

CLUBS.

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CALENDAR OF NEBRASKA CLUBS.

December.		
30.	Woman's c., Reception	North Bend
30.	Review and Art c., Michael Angelo	York
30.	Woman's c., New Year's Meeting	Syracuse
30.	Pansy c., Phelps and Thoreau	Tecumseh
January.		
1.	Zetetic c., Reception	Weeping Water
1.	Woman's c., Reception	Omaha
1.	Woman's c., Reception	Lincoln
1.	Matinee Musical, Open Meeting	Lincoln
1.	Sorosis, Open Meeting	Stanton
1.	Woman's c., Open Meeting	Central City
2.	Woman's c., French Conversation	Omaha
2.	History and Art c., The Toleration Act	Albion
2.	Woman's c., Ethics and philosophy	Omaha
2.	Woman's c., Home Department	Fairbury
2.	Woman's c., Current Topics	Omaha
2.	Woman's c., German History	Omaha
3.	Mary Barnes' c., French and Indian War	Fullerton
3.	The Century c., Customs and Characteristics of the People of Holland	Lincoln
5.	Woman's c., Oratory	Omaha
5.	Woman's c., Art	Lincoln
5.	Woman's c., History	Lincoln
5.	Self Culture c., French History	St. Paul
5.	Woman's c., Motions—Snow-Bound	Plattsmouth
6.	Hall in the Grove, Do Women Need the Ballot	Lincoln
4.	Lallah Rookh Literary c., Current Events	Lincoln
6.	Woman's c., Dickens	North Bend
6.	XIX Century c., Painting in Germany	Seward
6.	History and Art c., Christmas and New Year Legends	Seward
6.	Fin de Siecle c., Early American Paints and Painters	Seward

OFFICERS OF N. F. W. C., 1899 & 1900.
 Pres., Mrs. Anna L. Apperson, Tecumseh.
 V. P., Mrs. Ida W. Blair, Wayne.
 Cor. Sec., Mrs. Virginia D. Arnup, Tecumseh.
 Rec. Sec., Miss Mary Hill, York.
 Treas., Mrs. H. F. Doane, Crete.
 Librarian, Mrs. G. M. Lambertson, Lincoln.
 Auditor, Mrs. E. J. Hainer, Aurora.

Lincoln, Nebr., Dec. 27, '99.

The Board of Directors of the Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs met this day on call of the president. In the absence of the vice president Mrs. Blair, our president, Mrs. Apperson, occupied the chair. All members present except Mrs. Blair and Mrs. Hainer. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Lincoln and Tecumseh kindly extended invitations to the State Federation to hold its annual meeting in these respective cities. In view of the fact that Tecumseh has much to do during the present year, it was moved that we gratefully accept the invitation of the City Federation of Women's Clubs of Lincoln, motion carried.

Mrs. Doane, treasurer N. F. W. C. made the following report:
 To balance from last year.....\$40.72
 To receipts since September.....154.28
 By expenses.....67.97
 Balance on hand.....127.03

Total.....\$195.00

She also reported that clubs throughout the state are responding promptly and heartily to the five cent tax voted at the York meeting of the Federation and the financial committee is glad to know that the payment is not considered a burden. The question of the five cent per capita tax was fully discussed and it was decided that a woman who belongs to several clubs has the privilege of paying the tax in each club.

On motion the bills for stationery for the state officers were allowed.

On motion Mrs. Apperson was made chairman of committees on year books for the year 1900 with power to appoint her assistants.

On motion Mrs. Doane was instructed to formulate an amendment to section four of the by-laws and send to the president.

The following committees were ap-

pointed by the chair:
 Standing Committees.
 Industrial—
 Mrs. Harford, 3016 Pacific, Omaha.
 Mrs. Letton, Fairbury.
 Mrs. Horum, Auburn.
 Household Economics—
 Mrs. Pugh, 36th and Nicholas Avenue, Omaha.
 Mrs. Milton Scott, 221 South 27th street, Lincoln.
 Miss Mary F. Paul, St. Paul.
 Music—
 Mrs. E. H. Barbour, 1233 Q street, Lincoln.
 Mrs. Robt. McConaughy, York.
 Mrs. Fremont.
 Art—
 Mrs. F. M. Hall, D and 11th street, Lincoln.
 Mrs. Keysor, 2727 Caldwell street, Omaha.
 Mrs. Fuller, Ashland.
 Program—
 Mrs. Draper Smith, Omaha.
 Mrs. A. W. Field, Lincoln.
 Mrs. Cross, Fairbury.
 The president is ex officio a member of all committees.

In reply to inquiry the G. F. W. C. is officered as follows:
 President, Mrs. William B. Lowe, 513 Peachtree street Atlanta, Ga.; vice president, Mrs. Sarah S. Platt, Hotel Metropole, Denver, Colo.; recording secretary, Mrs. Emma A. Fox, 21 Bagley avenue, Detroit, Mich.; corresponding secretary, Mrs. G. W. Kendrick, Jr., 3507 Baring street, Philadelphia, Pa.; treasurer, Mrs. Philip N. Moore, 1520 Mississippi avenue, St. Louis, Mo.; auditor, Mrs. C. P. Barnes, 1026 3rd avenue, Louisville, Kentucky.

The art committee of the G. F. W. C. has asked for two days at the Milwaukee Biennial next June, and their program will be something like the following:

FIRST DAY.

