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the work of the bureau of information was more complete and comprehensive than at the meeting in the Rockies. There were questions that the women could not answer, but they were few in comparison with the thousands which were disposed of satisfactorily.

Thursday afternoon thirteen beautiful homes were thrown open for the various state delegations. Every woman reserved her prettiest gown for this occasion, and the sudden, summer-like warmth made wraps unnecessary, even for the southern women, who turned out in organdie and muslin frocks, the like of which are seldom seen on the streets of this northern town.

Judging from the number of carriages on the streets, there probably was not one left standing in any barn, public or private. Tall carts and stately victorias, rakish stanbopes and trim broughams, business-like cabs and cumbersome hacks were called into requisition, while here and there flashed an automobile. The tops of every closed carriage were down and many of the women rode with uncovered heads, shielding themselves from the hot sun with gay parasols and the glimpses that the public on the sidewalk had was one of brilliant color.

The following important changes were made in the constitution:

A second vice presidency was added to the list of office.

The representation will give clubs of less than fifty members representation through its president or her appointee only; clubs between fifty and one hundred representation through a president and one delegate, and larger clubs one delegate for every one hundred members.

The office of state chairman was abolished

and there was substituted a federation secretary appointed by the state president who has general supervision of General Federation affairs in each state. Where no state federations exist, the General Federation is to select a committee of three from different parts of the state or territory to handle its affairs in that state or territory.

Practically this was all that was accomplished, though it was not done without a vast amount of talking, a great display of parliamentary wisdom on the part of a few and a pitiable lack of any on the part of others, and so much din that one exasperated woman in the rear of the room, when she had finally succeeded in gaining the recognition of the chair, offered a resolution that at future biennials no delegate should be given credentials unless she could prove her ability to converse fluently in the deaf and dumb alphabet.

Mrs. Lowe, who is a charming woman with the sweetest southern voice and most graceful movements, expressed herself as being delighted with the warmth and greetings extended by Milwaukee and with the elaborate preparations made by the local club women for the biennial.

"How they must have worked," she said, "to have accomplished so much!"

Mrs. Lowe's apartments were adorned with flowers, a great vase of magnificent American beauties occupying the place of honor on the table, while on the mantel were pinks and white roses in profusion. And the Nebraska delegation had the pleasure of sending her a beautiful bunch of American beauties.

Mrs. Lowe is a fine parliamentarian and demonstrated her remarkable ability as a leader.

The following is a complete list of the delegates from Nebraska: Mesdames Anna L. Apperson, president; B. M. Stoutenborough, Byron Clark, A. E. Cady, Dr. Grothan, D. B. Hord, M. J. Monette, Cobb, S. C. Langworthy, W. Q. Dickinson, George Tilden, Draper Smith, Frances M. Ford, W. P. Harford, C. S. Lobinger, C. C. Belden, Mary G. Andrews, C. H. Gere, A. W. Field, H. M. Bushnell, E. Plummer, M. D. Weleh, F. H. Lahr, E. H. Barbour, S. H. Atwood, Henry P. Eames, A. C. Ricchetti; Misses Alice Howell, Lida P. Wilson, Julia B. Haskell, Annie Miller.

The following communication from the president of the Self Culture club of St. Paul explains itself:

"To our Lincoln friends we owe a great deal of the pleasure of our trip, everything being arranged for our comfort. To them we owe the thanks of the St. Paul Self Culture club.

NELLIE E. CADY.

The City Improvement Society of Summit, New Jersey, has issued this

interest report of the work accomplished by the various officers and committees of the association in 1899 and 1900. Mrs. Henry B. Twombly (born Doane) is president and furnishes this department with the report. The officers are: President, first, second and third vice presidents, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer and executive board of twenty-three women. The committees are classified as follows: Finance, Park, Railroad Humane, Sanitary, Street, Vacant Lot, an Advisory Board and an auditing committee.

REPORT FOR 1899 1900.

The third year of the Town Improvement association of Summit, New Jersey, closed in March of the present year. The executive board, therefore, renders its report for the past year, in order that all members of the association may know what work has been done, in what way the money entrusted to the board by the public has been expended, and in what manner the work of the association may be assisted by the people of Summit.

