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convictions upon the question, has refrained from strong partisanship and given her time and strength to the many duties pertaining to her high office. The general federation will deeply regret the loss of her wise leadership for another term.

One of the most delightful club gatherings of the year was held at Crete last Friday, on which occasion the city federation of Crete tendered a reception to the executive board of the state federation. Six members of the board were able to be present and they report a most enjoyable time. Carriages met them at the train and they were taken directly to the home of Mrs. Doane, treasurer of the state federation. It was a charming thought of Mrs. Doane's to plan this pleasant reunion of those who have worked together for the past year for the advancement of all interests connected with the state work. As this is the last time the board will meet for the year, it goes without saying that some business was mingled with the pleasure of the outing. After a delightful morning at the restful suburban home of Mrs. Doane, who further regaled her guests with an appetizing luncheon, all proceeded to the beautiful new home of Mrs. Miller, where the club women of Crete came to meet the state officers. After a general reception, during which the soft strains of the mandolin club, composed of the daughters of the club women of Crete, added charms to those of pretty gowns, bright faces and cordial greetings. A short program was carried out. Crete is one of the strong club centers of the state and it was a very great pleasure to meet her club women. The address of the president, Mrs. Apperson, on the general evolution of clubs was full of helpful thoughts. At the close, Mrs. Doane rendered a charming solo. The chair-

man of correspondence for Nebraska spoke for a few moments on the benefits of affiliation with the general federation, after which Mrs. Doane and Miss Miller rendered a duet, which was much enjoyed. More music by the mandolin club, during which dainty refreshments were served. All in all, this meeting was a charming thought most beautifully executed. We expect, at least, two delegates from Crete to attend the biennial meeting at Milwaukee.

An important resolution adopted by the executive board at Crete makes the following route official for the state federation of Nebraska: From Lincoln to Chicago over the Burlington Route, from Chicago to Milwaukee by the Goodrich Line steamers. There will be a special Pullman awaiting the delegation, which will leave Lincoln June 2, at 1:40 P. M., arriving in Chicago at seven the following morning, take the boat at nine, arriving in Milwaukee at three P. M., making six hours by daylight on beautiful Lake Michigan without any additional expense.

All club women are requested upon arrival at Milwaukee to wear a bow of light blue ribbon on the shoulder for identification. The reception committee will wear a corresponding knot of yellow.

Delegates to the Milwaukee biennial can join the delegation at Omaha or intermediate points. It will be necessary to have fifteen berths pledged to be sure of a car all to ourselves. But that will not be difficult, as four were requested today. There will be a delegation of about thirty-five members, with some visitors, which makes it seem possible that two cars may be required.

The very large majority of the clubs in Nebraska close their work in May—a few on the first of May, a large number about the middle and a still larger number at the last of the month. A few intrepid workers continue through the month of June. Among these are the Self Culture club of St. Paul, Sorosis of Stanton and Zetetic of Weeping Water, while the Ladies' Philomathian of Shickley closes its year's work on the tenth of August.

Of the making of clubs there is no end and there will always be as many kinds of clubs as there are types of hu-

manity. It is said that Emerson, when consulted by his daughter whether she should begin a certain study or not, replied: "It does not so much matter what you study, as with whom you study." This wise saying is true of club life, and there is no more important responsibility pressed home upon the members of a club than the choice of a leader. The leader determines to a large extent whether the trend of a club shall be upward or downward—whether it shall be a dress parade; a continuous rivalry of light (?) refreshments (both phases of vanity) or whether it shall be vain-glorious of its immense learnedness, or whether it shall be an oasis—a wide-spreading oak on a weary plain where the woman whose heart is filled with a longing, whose mind is cultured and appreciative, who is naturally social and loves to meet fellow associates who may come for rest, for sympathy, for recreation. There is no better opportunity for the perfect realization of these conditions than in a wisely selected, well organized and carefully conducted club.

The year book of the state federation of Missouri is an artistic little book, both typographically and otherwise. From cover to cover it is full of information and suggestions for the clubs connected with the federation. It gives the number of clubs in the federation as ninety-two, with an approximate membership of 4,200; number of cities and towns represented, forty two; number of counties, thirty-one.