10:30 a. m.—Report from art clubs of the Eastern and Middle States. Debate of one hour—"How to bring Art into Club Life."
 2:30 p. m.—Lecture illustrated. "Domestic Architecture; How to Build a House." At this session it is proposed to show by talks from experts and photographs of decorations and effects, how to build an inexpensive and artistic home.

8:00 p. m.—Reception to officers and delegates in the exhibition rooms, and private view of the work displayed.

SECOND DAY.

10:30 a. m.—Reports from art clubs of the Southern and Western States. Debate—"Inherited Art Industries."
 2:30 p. m.—Lecture, illustrated. "Methods and Possibilities of Sculpture"
 8:00 p. m.—Reception to the public in the exhibition rooms.

In connection with the special art program there will be during the entire Biennial an art exhibit showing the work of American artists and craftsmen, including painting and sculpture, photographs, work in metals, hand-wrought rugs, basket weaving, colonial embroideries, etcetera. It is rumored, that some of the remarkable exhibits given under the auspices of the Arche Club may be repeated. Every session under the conduct of the art committee will aim to instruct the delegates as well as to entertain and interest them—give them, what is, rational and practical art knowledge that they may take away and apply individually.

The art committee, of which Mrs. Herman J. Hall, of Chicago, is chairman and the other members are Mrs. E. M. Scott, of New York, Mrs. N. M. McCord, of Bridgeport, Conn., and Mrs. A. H. Brockway, of Brooklyn, suggests for the coming season's work in the field of art:

I.—TO THE STATE FEDERATION.

(a) The election of a committee who

shall foster the study in the clubs of the arts and crafts, especially domestic architecture and decoration. The state committee to collect books on arts and photographs of masterpieces, to be circulated among the clubs in towns remote from the galleries and libraries.

(b) The arrangement of an exhibition at the regular meetings, where meritorious work by American artists and craftsmen may be displayed.

(c) The establishment of lecture courses on art subjects.

II.—TO CITY CLUBS.

In cities where exhibitions of works by American artists are held.

(a) The annual purchase of one or more works of art to be selected by a vote of club members.

(b) The appointment of committees to visit studios of local artists and to report events in the art world.

In cities where no regular exhibitions are held.

The co-operation of clubs in establishing exhibitions where local artists and craftsmen may be represented.

III.—TO COUNTRY CLUBS.

(a) The circulation of art magazines.
 (b) The encouragement and development, especially in members living in isolated places, of embroidery, rug and linen weaving, lace making, metal work, and carving; the circulation among them of manuals of instruction.

IV.—TO ALL CLUBS.

(a) The study of the history of art in connection with other matters of contemporaneous human interest.

(b) The encouragement and elevation of inherited art industries, such as the rug and basket weaving of the aborigines.

(c) The decoration of school rooms by works of art.

(d) The placing of municipal boards of artists and architects, to influence decision on the artistic merits of plans for proposed public buildings and monuments.

(e) The systematic disapproval of the defacement of natural scenery by advertisements, and combined action against purchasing wares advertised in this offensive manner.

(f) The urgent necessity of cultivating the ability to buy correctly by a careful and systematic selection of articles which shall be of good design and harmonious in color.

The women's clubs of Grand Rapids, Michigan, have received a lecture from the Herald of that city which may be of much benefit to them. There are some twenty clubs in the city, and the Herald concedes that they are good for the women and indirectly for the city as they broaden the feminine mind, smooth the ruts and raise the standard of culture and refinement.

On the other hand the Herald asserts that it knows no practical good they are doing for the city itself, or that they are a force for municipal progress. The editor asks, "What have they done for the schools, for the promotion of better laws and ordinances, and for improving the general tone of the community?" It is evident from this that the women's clubs of Grand Rapids have not yet advanced beyond the pursuit of "the good, the true and the beautiful," in literature and art and the "writing of papers."

The many ways in which women are becoming self helpful is very gratifying, an exchange reports the Bank of France as employing 400 women. The self supporting women throughout France number 3,750,000. In Germany there are 5,500,000 self supporting, many of them in employments not sought by women in this country, being gunsmiths, coppermiths, brass and bell founders, masons, stonecutters, workers

in marble. In one district of Russia there are several villages within ten square miles the several governments of which are conducted wholly by women. In Chile all car conductors, hotel and postoffice clerks are women. In Austria there are many women barbers. A successful firm of tea merchants in London is composed of women. One member of the London county council is a woman. The hard work of blacksmithing is done by 347 women in England.

That higher education of women does not necessarily imply something different from the higher education of men, in the matter of scholarship, is shown in the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity in Vassar as well as in other colleges. This is the first invitation of the sort ever extended to a purely woman's college.

Although Miss Anthony has announced her intention of resigning from the presidency of the Universal Suffrage Association there will be no dearth of interest in the question. Two candidates—both champions for many years' standing—are already mentioned to fill the vacancy. Mrs. Lillian Devereaux Blake, has been an active worker for more than twenty years in her specialty—State privileges for women—and it is largely due to her indomitable energies that most of these have been secured. She is a woman of rare culture and a ready talker. The other candidate, Mrs. Catt, is now on a lecturing tour through the west, and although she has not been actively engaged in the work as long as Mrs. Blake, still her friends are legion and a rather spirited election is anticipated.

While America and England lead the onward club march France, Germany, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland and Russia are fast falling into line. Even Turkey—usually the last in any game where progress is the goal—thanks "to the American women, constituting the faculty of the Girls' American College at Constantinople, has joined the onward procession of women, who "want to know things." This is the main reason for the existence of women's clubs today; and everywhere the kind of information they are seeking varies with the environment genius and spirit of the community.

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