A statement of the work accomplished by the various committees will be in point.

The sanitary committee has clearly demonstrated that the scavenger work in Summit can be performed in a satisfactory and sanitary way. The sanitary service has one hundred and thirty-eight patrons, a gain of eighteen names over last year. The board of health has responded most cordially to all complaints sent in through the committee, and they have been many, for garbage is frequently dumped and left to decay in vacant lots, cellars and other places in town.

The board feels that it is time that the city undertook this work, so necessary for the health and welfare of the citizens, and the association is ready to renew its offer of last year, and to donate its metal carts to the city. The board of health is ready to assume control of this work. It, therefore, only remains for the taxpayers to indicate their willingness to empower the city council to make the necessary appropriation, and the board will feel that its long and disagreeable work has not been in vain.

The work of the vacant lot committee has been attended with much discouragement, owing to the indifference of property owners. However, the committee has succeeded in having a few vacant lots cleaned, and several others have been cleared under the direction of the committee, at the expense of the owners.

A larger committee has been formed for the ensuing year, but the hearty cooperation of property owners is needed to accomplish much in this direction.

The street committee could do very little last year, owing to the scarcity of water, and consequent inability to have the streets watered. The board has petitioned the city council that some definite and thorough steps be taken this year, whereby the streets of Summit may be both properly and sufficiently watered.

The T. I. A waste cans were newly painted and put in perfect order last May, and are thoroughly cleaned each month during the summer, with hot water and steam.

In the fall the snow plows were repaired, repainted and shafts fitted to one for long distance work. About thirty miles of sidewalk are cleaned in one round trip. This winter having been mild, the cost for cleaning the snow to April 1, 1900, has been only \$48.60 as against \$161.00 last year. This leaves a balance of \$81.40 to the plow account for next year.

The park committee attended, as usual, to the planting of the canna beds in the oval on Union avenue, the triangle before the library and near the

depot. Two large beds of shrubs were set out, one near the depot and one in the triangular green before the library. Through the kindness of the chairman of the committee, a holly and mimosa tree from North Carolina were planted near the library.

Millions of caterpillars threatened destruction to the trees of Summit last summer. Private subscriptions to the amount of \$24.60 were given to destroy their nests. Men went systematically through all the woods with torches set upon long poles, and burned the nests wherever found, at a cost of only eleven dollars and ten cents, leaving thirteen dollars and fifty cents still in the hands of the committee to complete the work this spring, wherever the pest reappears.

Throughout the year the need of a public park for Summit has been discussed and plans and possibilities have been considered. An earnest effort is being made to arouse a vital interest in this project.

The humane committee, during the spring, placed a gas tank like those used by the Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, behind the City hall. In this forty or more dogs and cats, either vagrant or sick, have been painlessly and instantly killed. The city provides the gas for this purpose, and Dr. J. E. Rowe, Jr., gives his veterinarian services. The association charges a fee of twenty-five cents for the private use of this tank, which includes the burying of the animal. Four members of the committee are yearly made members of the S. P. C. A. Two signs now direct drivers to the easiest approaches to Summit, one at the corner of Bridge street and Morris avenue, in East Summit, and one at the junction of Springfield and Morris avenues, near Briant's pond.

Science having clearly demonstrated the malarial influence of the mosquito, beginnings were made last year to exterminate this pest. Owing to added knowledge and experience, the work will be done more thoroughly this year, and stagnant pools, low lying spots and all places collecting water after heavy rains, are to receive a systematic monthly treatment of kerosene. Property owners, florists and householders are to be asked to co-operate in eradicating the mosquito from Summit. The proportion of kerosene needed is one ounce to fifteen square feet of water. This quantity is injurious to neither animal nor vegetable life, except to the larvae of the malarial mosquito, and is too small an amount to be at all obnoxious. It is advised that householders occasionally use a weak solution of kerosene and water under shrubs and flowers where mosquitoes are likely to breed. This work, to be properly done, will require \$100 the coming year, in special subscriptions.

Audubon bird charts have been placed in the public school in Summit, the public school in East Summit and in the public library.

The care of the birds during the summer and the nesting season, the preventive oversight of reckless driving, and the attention to the watering trough at the station, have been a repetition of the work of other years.

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