

Mr. Kirker and Professor Candy. At the close of this unique program a Dutch supper was served in the kitchen by the following maids in costume: Mesdames Baker, Hayes, Jones and Miss Polk. Partners were secured by matching parts of little hand-painted wind mills. The next meeting of this club will be held at the home of Mrs. Hindman on February 28th. Israel and contemporaries will be discussed.

The Ruth Wyley chapter of the D. A. R. of Hartford Conn., recognized a great opportunity, seized it and for the last three years has been busy restoring the monuments of Hartford's old burying ground, used from 1610 to 1803. The historic importance of this old cemetery had been overlooked in the rush of modern times. In this burying ground are the ashes of those families who, under the leadership of John Haynes and Rev. Thomas Hooker, immigrated to the shores of Connecticut in 1636 with the common purpose of founding a new commonwealth. The state of Connecticut owes its existence to the men, who were the first to assert the principle that "governments derive their just power from the consent of the governed." This chapter has accomplished much in the restoration of the historical stones in this burying ground.

The largest reading room in the world was opened recently in connection with the congressional library. Five hundred American daily newspapers and one hundred foreign—mostly dailies—have been subscribed for. The files are arranged alphabetically by states and countries for the benefit of visitors. Every state in the union is represented, as well as all colonial possessions. The weekly and monthly periodicals number about two thousand.

In the past the performance of the Passion play at Oberammergau has been in a large amphitheater open to the sky and air. For the future performances a large hall has been built, costing fifty thousand dollars and capable of seating four thousand people. The stage and proscenium will still be open, with the valley and mountains as a background. The first performance of 1900 will take place on May 24 h.

The bureau of labor has issued a bulletin on the "Attitude of Women's Clubs and Associations." The great demand for it induced the department to issue three thousand more. Mrs. Heriot says: "I feel we are on the eve of a great reaction along industrial lines, especially as they affect women. I think it was absolutely necessary for women to acquire perfect freedom of choice as to the profession to follow or the trade in which to engage. That is practically conceded to them in this country now. Having won that freedom, women will turn their energy toward trades and professions that minister to the home. They will recognize that household economics is an exact scientific training, and that mothers and housewives are no longer born, but must be trained, educated." There is no doubt but the choice of a proper profession or trade may also be left entirely for women to decide.

The regular session of the Monday club of Wayne was held at the home of Mrs. Chace. Nine members answered to roll call, one excused and one late. Meeting called to order by the president at 3:30. Order of business as follows. Minutes of previous session read and approved; also the minutes of the last meeting of the board of directors. At the request of the president of the federation, the question of "open meetings" was brought up for consideration. After a short discussion, the following

motion was made and seconded: That the literary and social meetings of the federation be made open meetings. Carried. It was also requested that the object for which each club was willing to work be discussed and reported at the next meeting of the board, which resulted in a decision that the members of the Monday club combine their efforts and work for a public library, and the town be solicited for books. Motion was made and seconded that the secretary be allowed postage and stationery. Carried. The sum of five dollars and fifty cents was received from the librarian. Being no further business, the program was taken up, which was as follows:

Mismanagement at Court During the Reign of Louis XVI.—Mrs. Harrington. Jacobin Club—Mrs. Fuller.

Causes of the French Revolution—Mrs. Norris.

Adjourned to meet in one week with Mrs. Main.

The Ladies' Thursday Musicales club of Minneapolis has waged a successful anti-hat crusade. The members of the club arranged to entertain a noted guest. A courageous member suggested that each woman should leave her hat at home or take it off during the exercises. The results were so happy that an anti-hat pledge received over five hundred signatures in a little time. In these days it is the woman who fails to remove her hat that is conspicuous.

On January 13 h the Zetetic club of Weeping Water met with Mrs. Margaret Sackett. Fifteen members responded to roll call. Mrs. Leach read a well written paper on "The Fool's Errand." Mrs. Rouse read an instructive and interesting paper on "Glimpses of Administrations from Lincoln to McKinley." Mrs. Woodford read a fine paper on "The Growth of Literature During the Last Half Century."

A movement is on foot to institute an exhibit of the work of southern women. The plan is to hold an annual exposition in New York early in the spring, with a view to establishing a permanent exchange for southern industries. Besides the usual forms of hand work exhibited by women, there will be a southern kitchen in full operation, where food from the south, prepared by natives according to their own recipes, will be served. Any one interested in this work for southern women may learn of details by addressing Mrs. R. A. Pryor, West Sixty-ninth street, New York.

The musical club of Hastings held its annual election Monday night, February 12 h, choosing officers as follows: Mrs. B. F. Beall, president; Mrs. George S. Hayes, vice president; Miss Grace Bigelow, secretary, and Mrs. J. J. Sexon, treasurer. The club starts the third year in fine shape, with Miss Farrelburg as directress.

The national congress convenes this week at Washington, D. C., of the Daughters of the American Revolution. It has been comparatively quiet, as there is no election this year of a chief officer. The present president general, Mrs. Daniel Manning, holds her place for another year. Mrs. Manning's presidency has not disappointed her friends. The Bazar says her training as the wife of a cabinet officer, together with her natural tact, has served her well through the trying duties as the head of this large and important organization. A society of which eligibility consists of extraneous conditions rather than personal characteristics, as is the case with the D. A. R. and other hereditary societies, brings together a company of women of widely diverse interests and equipment. To

preserve harmony and keep the complex machinery in smooth working order calls for executive ability of a high order.

