

ation of clubs, opened the convention by introducing the president, Mrs. Potter Palmer (Mrs. Monnette). Susan B. Anthony (Miss Cary Berryman) favored the convention with an instrumental solo, which was followed by an eloquent address by the president. Miss Helen Gould (Mrs. J. W. Robinson), the secretary, read the minutes of the last convention at Thummel. Through the entire proceedings there was an irresistible strain of humor. Maude Ballington Booth (Miss Burgess) was elected sergeant-at-arms, committee were appointed, etc. At this point in the deliberations of the convention two prominent arrivals were announced—Jennie June Crowley (Mrs. J. H. Berryman) and Elizabeth Cady Stanton (Mrs. D. Martin). They were greeted with applause and marks of respect by the convention, as was also the arrival of Mrs. William McKinley (Mrs. Wade). At this stage of the proceedings Mrs. Samantha Allen (Mrs. W. T. Thompson) feels a draft and carefully laying aside her parasol, carpet bag and numerous other articles of baggage, rises to a point of order. The address of welcome by Mrs. Lowe was a decidedly humorous take off on the city and was responded to in a like spirit by Maude Ballington Booth, of Salvation Army fame. Addresses were then made by the president, Mrs. John D. Rockefeller (Mrs. R. E. Barge), by Susan B. Anthony (Miss Berryman), whose eloquent appeal for reform kept the listeners shaking with laughter, and by Mrs. Ellen Henrotin (Mrs. McRae). Mrs. Daisy Nettleton, fantastically attired as Mollie Donahue, gave an appropriate humorous Irish reading. Reports were listened to from the treasurer, Mrs. John Sherman (Mrs. I. S. Tyndale), and auditor, Mrs. George Dewey (Mrs. O. H. Hord). Samantha Allen then capped the climax in the way of humor by reading the petition of herself and numerous other "Jonesvillians" to congress on the rights on women. Mrs. Robert Burdette (Mrs. H. Anthony) reported appropriate resolutions, which were adopted. Others participating in the convention were Carrie Chapman Catt (Mrs. T. B. Hord), Mrs. Fitzhugh Lee (Mrs. G. H. Gray), J. Ellen Foster (Mrs. William Miller) and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt Mrs. A. E. Stratton). A quartette composed of Mrs. William McKinley, Samantha Allen, Mrs. Lowe and Helen Gould sang.

The club women and their guests then repaired to the banquet room. After the banquet Dr. W. N. Hunt presided as toastmaster and a number of toasts were responded to, Rev. Bancroft talking on "The Woman's Club," Rev. Carnahan, "Our Hostess," W. T. Thompson, "Hunger," Professor Wade, "Dreams," I. S. Tyndale, "The First of May," Rev. Webster, "Rainbows," and S. P. Heaton, "Extremes." They rose to the occasion grandly and gave some very fine responses, no doubt inspired by the high intellectual standard set by the ladies during the early part of the evening.

Many and various are the reasons why every woman should belong to a club. There is no woman who may not, if she chooses have a club of her own. It may be only a reading club, where the women embroider while a member reads aloud. Nevertheless it has its use. It gives women a chance to meet each other without the weariness of "making calls," or expense of perpetual luncheons or receptions. It gives rest from the wear and tear of children's clothing and servant's faults. It further furnishes for her something to talk about to her weary husband when he comes home from business, needing cheery entertainment that costs him nothing, but a manifestation of a mild interest in what is being said or done by other women. O, women's clubs, verily thy uses are varied and manifold.

The Woman's Century club of Seat-

tle, Washington, has recently issued a compilation of the laws of the state of Washington which relate to women. This should be done in every state in the union. Let the women's clubs, through the several state federations or otherwise, as may seem best, take the matter in hand. There are plenty of club women in each state who are competent to make the compilation, and in this day of cheap paper and cheap printing there should be no difficulty in raising the funds. Such a book would not only commend itself to the women who desire to know their rights before the law, but to the legal profession as a book of reference.

The Utah federation recently elected as president Mrs. Martha Burgess Jennings, a granddaughter of Brigham Young, and the wife of one of the most prominent business men of Salt Lake City. Mrs. Jennings is a lady of rare beauty, the possessor of varied accomplishments and qualified by education to fill this position of honor.

Forty women braved the elements to attend an important business meeting of the Omaha Woman's club Monday afternoon. Many were badly drenched by the descending torrents of water, and the meeting was not a dry one in any sense.

The membership committee reported ten names added to the roll. The museum committee, through its chairman, Mrs. Towne, reported many curios added to the museum in the library, through the efforts of the Woman's club. By a unanimous vote it was decided to retain Mrs. Towne and Mrs. Tobitt as a permanent museum committee.

Mrs. R. E. McKelvy, chairman of the city improvement committee, reported the successful arrangements for the model block on Sixteenth street between Farnam and Douglas. The block is to be kept in perfect order by a man paid by the merchants on the street, and the Woman's club was asked to provide uniforms of white for the man in charge. The club voted unanimously for the uniforms and the further arrangements were left in the hands of Mrs. McKelvy.

The news of the death of Mrs. Short, a beloved member of the club, was announced and a rising vote of sympathy extended to the family.

The fifteen members of the nominating committee who are elected to take charge of the annual election are Mesdames Towne, Carpenter, Baldrige, Rosewater, Offutt, Howell, Somers, Ward, McMurphy, Milory, Burkett, Sil, Thompson, Taylor and Bradbury. The rest of the business hour was spent in an informal ballot for the officers of the club, to aid the nominating committee in preparing the ticket.

It was announced that the French conversation class had postponed its entertainment until Tuesday, May 21.

The last meeting of the musical department will be on Thursday, May 24, at ten A. M. Miss Free will give a lecture at that time.

The grand concert to be given by the school teachers on Memorial day was announced, and on motion of Miss Fairbrother, it was voted to take two boxes for that evening, to be occupied by the officers of the Woman's club.

The Woman's club of Worcester, Massachusetts—famous for having started the reorganization stone to rolling—proposes to organize a stock company and build a \$50,000 club house with the least possible delay.

In less than a month from now Milwaukee will be the center of club women's eyes, and as many as are able will be there to take part in the conven-

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