

and is destined to general introduction. The obstacles to be overcome are chiefly lack of knowledge of its nature and value, lack of teachers who can be secured at such salaries as would command good teachers in other lines and lack of funds.

But the outlook is hopeful.

We are facing a new and enlarged ideal of general education, an ideal that demands not only intellectual training, but ethical and manual as well.

Woman's clubs are talking and doing things in educational lines, broadening and quickening the minds of mothers, and when the mothers become fully alive to the needs in the case, we may confidently expect results to follow speedily.

I. M. FARMER.

Mrs. L. K. Dunham, of Weeping Water, reports:

Saturday afternoon, October 21st, being the time of the regular meeting of the Zstetic Club, twelve members assembled at the pleasant home of Mrs. Butler. After the usual roll call and routine of necessary business, the program was begun. Mrs. Guardet offered a well written paper, subject: "The Rise and Fall of the Slave Power." An informal discussion followed. This has proven the best means of bringing out the views of the members and emphasizing the principal points of the paper.

Music is often one of the most enjoyable features of our meetings, and that which was furnished at this meeting was no exception to the rule. Two numbers were given, a vocal solo by Miss Agnes Butler and a piano solo rendered by Miss Vira Geor in her usual faultless and artistic style.

The club next listened to a paper upon "Anti-Slavery Agitators," written by Mrs. Donelan. As she was not present the paper was read by Mrs. Margaret Sackett. A short sketch was given of John Brown, Wendell Phillips and others; nor was the far-reaching influence of Mrs. Stowe's wonderful book overlooked.

The remainder of the session was devoted to echoes of the recent state federation. Our delegate, Mrs. Butler, gave a graphic and interesting report, which was supplemented by Mrs. Sackett, who has been one of the state officers. Our president, Mrs. Hungate, also gave a brief talk. While each presented different views of the meeting, all agreed that it was one of the best and that the ladies of York spared no effort to make it the success that it was.

After adjournment our hostess served delicious refreshments.

Report of committee on resolutions:

Whereas, The federated clubs and citizens of York have so pleasantly entertained the N. F. W. C in providing comforts and recreations for the delegates assembled in the annual meeting of October 10 to 13; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1, That we tender to them sincere appreciation of their hospitality and unfailing courtesy, and commend to future conventions their plan of entertainment; further,

Resolved, 2, That the thanks of this federation are especially due to the clubs of York for their cordial welcome as evidenced in the evening reception; to the musicians of this and other cities for the rare treat offered by the evening musicale; to the school board for its kindly co-operation; to the proprietor of the auditorium for the use of his beautiful building, and to the various societies for favors received.

Resolved, 3, That we express to our retiring officers, particularly to our honored and efficient president, Mrs. S. C. Langworthy, our gratitude for their faithful services during the past year.

Resolved, 4, That we extend our appreciation and thanks to the chairman of the several departments and to the

art and music committees for the enthusiastic and conscientious efforts which have been so happily consummated in our program; also to the Omaha Ceramic Club and other china painters throughout the state for the beautiful and fragile wares loaned for the art exhibit, and to all who have assisted in making this meeting an undeniable success.

EMMA C. PAGE, Syracuse.
ANNIE L. MILLER, Lincoln.
MINNIE S. CLINE, Minden.

The following is a summary of the report of the reciprocity bureau of the N. S. W. C given at York last week by the chairman, Mrs. Archibald Scott, of Lincoln:

The reciprocity bureau was originated by Mrs. Stoutenborough one year ago while she was state president. Mrs. Scott was elected chairman in October and in November the executive board elected a committee to assist, consisting of the following: Mrs. S. C. Langworthy, Mrs. B. M. Stoutenborough and Mrs. G. M. Lambertson. This committee met in January and formulated a letter, a copy of which was sent to each federated club, meeting with hearty approval and commendation.

The bureau opened formally in the latter part of March with seventy-six manuscripts ready for exchange. Thus far thirty loans have been made, which is considered encouraging by the committee, on account of the short time the bureau has been in operation.

As each application must be accompanied by ten cents for postage this department for loan of manuscripts is self-supporting.

Two other departments complete the bureau. These consist of lists of names of those who will give parlor talks throughout the state when called upon, some for expenses only and others for some compensation. The correspondence has been extensive in putting this feature of our federation work into operation. There have been sent out from this bureau since January 1st three hundred and twenty (320) communications, and one hundred and eighty-two have been received.