The usual crop of amendments is likely to be brought before the convention. Every new regent is apt to come on with one or two, her brief experience often misleading her into the idea that what seems necessary locally should be grafted on the national constitution. Some of the most important matters that have been before the congress recently are now disposed of. The question of the union between the D. R.'s and the D. A. R.'s is one that is not likely to be reopened. The George Washington Memorial Association, too, while it may present a report, is strengthening its effort on lines outside the D. A. R. association. Its reorganization and future plans under its new president are a later story for this department. The always interesting reports from the local chapters will show this year a most gratifying increase numerically and in work accomplished. Echoes of the war will be found in the response in many states to the call from the Manila troops. These patriotic societies, scattered all over the country, are not only preserving valuable historical associations, and helping in the time of the nation's need, but they are lending their activities to important sociological effort.

The Zetetic club of Weeping Water met February 10th with Mrs. Gardet. Fifteen members and one visitor were present. Miss Stella Sackett sang "Chalet Horn," by Glover. Our study for the afternoon was "King Lear." A sketch of Shakespeare's life, by Mrs. Race, preceded the study of the play.

Mrs. Sanderson and Miss Haywood, leaders of the second division of the Matinee Musical of Lincoln, arranged a charming program for last Monday afternoon, entitled "Shakespeare in Music." The delightful selections of piano and violin numbers, interspersed with songs, fascinated every one. The program was as follows:

Piano quartet, overture, "Midsummer's Night's Dream," Mendelssohn; Mrs. E. H. Barbour, Mrs. A. R. Mitchell, Miss Annie L. Miller, Mrs. S. H. Rathbone.

Soprano solo, "Orpheus with His Lute" (Henry VIII), Sullivan; Mrs. John Doane.

Violin solo, masque, "As You Like It." Rustic Dance, German; Miss Alice Marie Shepherd.

Contralto solo, "Come Unto These Yellow Sands," Purcell; "Bow, Blow, Thou Winter Winds," (As You Like It), Dr. Arne; Miss Grace Reynolds.

Piano duet, Scenes from Tempest, "Melodrama," "Dance of the Reapers," Van der Sucken; Miss Haywood, Mrs. E. P. Brown.

Piano solo, "Where the Bee Sucks," (Tempe), Dr. Arne; "Who is Sylvia," (Two Gentlemen of Verona), Schubert; Miss Florence Worley.

Piano solo, "Hark, Hark, the Lark" (Cymbeline), Schubert-Liszt; Miss Maud Hammond.

Vocal quartet, "Ye Spotted Snakes" (Midsummer's Night's Dream), Mendelssohn; Mrs. C. E. Sanderson, Miss Florence Worley, Miss Grace Reynolds, Miss Florence Robinson.

Mrs. Haywood, accompanist.

The department of literature of the Fairbury club held a meeting Tuesday, February 20th, in the club room, a number of visitors being present. The music is always an attractive feature of the program. Roll call was responded to with quotations from Bret Hart and a biography of his life. The club was in the best of humor after listening to a paper, replete with wit and wisdom, concerning Ireland. The writer, Mrs. Col-

man, is an Irish-American, possessing the national brightness and ready wit. "Women's Colleges" was the topic for a paper by Miss Kate Gellatly. A discussion on co-education followed. The sympathy of the members of the Fairbury club has been given to Mrs. H. P. Showalter, who, last Saturday, was called upon to give up a dear little daughter about four or five months old.

The Monday, February 19th, session of the woman's club of York considered history from the reign of James II. through the reigns of William and Mary and Queen Anne to the beginning of the House of Hanover, in English history, and Peter the Great in Russia. A few minutes' discussion on the art of visiting brought out some amusing experiences, and some spirited condemnations of the want of tact shown by some visitors. In literature, woman authors were discussed.

At the last annual meeting of the state federation of Nebraska provision was made for a standing committee on household economics. Consequently the executive board for 1900 at the first session appointed the following ladies as members of that committee: Mrs. Mary Moody Pugh of Omaha, Mrs. Milton Scott of Lincoln and Mrs. A. J. Paul of St. Paul. The program of Wednesday afternoon at the university demonstrated the wisdom of the committee in selecting these ladies. The lecture room of the chemical laboratory was well filled with ladies eager to learn how to make more attractive homes. The state president, Mrs. Apperson, called the meeting to order and with a few happy remarks turned it over to Mrs. Pugh as chairman of the state committee. After a few pertinent remarks, Mrs. Pugh, who is also vice president of the national association of household economics, introduced Mrs. Field, who, after a most cordial fashion, welcomed the conference to Lincoln. Mrs. Winnie Richards Durland of Norfolk, responded to the welcome felicitously, dwelling upon the important part woman played in the financial struggles of the past few years and claiming that the man who was properly fed and surrounded with cheerful, healthful home influences went forth each day strengthened and renewed for the battle. Mrs. Pugh reported the Norfolk club as having one of the strongest domestic departments in the state. A resume of the efforts to establish domestic science departments in schools was given by Miss Bouton, professor of domestic science at the university. She reported schools established at the state universities of Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, West Virginia and Nebraska, also in some normal schools. Omaha is to have one in connection with the high school next year.

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