Rev. C. M. Sheldon of newspaper fame, will enter upon a new reform campaign upon his return from Europe. He believes the servant girl problem can be solved satisfactorily to all concerned. To this end he proposes to read a serial story from his pulpit, which will be an appeal to young women to choose domestic service in preference to work in a department store. The story will attempt to bring mistress and maid more in sympathy, dignify the position and work of the maid and through these channels endeavor to help solve this most perplexing problem. Mr. Sheldon's plan points out the same sensible solution which has been proposed by others, but he has the advantage of a pulpit and an audience and a convincing manner of presenting any subject which seems to promise better results than his predecessors have had. All Christendom will hope that his efforts may be crowned with ultimate success.

In the May Club Woman "Jennie June" Crowley has this to say in disapproval of the plan of reorganization which will cut off individual clubs: "No, if we cannot work the principle of 'Unity in Diversity' out and in to its farthest circumference, each point of light adding its ray to the great arc which illuminates the whole body, why, let us give it up and bury it decently, but not call a maimed thing by its name."

The Alumnae club of Louisville, Kentucky, maintains a school of domestic science, the success of which has been almost phenomenal. It is a practical and beautiful beneaction, one which may well be copied in every community in the land. A general idea of the work done is conveyed in the following extracts from the Louisville Courier Journal:

"The completeness of the cooking tables, the neatness and order in the school are the first thing commented upon by all the visitors.

"Every part of the home is considered in the course of study—location, construction, heating, lighting, plumbing, furnishing, cooking and the care of the kitchen and pantries.

"On Saturday afternoon a busy little

throng are learning the art of hemming and stitching, fitting and making shirt waists and other garments.

"Friday afternoon the industrial children are learning to make beds, sweep, set the table and wash dishes, all of which are done by rule, and accompanied with songs.

"Thursday and Friday nights members of the Girls' Friendly society learn to make cake.

"One afternoon the school girls make bread, and the public is invited from four to five o'clock.

"On Tuesday and Thursday from three to five o'clock housekeepers prepare biscuit, strawberry shortcake and salads."

The Mothers' congress will be in session at Des Moines May 21 to 25, inclusively. The name does not mean a prohibition of the attendance of the fathers.

Mrs. Buchwalter suggests to delegates to the biennial that Monday afternoon will be the best time to see Milwaukee. The council meeting is not open to delegates; the reports of presidents and state chairmen will be published, hence there is nothing to prevent delegates from going wherever they may choose. Make your plans accordingly.

This is the course of study adopted by the Woman's club of Central City for next year's work:

1. Map study of Russia.
2. The birth of Russia and her first princes—Rurik, Oleg and Isor.
3. The orthodox church of the liberator, Vladimir.
4. The effects of the natural conditions of Russia on her people—serfdom.
5. Biography of Peter the Great. Art and painting.
6. Nihilism and principal cities.
7. Napoleon's invasion in Russia.
8. Great masters of Russian literature of the nineteenth century.
9. Actors and actresses of Russia.
10. Music, songs and folk lore.
11. Siberia and the prison system.
12. Poland and Russia—Turkish troubles.
13. Internal improvements—principal industries and industrial awakening of Russia.
14. The position of women, and why Russia has been more backward than other nations.
15. Coronation of the czar and the royal family.

The Central City Woman's club has been organized less than a year, but as a social educational organization it occupies the first place in the city today. Last Tuesday evening the club entertained in a semi-public manner for the first time, when about seventy guests, at the invitation of the club, gathered at the home of its president-elect, Mrs. T. B. Hord, and spent one of the most truly delightful evenings in the social history of the club.

The club ladies occupied a half of one of the parlors and entertained their visitors with a mock convention of female reformers. All the prominent characters in the world of lettered women were represented in the convention, some of them especially costumed and made up to more exactly carry their impersonations. Mrs. Rebecca Lowe (Mrs. Hunt), president of the general feder-

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