Guilleme's lament for English verse which runs something like this:

Art was a Temple once and wondrous fair,  
And hope and fellowship had altars there;  
Now 'tis a lazar house of leprous men,  
Oh when shall we have an English song again?

Help us York, to remember that this is a day to achieve as well as a holiday. Wish us all the happiness that is good for us but remember that more than enough is too much. Do not kill us with kindness and when we go home we will all wear the white rose which is in truth the badge of York.

Her speech was followed by the annual address of the president Mrs. S. C. Langworthy of Seward, which was what a president's address should be—a review and summarizing of the work accomplished—followed by plans and suggestions for the future, dwelling particularly upon the benefits to be derived from organization and co-operation. (I hope to print this address in full in the near future). The report of Mrs. F. N. Sackett, of Weeping Water, recording secretary, as well as that of the corresponding secretary, Mrs. D. C. McKillip, of Seward, showed the vast amount of work accomplished during the past year by the executive board of the federation.

There were ninety five delegates enrolled for this first meeting and the report of the committee on credentials was given by Mrs. A. Wellman of York. The report of the treasurer, Mrs. H. F. Doane of Crete, follows:

Total expenditures and receipts of the N. F. W. C. for the year 1898 1899, up to time of auditing (September) are as follows:

<b>Expenses—</b>	
Total expenses due in 1899:	
Annual meeting, at Omaha,	\$21.10
Printing.....	51.00
Postage and drafts.....	10.88
Ex. Board.....	40.19
Badges.....	3.63
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$126.80</b>
<b>Receipts—</b>	
Former treasurer.....	\$113.67
Club dues.....	52.00
Sale of Year Books.....	1.10
Sale of badges.....	75
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$167.52</b>
	126.80
<b>Balance on hand.....</b>	<b>\$ 40.72</b>
Respectfully submitted,	
ADELAIDE L. DOANE,	
Treasurer.	

After the report of the auditor, Mrs. A. B. Fuller, of Ashland, general business followed, consisting of the appointment of committees and taking action upon recommendations from the executive board. The committees on finance

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appointed to suggest plans for increasing the revenue of the N. F. W. C. recommended that each woman connected with the state federation give to the secretary of her club a two cent stamp to be forwarded to the state treasurer. This report was accepted in director's meeting, but in open session was amended to five cents, and in this form passed. By this simple device the treasurer's bank account will be increased \$175.00 if there are 3,500 federated club women in Nebraska. Those who have been connected with the executive board will appreciate how much help this sum will be. Another important transaction in the business session was the adoption of the Lincoln Courier, as the official organ of the state federation for one year. There was some difference of opinion as to the benefits to be derived from an official organ, but the majority felt that the onward trend of club work demanded a medium of communication between officers and clubs and between the clubs themselves. It will also be used in place of circular letters for announcements from state officers and chairmen of standing committees. At the close of the adoption of recommendations from the executive board the time remaining before the closing hour was devoted to hearing reports from delegates of clubs.

From the close of this morning session the convention was in full swing. From that time on until the singing of the closing hymn "America" on Friday morning the days were a constant succession of delightful and interesting events. Returning to Fraternal Hall after lunch a long line of carriages was in waiting to take the visitors about the beautiful city of York.

The country surrounding York is not as level as at Lincoln. Just rolling enough to be beautiful. I had often been told that York was one of the prettiest cities in the state, but seeing is of an necessity to believing, and that was an easy matter as we drove through the beautiful broad streets bordered with tall forest trees, that seemed larger and older than the town could possibly be. Behind these nestled the charming homes surrounded by shrubs and vines and garden houses, lawn seats, and the many other little things that indicate comfort and culture. The writer had the pleasure of riding after the gentle family horse of Mrs. C. J. Nobes, whose many Lincoln friends will be grieved to know of her serious illness. But though she could not come in person to welcome these ladies from all over her loved Nebraska, she wished her horse and surrey to be at their command. Mrs. Cowen drove and secured a friend to drive her own. As we slowly, reverently, passed the beautiful home of Mrs. Nobes on East Hill, we saw the weak white hand wave a welcome that was as touching as it was sincere.

At the close of the drive the delegates were taken to the auditorium, another new building—their beautiful new theatre—which the state federation also had the honor of dedicating. Here the musical session was held under the direction of Mrs. D. A. Campbell, of Lincoln, chairman of the committee on music of the state federation. This committee consisting of Mrs. H. F. Doane, of Crete, and Mrs. D. E. Sedgwick, of York, in connection with the chairman deserve special commendation for the

two delightful musicals arranged for this convention. Thus making it possible for the delegates far removed from musical centers to enjoy a musical program that in scope and character would do credit to the large music halls in our largest cities. The musical numbers were from the best talent in the state, and were interspersed with papers upon Italian, French, and German opera from ladies who knew whereof they were talking.

The first address of the afternoon which was by Mrs. H. F. Doane, of Crete, was on the topic "What Shall We Do With Music." Piano selections were given by Mrs. D. E. Sedgwick and Mrs. H. S. Harrison of York, Miss May Colson, of Fremont, and Mrs. Byers of Wymore. Delightful vocal solos were given by Mrs. Laura Sheets of Omaha, and Mrs. E. Lewis Baker and Miss Childs of Lincoln. There were two violin solos, by Miss Lewis of Tecumseh, and by Miss Dales of Lincoln. You have only to hear the names to know the merit of the execution. One of the most enjoyable numbers of the afternoon was a violin and piano duet given most charmingly by Miss Reese and Miss Bigelow of Hastings.

The evening session of Wednesday was to have been devoted to a lecture on art by Mrs. W. W. Keyser of Omaha. Illustrated with stereopticon views of the Boston Public Library Building. On account of serious illness in her family Mrs. Keyser could not be present. But at the last moment her friend, Miss Wilson of Omaha, consented to take her place. When we go to Boston, and visit that beautiful building we shall feel under renewed obligations to Miss Wilson for familiarizing us with the noted paintings and the interior of that noble structure.

At the close of Miss Wilson's explanations of the stereopticon views Mrs. F. M. Hall of Lincoln, chairman of the art committee, gave a very interesting talk about some celebrated artists (and their work), whom Mr. and Mrs. Hall had visited during their trip abroad the past summer. So vivid was her description of Rosa Bonheur's steep roofed cottage, with the one broad window in front, that we almost saw it.

Immediately upon convening Thursday morning the librarian, Mrs. G. M. Lambertson of Lincoln, gave her report which is as follows:

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

From October 10, 1898, to October 10, 1899.

<b>Contributions, 1898—</b>	
Oct. 28, Stromsburg, Francis M. Ford club.....	\$ 3.00
Nov. 6, Schuyler Woman's club..	1.00
Nov. 16, Syracuse Woman's club..	5.00
Dec. 1, Lincoln Fortnightly club..	2.00
Dec. 8, Plattsmouth Woman's club	5.00
<b>1899—</b>	
Jan. 9, Schuyler Woman's club..	1.00
Apr. 12, Ashland Woman's club..	3.00
May 15, Omaha Woman's club..	50.00
June 10, Tecumseh, "Cozy Club"	2.00
June 12, Stanton, "Sorosis".....	1.00
July 16, Seward, Art and History club.....	2.00
Oct. 2, Seward, "Nineteenth Century" club.....	1.50
<b>Total amount received from Oct. 10, '98, to Oct. 10, '99..</b>	<b>\$77.10</b>
<b>Total amount contributed from the beginning \$491.00.</b>	
<b>Balance on hand Oct. 10, '99..</b>	<b>42.31</b>
<b>Total working capital for year..</b>	<b>\$119.41</b>