

and second vice presidents of the clubs. Messages of congratulations were received from two former presidents, Mrs. Harford and Mrs. Ford, who were in New York attending the ecumenical conference. Mrs. Elia W. Peattie was the only ex-president not present or heard from, and the club voted that greetings be sent to her in her Chicago home. The club was favored in having for its guest Mrs. Belle Stoutenborough of Plattsmouth, who was for two terms the able president of the state federation. Mrs. Smith then addressed the club in a few graceful, well chosen words and introduced the gentlemen who were to speak to the club, and suggested how it, as an organization, might best serve the community. The church, the schools and the city were represented by Rev. Mann, Mr. Pearse, superintendent of the city schools, and Mr. Brogan of the Commercial club. Mr. Mann was the first speaker; after a few genial remarks, in which he said he regretted that, owing to circumstances over which he had no control, he was not qualified for membership in the Omaha Woman's club, he entered upon the subject of his discussion, which was couched in his most serious vein and appealed to the highest intelligence of his audience. He spoke of the duties we owe to one another as social beings, and of the old natural law of every man for himself having been superseded by the greater obligation of unselfishness. "Noblesse oblige" was the keynote of his address and he said the old question, "Where is Abel, thy brother?" cannot now be dismissed with the answer, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

Mr. Pearse was the next speaker. He said there had been some discussion as to how the speakers should address the club, and they decided that "fellow citizens of the Woman's club" was the correct thing. The applause that greeted his remarks showed that the right chord had been struck. He began far back in the past and traced the growth of the idea of association; first they banded themselves for protection; then they began to think less of their bodies and more of their souls, and the religious association was formed. Then came the intellectual association, and, lastly, the social. He spoke strongly on the influence of Women's clubs upon the community and said that few agencies could accomplish as much in the way of self culture.

The last speaker of the afternoon was Mr. Brogan, who spoke on behalf of the Commercial club. They were too busy or too bashful to speak to five hundred women, but thought that he, being a lawyer, though he might some times be busy, would never be bashful. He said he had made speeches on eighteenth birthdays, but this was his first attempt on a seventh birthday, and he hoped those birthdays would not—like some other birthdays he had heard of—cease altogether. His plea to the women was for loyalty to Omaha and its interests, and for patronage of home industries. He said that Omaha was already a great commercial city, its banks were filled with the rich red blood of commerce and its factories felt the influence of coming prosperity. If the Woman's club would go hand in hand with the Commercial club, Omaha might soon have an Auditorium, in which would be a home for the woman's club.

At the close of the program the large audience adjourned to the parlors where an informal reception was held and dainty refreshments served. The table, with its large birthday cake, surrounded with lighted candles, its green and white decorations, its candies tied with green and white ribbons, was a most beautiful sight and reflected much credit on the taste and skill of Mrs. Offutt and Miss Jessie Millard. The fact that the candles numbered not seven, but many multiples of seven, seemed a pleasant bit of augury for the future prosperity of the club. After partaking of ices, birthday cake and other dainty confections, the audience dispersed and one more notable gathering of the Omaha Woman's club was a thing of the past.

A tribute of respect and resolutions of sympathy tendered by the Stromsburg Woman's club: Whereas, Mrs. J. L. Johnson has been stricken with grief at the loss of her son Russell, who recently passed on, and whereas, we shall ever cherish in our hearts the feeling of love for our sister engendered by the many favors and kindnesses shown to the club; be it therefore resolved, that we, the Stromsburg Woman's club, extend true sympathy to Mrs. Johnson in her hour of bereavement, entreating her to look forward with hope to the time when the last enemy shall be overcome. It is further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of the club and published in The Courier; also a copy presented to Mrs. Johnson.

Mrs. ELLAH B. GREEN, } Com.  
Mrs. MARCELLA E. LITTLE. }

Mrs. Katharine Abel, leader of the child study department of the Lincoln Woman's club, sends the following notice of the Mothers' Congress:

The Mothers' congress meets at Des Moines May 22 by invitation of Governor Shaw, the mayor of the city, the Iowa state federation of clubs and the Woman's club. The club women of Des Moines offer to entertain the first thousand delegates free of charge. The convention will meet in the auditorium. The Savary hotel will be headquarters for delegates. The governor and mayor will welcome the congress to Iowa and a large reception will be given by the governor at the capitol, where good music will be furnished by an orchestra. The "Right Education for Woman" is the subject announced for one session, "The Training of Young Children" and the "Child Saving Problem." Colonel Parker will lecture on "The Ideal Education." Mrs. Theodore Birney will lecture on the benefits of organized motherhood. Special rates will be offered on all lines. Luncheons, receptions and drives will be interesting features of the congress.

A business meeting of the child study department of the Lincoln Woman's club was held Friday, when the department elected the present leader for the coming year. The year just closed has been a successful one. The audience, though not large, was deeply interested through the entire course. Fourteen

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