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Mrs. D. D. Little. Potted plants in parlors were tastefully arranged and the parlors prettily decorated in the club colors, green and white. The guests and members were entertained with a Eugene Field program by the little folks, consisting of poetical and other selections from his works, songs and music. A luncheon was served in several courses, the entertainment closing with extemporaneous speeches by the gentlemen, in which hearty words of appreciation were expressed. This is but the first of a series of gatherings planned by the club for the benefit of the social department.

As chairman of the art department of the N. F. W. C., I am happy to announce that I have had replies to the questions of investigation from the following clubs:

- Omaha Woman's Club.
- Seward Woman's Club.
- Seward Art and History Club.
- Columbus Woman's Club.
- Stromsburg Woman's Club.
- David City Ingleside Club.
- York Review and Art Clubs.

The questions are as follows:

1. How long have you been studying art?
2. What phases of the subject have you studied, and in what order?
3. To what books and photographs do you have access in your community?
4. Is it a popular department?
5. Have you met with any discouragements? Please enumerate them.
6. If you have never before studied art, please notify me.

Will not presidents of all other clubs reply at an early date, that the art committee may be able to plan for systematic work on this line next year?

Yours Sincerely,  
MRS. F. M. HALL.

1040 D Street.

The National Educational association has accepted the invitation of Charleston, S. C., to hold its next annual meeting in that city. This will give an opportunity for many northern men and women to visit the sunny south. The favorable rates secured by this association are always a great inducement. Over thirty thousand people availed themselves of the opportunity to visit the Pacific coast last summer under the auspices of this association. The convention is held from July 7th to 13th, inclusive.

The woman's club of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, has issued a forty-page pamphlet on the question of the reorganization of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs. This innocent looking little book is a compilation of all the arguments urged by the reorganizers.

A new club has been organized at Springfield, Mo., and named the Woman's Self-Elevation Society. It was recently organized by a prominent society leader at the close of a card party which had been held at her home. After the prizes had been awarded she made the proposition to her friends that they proceed to the organization of a new society of women, each member pledging herself "to speak no ill word of any other woman." The suggestion met

with enthusiastic favor, and plans were discussed and adopted. There are to be no officers, dues or regular meetings. Membership shall be unlimited. The only qualification required is that each member take the anti-gossip pledge of the association: "I do hereby solemnly pledge my word to speak no evil of any woman, whether such report be true or not. Any violation of this pledge, however, does not release me from its subsequent obligations, which are to continue for all time to come." This is a step in the right direction. We hope to see it duplicated in every club center—and one club makes a center.

It is gratifying to the state federation of Nebraska to find that the majority report of this committee—with Mrs. Lowe at its head—supports the pioneer position taken by Nebraska that the small clubs must not be crowded out. The national organization has been a federation of women's clubs from its beginning.

Georgia's plan of returning to the old form of organization and admitting state federations and kindred organizations on the basis of individual clubs avoids any inconsistencies that have troubled severely logical club women and works no injustice. Least of all can club women afford to be unjust to the six hundred and fifty small clubs now belonging to the national federation. If any still have qualms upon the expense account, burdensomeness or unwieldiness of the biennials, re-read Mrs. Decker's article upon this question, which appeared in *The Courier* of March 3d. Be prepared to go to Milwaukee with strong convictions and the ability to tell your reasons wherefore. This vital question is to be settled there in a democratic way. Each delegate will go on record for all time in the history of the club movement.

A letter from Anna Maxwell Jones, secretary of the Paris exposition committee, asks that wide circulation be given, through all club papers or departments, that the meeting of the general federation in Paris is given up. Mrs. Jones is still receiving letters concerning the tour, which, of course, has also been abandoned.

Dr. Sarah Hackett Stevenson also gave a short talk for the woman's lodging house in Chicago recently, in the course of which she gave an account of a private interview she had with England's queen last June. Dr. Stevenson said: "Queen Victoria is interested in this club. She asked me to tell her of it and of the Model lodging house, adding: 'Do all the members live at this Model lodging house?' I replied: 'No; nearly all have husbands, families and homes of their own.' The queen thought it would be delightful to be an American club woman, but said she had duties in England."

At a recent meeting of the woman's club of Chicago, Miss Jane Addams addressed the meeting in behalf of the middle aged men and women of the very poor. She explained that the burden of life did not fall upon the little children, and that interest in the kindergarten should not take the thoughts away from the middle-aged, the destitute, the helpless. Her talk was a most eloquent plea for the "Woman's Model Lodging House," which several of the women's clubs of Chicago have taken especial charge of. She urged the women to be generous with sympathy and help to those who need an occasional tiding over until work is secured. She said in part: "Before we had this lodging house there was no refuge for them except at the police station. Don't be discouraged over them. You may find one with a

vicious temper, but it doesn't follow her life is immoral. Miseries may develop that temper. I ask you again to think of these heart-aching women. They want to work; they want to keep out of Dunning."

Indiana is to have a state federation. A meeting has been called for April, to which all of the clubs of the state are invited to send delegates. The plan is to organize, not only a state federation, but to choose delegates also to the Milwaukee biennial, which will be held from June 4th to 9th, inclusive. At the last biennial meeting there were sixteen states yet unfederated with the general organization. It is hoped that the most of these will affiliate before the first of June. California and Louisiana were added last month and Indiana is the latest addition.

The Lincoln Century club spent Tuesday afternoon, March 6, with "Modern Painters of Holland." After considerable discussion the club chose Egyptian history for its next year's study. Mesdames F. E. Campbell, A. L. Candy and Davison were appointed a committee to elaborate and present outlines on this subject.

The woman's club of Plattsburgh is endeavoring to have the anti-cigarette law enforced in that city.

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The woman's club of Plattsburgh met on Tuesday evening, March 9th. For the parliamentary practice department, "Municipal Laws;" American literature, "Comparison of Edgar Allen Poe and Walt Whitman;" class study, "Division Two and Three in Part First of Evangeline." Mrs. Fannie Elson, hostess.

A convention of southern colored women was held in the city of Montgomery, Ala., December 28th and 29th. The object of the meeting, as expressed by Mrs. Booker T. Washington, was to band together southern women for greater usefulness in their own section of the country. There were present over two hundred women, all interested in modern movements for the elevation of home and children. There were delegates present from Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee and Mississippi, while all the other southern states sent greetings and expressions of hearty co-operation in the object of the convention. A state federation for Alabama was perfected, also a permanent southern federation of colored women's clubs. The southern colored women all feel that great and peculiar needs exist in their own land, which they must meet, and that by such an organization, which will bring the willing workers closer together, they can better study the needs of their own section and make effective plans for elevating their race. The importance of mothers' meetings, the great need of kindergartens, manual training schools and day nurseries for children were discussed and practical plans were adopted. The convention adopted the following resolutions:

Whereas, We, the Federation of Southern Colored Women, feel that the moral tendency of excursions on our people is such that it draws them downward, instead of lifting them upward; be it

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