

Bertha E. Berbet, who ran for school commissioner in White Plains, N. Y., and who thoroughly believes in the political emancipation of woman, decided that, as she was running for an office which from time immemorial had been monopolized by men, she would adopt the masculine methods—which had been so successful in the past—to secure it. She organized and conducted her own campaign according to the methods in use by the political worker. Her certificate of election expenses shows that she contributed \$100 to the republican county committee; campaign buttons cost her \$34; photographs, \$7; cards, \$11; photographs and cuts, presumably for publication in the newspapers and local campaign literature, \$8.50; hall rent, \$11.50; substitute at school, \$15, in addition to which she treated to carriage rides and cigars to the amount of \$41.25. Her total expenses were \$325.61.

All lovers of a fair fight in an open field will be glad to know she was elected.

The following story of Mrs. William Tod Helmuth, president of the New York federation, is going the rounds of the club papers:

"At a club election where the parliamentary points were getting tangled and the participants were exhibiting bitter feeling, this presiding genius arose and said:

"Ladies, let us make the rules of the Pilgrims the order of the day—

"Touch no state matters.

"Pick no quarrels.

"Reveal no secrets.

"Maintain no ill opinions.

"Make no comparisons.

"Lay no wagers."

Her intimate friends dubbed these rules "Fanny's recipe for club elections."

The women of Iceland are not outdone by their enterprising sisters of more congenial climes. They have organized a woman's club known as the Thorwaldsen society, which looks after the poor, visits the hospital and supports a sewing society.

The board of education of Philadelphia has introduced an innovation that promises to be of unlimited benefit. Janitors of the public schools are now special police officers, empowered to wear a policeman's badge and to arrest incorrigible boys and take them to the police station. This action of the board was a necessary sequence of the attempt to enforce the compulsory education law, for with the enforced attendance of the truants it became obligatory upon the school authorities to lodge in some officer the power to control the bad boys who bully the women teachers.

Before the adoption of this sensible rule the most the janitor could do to assist the teachers was to expel the bad boys from the school room. In most instances this was the very point the boys were trying to gain. As the rod is practically abolished by law as a means of discipline in school, it has become a necessity to substitute some new method of controlling unruly boys. The power vested in a janitor to arrest an unruly scholar, take him before a judge and have him punished for insubordination will have a persuasiveness far more potent than the rod or the most tactful teacher. Philadelphia has not a corner on this new departure, and it could be profitably adopted by most public schools, thus saving the extra expense of a truant officer.

Did you know that down in "Old Virginia" they have a law which justifies a man in beating his wife under certain circumstances, but debars him from that privilege towards a woman who is not his wife? Recently a man in that section of our great civilized country

was on trial for beating his wife. He made an earnest plea of great provocation and the court seemed inclined to order his discharge, when the wife claimed the privilege of going on the stand in self-defense. Her defense was a decree of divorce, which she had obtained without the knowledge of her husband. Of course the court was compelled to modify its views. If she was not the man's wife it was a bona fide case of assault and battery, and the man was fined five dollars. Undoubtedly the common law prevails in Virginia, the law which we have inherited from our British ancestors, who cherished the privilege of beating our foremothers. But to return to our American wife-beater. That was a rather unfair advantage to take of a man who felt morally secure in the arms of the law. It was a rude awakening to a flaw in that noble law, that law which had not provided for an emergency when a wife might quietly procure a divorce and keep it to be sprung at a moment when it might put him at a great disadvantage.

Miss Caroline Hazard, who has recently been elected president of Wellesley, belongs to the well known Hazard family of Rhode Island. She is forty-two years old and has already gained a considerable reputation by her writing. She has been an ardent student of history and research.

This latter quality is shown in a work entitled, "Thomas Hazard, Son of Robert, Called College Tom; or, Student Life in Narragansett In the Eighteenth Century. By His Grandson's Granddaughter." This was compiled from family papers and village records and is remarkable for its antiquarian minuteness. She also published a volume of "Narragansett Ballads" and a collection of religious sonnets.

She has long been associated with her father, the late Rowland Hazard, in plans for the community which has grown up about the factories of the Hazard family in Peacedale, and was trusted by him to carry out the details of many of these plans.

In recognition of her attainments, the University of Michigan has conferred upon her the degree of A. M., and Brown university the degree of L. D. Miss Hazard brings also to the presidency a mind well equipped for the management of affairs.

