

ing Classes." Last Sunday was the first meeting of this season and the enrollment showed 5,000 members. The movement is exceedingly popular. The quick response to Conductor Damrosch's plans is evidence of the great need in this country for musical education and inspiration that is possible for all. This idea is spreading rapidly. Boston and Toledo have already organized classes. Providence and Jersey City are starting immense classes that will soon be ready for work. Conductor Damrosch in speaking of the matter says:

"We hope to be able to give a monster open air concert in Central Park next spring, in which 5,000 singers, made up of all our classes, will take part. The first work to be undertaken by the Choral Union this season is the prize cantata of the young American composer, Henry K. Hadley, entitled "In Music's Praise." It is for sale chorus and orchestra, and is admirably suited to our immense chorus. We shall also essay later one of Mendelssohn's productions, as well as part songs.

"Generally speaking, I attribute the popularity of the movement to an awakening of musical enthusiasm. I have always insisted that there is a great latent enthusiasm for music in the masses. Once this could be reached and stirred, I know the movement would become popular. Our successes of the past season have had much to do with calling attention to the progress we have made in musical development. Among these were the productions of the oratorios of "The Messiah" and "Samson," the concert with the Musical Art Society, and the great serenade to Admiral Dewey down the bay. There is a vast amount of musical talent lying dormant in the huge population in and around New York that needs only awakening to make this one of the greatest musical centres of the world."

Perhaps later the Matinee Musicale of Lincoln may see the way open to establish "Peoples' Singing Classes" and so quicken for Nebraska the musical pulse. The Matinee Musicale has always maintained such a broad and kindly attitude that it is to be hoped that with time they may be able to lead Nebraska in this great and growing movement.

The Daughters of the Revolution will meet November 2nd, at the home of Mrs. J. R. Haggard, 1310 G street. Mrs. M. H. Everett will give the annual address of the Chapter regent. Miss Edith Craig who won the gold medal for the prize essay offered last spring to the High school girls, will read her paper.

The Illinois Federation of Women's clubs closed its annual meeting Friday October 19th at Rockford. The officers were chosen thus:

President—Mrs. Thaddeus P. Stanwood, Evanston.  
Vice President at Large—Mrs. Seely Perry, Rockford.  
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Susan Tibbitts, Quincy.  
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Sadie H. Cox, Hudson.  
Treasurer—Mrs. Edward J. Lambert, Jacksonville.

Vice Presidents—Second district, Mrs. C. E. Curtis; fourth, Mrs. Laura Dainty Pelham; sixth, Mrs. John Worthy; eighth, Mrs. Jennie Ellwood; tenth, Mrs. Flora B. Graham; twelfth, Mrs. Nettie Kenaga; fourteenth, Mrs. Anna Schipper; sixteenth, Mrs. Thomas Fitter; eighteenth, Mrs. B. Davis; twentieth, Mrs. Mary Wegner.

The convention passed the following resolutions in regard to the Chicago teachers' controversy with the state board of equalization:

"Resolved, That this body indorses the work of the Chicago Teachers' federation in bringing to light the faculty administration of our taxation laws; and further

"Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to report the same to our home clubs, to all federated clubs in our immediate vicinity not here represented, to the teachers and to all other citizens, and to secure the aid of all the newspapers of the state in this behalf; and, be it further

"Resolved, That we take prompt and immediate action to assist the Chicago Teachers' federation in their great undertaking; and, be it further

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of this body and that copies of the same be given to the press and sent to the Chicago Teachers' federation."

Miss Jane Addams of Chicago was the magnet of the convention. A great waving of kerchiefs and long applause greeted her when she came forward to speak on Social Economics and the Paris Exposition. Mrs. Lydia P. Williams, president of the Minnesota Federation, asked the delegates to urge their congressmen to forward the passage of a bill for the Preservation of the Minnesota forests, to which the Federation heartily promised their cooperation. Five thousand individual members were added to the Federation. The Chicago Federation of Teachers has also joined the organization and now the Illinois Federation has a membership of 25,000.

180,000 pounds of women representing about 5,400 feet of humanity, hailing from the various counties of Nebraska, pitted themselves against the well known hospitality of Lincoln, last week, without making the slightest impression as to its proportions, and if there is any bottom crust to their hospitable pie we couldn't get to it in the few days spent there.—Woman's Weekly.

The problem of whether or not to admit clubs of Negro women into state federations or the General Federation, is one that is being discussed by most of the meetings of state federations, so many of which are occurring in October.

At the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Federation of Women's Clubs, which occurred not long since in Williamsport, it was decided not to make requests for local entertainment of club women during their Federation meetings. This idea was proposed and agreed upon by the Executive Board last winter.

Mrs. Elliott of Baltimore, president of the Maryland Federation has always taken advantage of existing conditions in her work. This she believes a far better plan than to start new lines of work. By this method she thinks that "duplication of effort" is prevented. The excellent results of this plan are illustrated by the effective help the club women have given to the Henry Watson Children's Aid Society of Baltimore, and also to the Municipal Art League of Baltimore, which does much for art in the public schools of that city.

The New York State Federation of Women's clubs offers a variety of topics for consideration in its annual meeting, which is soon to occur in Albany. Besides the usual papers and discussions on art, philanthropy, music, the press and the drama, time will be given to the subjects of "Civil Service Reform," "Fireside Travels," "Unusual Occupations for Women," "Progress in Club Work," "Preservation of Birds," "Women Lawyers's Clubs," "Progressive Science," "Child Study in the Home," and "The Preservation of the Palisades."

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The art meetings are looked forward to with exceeding pleasure, as the chairman of the art committee is Mrs. A. H. Brockway of the Woman's club of Brooklyn and a member of the art committee of the General Federation, which was responsible for the fine exhibit at the Milwaukee biennial.

The Science Committee of the Normal Collegiate Alumnae Association of New York, have taken for their task in the world's good work the bringing of specimens from the fields and woods to city children. Five distributions are made to the public school teachers during the year, one in September, December, February, March and May. In the fall are seeds, in the winter, lichens, fungi, snow berries, pine-cones and innumerable greens, in the spring, mosses and ferns and available buds of trees and plants. This committee also arranges for annual wild flower exhibits in the college. Last spring it also extended its work giving a similar exhibition in one of the public schools of the poor quarter and this autumn another flower exhibit was given in one of the public schools on the east side.

**Women Convicts in Austria.**  
Austria is the one country in the world which never puts a woman in prison. Instead of giving the female criminal so many months in jail, she is

sent, no matter how terrible is her record, to one or other of the convents devoted for the purpose, and there kept during the time for which she is sentenced. The convent is not a mere prison in disguise, for its courtyard stands open all day long, the only barrier being a nun who acts as portress, just as in other convents.—Buffalo Express.

Miss Hammond entertained the Association of Collegiate Alumnae on Wednesday. A congenial cup of tea with wafers was served to the guests and later a business meeting was held. The president, Miss Tremain, spoke briefly of the purpose and opportunity that the Association affords. The secretary then read the constitution of the Nebraska Branch and also the constitution concerning branches in the constitution of the General Association. The complete lists of members for the committee has not yet been made as some changes will be necessary. There are five committees: Educational, legislation, program, social and membership. Mrs. Brooks was asked to act as delegate to the annual meeting to be held in New York, November 8th.

The Athenae Club met on Friday. Mrs. Kellogg, a member of the club, when a resident of Lincoln, will take Mrs. Manss' place on the program.