

more complicated, the training of the children is left more and more to the mothers. For this reason women should not only be allowed to influence the selection of the members of the school board, but a fair proportion of those members should be women, not only for the sake of the children and the large preponderance of women teachers, but for the cause of education itself. The federated clubs could do no greater work than to evolve some plan that would completely separate the public school from political parties.

Mrs. Ada Brown Talbot, editor of the Club Woman's Magazine of New York, tells the following good story on women's clubs:

"The most extraordinary club I ever came across is conducted by a very demure and dignified little woman of seven, the daughter of a club president. I called one day and was received by my little friend with open arms.

"At last I've got a chair," she said. "I am very glad, my dear. I hope it is comfortable and pretty."

"Oh, it is not for me; it is for my club."

"I didn't know you had a club."

"Of course I have; just like mamma. My dolly is president and I got the chair for her. You see," she explained in a whisper, "there's only dollies in it, and the dolly that makes the most noise is president, just like mamma's club. That's my dolly. She talks when you push her back. I broke the spring, and now she talks till she is run down. So she's president. Don't you think that's nice?"

"I am sure I could do nothing less than admit that it was all very nice."

The Arkansas federation is composed of sixty clubs, including about 2,500 members. Under the wise leadership of Mrs. Hanger, president for the second time, much has been accomplished educationally. Traveling libraries and traveling picture galleries have been sent out by a number of clubs. School books, tablets and slates have been provided by clubs for children unable to procure them. This active federation is also working for the establishment of a chair of domestic science in the Arkansas state university.

A prominent feature of the Denver biennial was Mrs. Micah Dyer of Boston. Mrs. Dyer, who was one of the most active, energetic and enthusiastic members of that notable convention, celebrated her seventieth birthday last September. She is a genuine "clubber," a member of twenty-seven clubs, and claims that her clubs have kept her young. One of the clubs of which she is president is called the Wintergreen club, to which no member is admitted who will not own to being at least "fifty years young." A similar club is one in Vermont, called the "Seventy club," all members of which must have reached the allotted three-score and ten.

Colorado has set many good examples for the club women of the United States. One from the last state federation can be profitably considered by those in charge of the coming Milwaukee biennial. The state officers and other receiving ladies changed their street toilets for elaborate reception gowns, but within ten minutes after the reception the officers were at the church again in plain gowns ready to resume the regular business session. Their celerity and good taste are exemplary.

I wonder how many club women know that there is a Jewish Chatauqua, similar to the Chatauqua which was organized by Bishop Vincent of the Methodist Episcopal church. The annual assembly of this society meets at At-

lantic City. At the last meeting of the executive committee it was decided to push the organization of circles, and Mrs. Minnie Louis of New York was chosen for that work. She has already organized circles at Altoona and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, at St. Louis and St. Joseph, Missouri. Mrs. Louis, for eighteen years, has been identified with the Hebrew tabernacle school for girls in New York. This is a charitable institution whose purpose is to take Hebrew girls from the slums and teach them higher things than the drudgery of the sweat shops. Mrs. Louis, at the earnest request of the Jewish Chatauqua association, resigned the presidency of this institution to assume her present duties.

According to Mrs. Henrotin, Chicago society is "Youngish, dull, dyspeptic, anaemic and struggling under the disadvantage of not having the assistance of king, queen, court or church."

The music department of the Lincoln woman's club is rapidly growing in numbers and interest. At the last meeting "Bach's Life and Compositions" were discussed. Miss Ida C. Young read a sketch of Bach's life, while Mrs. G. F. Fisher discussed his compositions, illustrating his contrasting styles on the piano. The next meeting will be held March 13 at the home of Mrs. Thompson, 2424 O street. Subject, "Hady and the Sonata."

Mrs. H. H. Wheeler addressed the child study department of the woman's club of Lincoln last Saturday afternoon on the "Adolescent Period." Mrs. Wheeler's lecture was replete with valuable information for mothers. This is the last regular meeting of this department. A session will be held later for the election of officers.

By invitation of Mrs. Woodford of Weeping Water, the Zetetic met at her home March 31. The following program was the order of the day:

Instrumental duet—Mesdames Dunham and Teegarden.

Ladies' quartette—"Annie Laurie," Mesdames Girardet and Keithley, Misses Sackett and Breece.

Paper—"Problems of Today in American Politics," Mrs. Rouse.

Violin solo—Sixth Air Varied, De Berio; Miss Elvira Geer.

Current events—Mrs. Shannon. Vocal solo—"Forgotten You," Mrs. Keithley.

Instrumental solo—"Sans Lui," Mrs. Teegarden.

Mrs. Woodford had previously caused the arrangement of the musical part of the program in honor of Mr. Woodford, whose painful accident has confined him to the house much of the time during the past nine months. He was not alone, however, in the enjoyment of this excellent music. The numbers were heartily encored, each member evidently bent upon enjoying to the utmost the musical guests and members present. In the paper on "American Problems," the writer set forth the importance of the temperance question, showing it to be the leading one of today, and that all others sink into insignificance compared to it. An animated discussion followed, in which it was agreed that if women were given the power to vote, she would use it to help rid our land of this curse, and that she is ready to die if need be, to save America's fair boys from drunkards graves.

At the close of the meeting the hostess served delicious cocoa and cake.

The Fairbury Woman's club listened to an exceedingly interesting program by the Literary Department, on Tuesday afternoon, April third, Mrs. Mc-

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