Thus far the expenses have been only \$13.00. Ten dollars was received from the Lincoln woman's club and \$6.00 from the N. F. W. C., leaving a balance of \$3.00.

This year's catalogue will no doubt prevail throughout the coming year, and no new papers added until next year.

The committee extends greetings and good wishes to all clubs for the coming year, and many thanks for the hearty co-operation of all, which made this reciprocity bureau such a successful feature of our state federation.

TECUMSEH, Oct. 23, 1899.

The Cozy Club has held two very interesting meetings this year. The work for the year as outlined in the year book is German history. The first meeting October 4, was at the home of Mrs. Harris. The lesson was "Primitive Germans and the Migrations." Miss Appelget read an interesting paper on "German Mythology." October 18 the lesson was "German Kingdoms, Charlemagne and the Carolingian Dynasty," and was led by Mrs. Pollock. Mrs. Harris' paper on the "Legends of the Black Forest" was very interesting. Mrs. Barton, delegate to the state meeting at York, gave a full report. Mrs. Apperson was hostess. At each meeting there was some excellent music. A pleasant social half hour was enjoyed at the close of the program.

The Century Club met on Tuesday with Mrs. Howell, a large number of members being present. Mrs. M. E. Van Brunt read an exceedingly interesting paper on "The Reformation." The

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book review planned for Tuesday was postponed until next meeting for lack of time. The club will meet in two weeks with Mrs. Lindley.

The "Friends in Council," of Tecumseh, spent a very pleasant two hours at the home of Mrs. Mary De foe. Our work being English literature, the following program was given: Milton, by Mrs. Graff; Bunyan, by Mrs. Howorth; Dryden, by Mrs. E. Chamberlain. Discussion, "Pilgrim's Progress," by Mrs. Stewart; "Paradise Lost," by Mrs. Talcot, followed by refreshments and social half hour.

HERRE AND THERE IN OMAHA.

The chief excitement in Omaha this week has been over the Exposition for the closing of its gates has been momentarily expected. There has been much excitement in the White city, but it was of the kind that did not get into the daily papers and the amusements were not of the sort that were advertised in the programs.

There have been many processions around the grand court and many strange ones too, but they would hardly equal in picturesqueness those that wended about the Lagoon during the week. The processions were composed of men who marched around defiantly, demanding their wages and making dire threats to leave the city in total darkness if some one did not pony up.

The men marched about in bodies and had a great time, with the result that through some hook or crook they got their money before time to light up in the evening and the strike was over. There have been many incipient strikes during the week but matters have been smoothed out in almost every instance and it is thought that the Greater American Imposition will drag its dying days out to the end of the month.

There was a meeting of the board of directors the other day and it reminded one forcibly of a funeral. There were long faces and sad ones too and a general air of melancholy hung about the place that gave a man the chills. One by one, like the roses of summer that

the poets rave about, the employees have been let out until but a handful are left on the pay roll. Where a hundred guards marched around last year but twenty now police the white city. Where hundreds of gatemen and ticket takers were kept busy at the Trans-Mississippi exposition but a handful of men idly dawdle their time away at the turnstiles. The Superintendent of promotion and publicity, known this year as the superintendent of commotion and duplicity has resigned to take a reportorial position on a newspaper and every one who can possibly get away has gone to other scenes.

The rumors that the thing would close its gates in despair have been many during the last few weeks, in fact as thick as cockle burrs in a dog's tail, but the management could not close if it wanted to. The concessionaires with their bankrupt shows signed contracts to keep open until November 1. If the show attempted to close they would pounce upon it.

The army of unpaid employees too would be at their heels like a pack of hounds. Thus are the men at the head of the thing placed between the devil and the deep sea. They will sink money if they keep open and sink it if they close. At the present time the Exposition is in debt at least \$15,000 and there is little prospect that any of that will be made up, in fact the outlook is rather for an increase than a diminution of the deficit.

There are many reasons advanced for the failure of the show. Some point at Edward Rosewater and say he killed it. Others say that the railroads did not do their duty, and still others swear that the people of the state throttled it. It would seem that a combination of untoward circumstances knocked the wind out of the thing from start to finish and that it has been hoodooed by the worst kind of a hoodoo from soup to pie.

Be the cause as it may, the show has been lying along in a dying condition ever since the gates were opened and the word failure is written on every white building and on every pavement stone through the grounds. And strange as it may seem not a peep has been heard about holding another exposition in Omaha next year.

A ROUNDER.