At the last meeting of the child study department of the woman's club Prof. Hart, of the state university, gave a interesting lecture on "The Cultivation of Emotion." The discussion which followed was general and elicited many illustrations. The ladies feel under many obligation to Prof. Hart. The next program for the general meeting of the woman's club will be held under the auspices of this department on December 4th. The leader of this department, Mrs. Katherine Able, has arranged the following program for that occasion:

"Up and Down the Green Sward, a-Maying We will Go," Schumann. "The Pixies Drill," Arthur Brown, by Gracie Bennett; "Manual Training," Prof Richards, of the state university; vocal solo, Mrs. Mark Woods; "Use of the Sense Organs," Dr. H. B. Lowery.

In addition there will be two musical numbers furnished by the university school of music.

The New Book Review Club was entertained at its last meeting at the pleasant home of Miss Anna Howland. It is the plan of this club to review one new book at each meeting. Roll call is responded to by quotation from the author under consideration for that day. At this meeting Mrs. Kelly gave a short biographical sketch of Winston Churchill, whose deservedly popular historical novel, "Richard Carvel," was the study

for the afternoon. Mrs. E. S. Cook followed with a very interesting review of the story.

The recent discovery of the long-sought burial place of Paul Jones in an old abandoned cemetery in the heart of Paris, now covered by buildings, gives an added interest to this most fascinating story. It is the rule of this club that the review of any book must be confined to thirty minutes. The review was followed by a general discussion, and a five minutes' talk on new books by Mrs. Widener. Over the teacups impromptu talks of three minutes are expected from each member upon subjects proposed by the hostess. The next meeting will be with Mrs. R. E. Penny, 1311 F' street.

The Century Club met last week with Mrs. W. G. Noble at her charming new home, corner of Sixteenth and Poplar streets. Imbued with the spirit of the hour, a large share of the afternoon was devoted to current events. It is difficult in this history-making epoch in each of the four quarters of the globe for two or three to be gathered together without discussing the happenings of the hour. The chief paper of the afternoon was given by Mrs. Henry Hartley on Holland. It was a review of the struggles of this brave little nation for freedom, dwelling particularly upon the efforts of the leaders—William of Orange, Maurice of Nassau and Barneveldt. At the next meeting "What Are Our Obligations to the Colored Race?" will be discussed, with Mrs. W. A. Lindley as leader.

The last meeting of the Hall in the Grove the following enjoyable program was rendered:

"Ravenna and Genoa," by Mrs. Geo. Adams; "Dante," by Mrs. Johnson; "Christianity and Civilization," by Mrs. Mohler. The paper gave rise to a very spirited and interesting discussion. The discussion at the next meeting will be led by Mrs. F. N. Gibson on "Do We Read Too Much Fiction?"

Of the many interesting subjects presented by Sorosis this year there has been none presented in a more interesting or enthusiastic manner than the subject of "Child Study" at the last meeting. Mrs. H. H. Wheeler, as leader, was assisted by Mrs. Herman and Mrs. Tibbets. At the next meeting, which will be held December 5th in room 207, Nebraska Hall, university building, Mrs. E. H. Barbour will give an illustrated talk on "The Fossil Field Scientific Expedition." Remarkably artistic outlines have been provided, gaily colored and adorned with pre-historic animals. The topics are arranged as follows:

Object of the expedition.
Trip over the Union Pacific to Laramie, Wyo.
Camp at Union, Wyo.
Organization, start, scenes en route.
Discoveries, old and new.
How the outside world viewed the expedition.
Results.

Thanks to Mrs. W. H. Bailey, corresponding secretary of the I. F. W. C., we are in receipt of the new yearbook, which is full of information of Iowa club work. This federation, which was organized in 1893, holds its conventions bi-ennially. It is composed of 184 clubs representing a total membership of about 6,200. Systematic work is pursued under the library, educational, art and household economics committees and through the bureau of reciprocity. The year book includes reports from each of these committees, showing a large amount of helpful work accomplished. One criticism I should make upon the constitution of Iowa's federation is that the state chairman of correspondence is

not a member of the executive board. The present incumbent of that office, Mrs. H. M. Towner, is one of Iowa's most active club women and would bring an added strength to any executive board. This federation is concentrating its efforts this winter on a plan to secure a state library commission, this board of commissioners to be the head of the public library system of the state—a center for all library interests. An important duty of this commission is to give advice concerning organization and administration whenever asked. Such a commission has been tried in some of the states and proved a great assistant in increasing library interest.

ART HISTORY.

Outline of Work Prepared by Mrs. F. M. Hall, Chairman of the Art Committee of the N. F. W. C.

LESSON II.

BABYLONIAN AND ASSYRIAN ART.

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