

when it is our turn. What kind of citizens are we rearing into whose hands must shortly come the sacred interests of State and Nation when our children respect property only when it is their own. May we not use free text books to instil into the mind and heart of Young America that the State's belongings are our tenderest care.

Ladies of the Federation, should there be any of you who feel that you have not entirely mastered the school laws of Nebraska in the few moments allotted to this subject, allow me to remind you there is a precedent for those who do not stick to the text—also that in this community we are taught that the source method is ever the reliable one. The school laws are published in pamphlet form by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and I feel sure, will be cheerfully furnished to any club woman desiring to inform herself on this subject.

The subject, "The Public Schools of Nebraska," was discussed by several speakers. Mrs. Minnie S. Cline of Minden, spoke from a mother's standpoint, and thought mothers should give more sympathy to the school work of their children. Miss Bertha Bloomingdale of Syracuse took the teacher's standpoint. She was introduced as the only teacher in the state who had also served as president of a woman's club.

Miss Charlotte M. White of Wayne, spoke of the schools from a county superintendent's standpoint. Miss White spoke without notes and in forcible, pithy sentences that won the admiration of the audience. She withdrew on the expiration of the time allowed her, but was enthusiastically called back—a mark of approval bestowed on no other speaker—and gave one more short story. Miss White has been a county superintendent for six years. She said that children should be taught the power to think logically. She advocated no ornamental studies, but said reading, arithmetic, English and geography should be taught thoroughly and the pupils would learn morals through the conscientiousness and thoroughness of the teacher's work. She declared her faith in the teachers of Nebraska and said "If the mothers had the confidence of the children, the teachers will do the rest. The few incompetent teachers soon drop out. They spend their money on new hats and get married."

The subject was lastly viewed from the schoolboard standpoint by Mrs. Harriet S Towne of Omaha. She discussed the subject humorously, and told of some of the reasons why men seem so anxious to serve on schoolboards. Young men seem to regard it as an introduction to business circles, as an opportunity to confer benefits and as a means of profit through contracts. With the awakening of the social conscience she thought improvement would come. She closed by saying the school boards have in their hands the future of the children, the homes and the state.

Mrs. Stoutenborough spoke in place of Octave Thanet, and she accepted in order to present the plan for a state traveling library which she wishes adopted by the legislature, the details of which will be published next week.

The industrial session of Thursday evening was presided over by Mrs. Harford of Omaha. It was full of hints as to what woman can do to improve industrial conditions in Nebraska. The only question is, will she do it? Mrs. Letton read a scholarly paper on the industrial laws of Nebraska, hours of labor, child labor, etc. Mrs. Decker's admirable address is mentioned elsewhere. Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews made some wholesome remarks about women and the relation of size to intellect and ability.

On Friday the sixth annual meeting concluded with the election of officers

and the delayed address from Miss French. The officers selected and elected are peculiarly qualified for administrative duties. Mrs. Smith, the president, is a woman of commanding presence, of large, administrative experience, and of proved efficiency. The Nebraska Federation of Clubs, is in excellent official hands for the coming year of 1901.

Mrs. Apperson in her president's address on Tuesday afternoon recommended the establishment of an industrial department in the Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs. Many of the industrial clubs have already earnestly taken up this matter. The growing interest in this department of women's clubs all over the country manifested by the enthusiasm at the National Economic Association which met in Toronto, October 2nd, 3rd and 4th the delegates included representative women from Canada and the United States. Among the subjects discussed were Methods of Teaching Domestic Science in Public Schools, by Miss Hope principal of Ontario Normal School. An Account of the School of Housekeeping of Boston, by Miss Trueblood. Schools of Domestic Science, by Mrs. Hoodless. Some Co-operative Experiments in the West, Past and Present, by Mrs. Susan Young Gates of Utah. Women's Work in the West, by Mrs. Pugh. Madame Volter of Holland spoke upon the Industrial Education of Women and Girls in Holland, and Fraulein Voerster upon Household Economics in Schools in Germany. Mrs. Hugh Reid Griffin represented to the Industrial Department of the Sesame Club, London. One of the most interesting discussions that took place was that on domestic service.

At the regular meeting of the Omaha Woman's Club on Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock, fifteen new names were proposed for membership, nine members having qualified since the last meeting. Mrs. Mary G. Andrews said that two years ago a committee had been appointed by the club, Mrs. Andrews, chairman, Miss Fairbrother and Mrs. Charles Lobingier, to investigate woman's laws in property rights. They found that men as well as women, acknowledged the need of a change in these laws. She asked whether the club had enough interest in the matter to revive the efforts to secure better legislation. On motion of Mrs. Harford, the club voted unanimously to continue the committee and pledged its support. Mrs. Draper Smith who offered an entertaining account of the "Biennial Celebrities," was greeted with great applause, this being her first appearance before the club as the newly elected state president. Mrs. F. F. Ford's paper on reorganization was read by Mrs. Towne, and was received with an enthusiasm that denoted the place Mrs. Ford holds in the hearts of club women. Mrs. L. Harford compared the ecumenical council with the biennial at Milwaukee, saying it was hardly fair to compare them, one being a world's conference, the other a nation's. She spoke of one as unselfish, the other self-centered; one an audience of plainly dressed women, the other an assembly of gayly gowned ladies. She made a laughing allusion to the difference in the number of trunks at the two conventions. Mrs. Harford said her report had been in cold storage for five months, but the club was deeply interested in all the accounts of the delegates. The program was given by the department of oratory, Mrs. G. W. Shields, assistant leader, presiding. At the close of the program, the secretary read a letter of thanks from the board of directors of the public library for the four pictures donated by the Woman's club, "The Roman Town,"

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"The Alhambra," "Van Dyck's" "Charles the First," and Murillo's "Christ and St. John." Announcements of the club are: Ethics and philosophy on Tuesday, October 16th, at four P. M.; English literature, Thursday, at ten A. M.; household economics, Thursday at ten A. M.; musical department, next Friday, 10:30 A. M. Beethoven is the subject and musical illustrations will be given by Misses Bookmeyer and Henrietta Ruse. Professor Baetens will play the violin and Mrs. C. G. Manlove will sing. Mrs. Draper Smith announced that she would address the club at its next meeting on the duty of voting this fall for the members of the board of education.

The first meeting of the Lincoln Woman's Club was held on Monday, October 8th. Mrs. H. M. Bushnell, the new president, welcomed those present. She said that the Child Study and the Domestic Science departments had merged into a Home department, no leader has been provided. Mrs. Eli Plummer is the leader of the parliamentary department and Mrs. W. M. Morning is leader of the Current Events.

Sorrow was expressed for the loss by death of Mrs. Anna B. Winchester who had been a faithful member of the club and a worker in the History and Art department. Reports were then presented by the leaders of the different departments. Mrs. E. A. Burnett, leader of the History department announced the first lesson for Thursday, October 18th at 3:30 o'clock. Miss Hayden of the Art department furnished an outline of the work and invited all to join in it. Mrs. Pirie leader of the French department, announced that Madam Brooks had been secured as teacher and the first meeting would be held on Saturday to arrange for future meetings. Mrs. W. M. Morning leader of Current Events announced many interesting topics for discussion. The first lesson will be on the English Election laws and a character sketch of Queen Victoria. Mrs. Plummer said she would have talent outside of the club to assist her and the first meeting would be held on Tuesday, October 16th. Mrs. Eames, leader in music told of her plans and said the meetings would be

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