

will take such radical action at present, but it is believed the women will for mally condemn the act of the General Federation.

Mrs. Clarence Burns, of New York, and her State girls' industrial school project will be heard from again.

It was two years ago that Mrs. Burns started public interest in the school, and the Federation lent its influence to get a bill introduced in the legislature for the appropriation of funds to establish it.

The women had just enough influence to get the bill introduced, but not enough to get it passed. At last accounts it was sleeping in committee.

The election promises to be exciting. The retiring officers are: Mrs. William Tod Helmuth, New York, president; M. e. Cornelius Zabriskie, Brooklyn, first vice president; Mrs. Harry Hastings, New York, second vice president; Mrs. Frank B. Church, Wellesville, recording secretary; Miss Anna Rhoades, New Brighton, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Milton H. Northup, Syracuse, treasurer; Mrs. Mary T. Leavenworth, Syracuse; Miss Marion Carpenter, Illion; Mrs. William Eastwood, Rochester, and Mrs. W. C. Gouinloch, Warsaw, executive board.

These officers have all served two years and are ineligible for re election.

Candidates for president are: Mrs. Zabriskie and Mrs. Hastings, the two retiring vice presidents, and Mrs. Washington Roebling.

Mrs. Roebling has sheltered the presidential bee under her hat for several years, but has not been able to make it clear to the majority of the women that she is eligible.

Her opponents say she isn't a resident of this state, because she lives half the year in Newark and the other half at the Hoffman House, New York.

In support of her candidacy, however, Mrs. Roebling has pointed out that she is a member of the New York State Federation and is at the present time chairman of the Committee on Arrangements for the Albany convention. She also gave a \$3.00 luncheon at Delmonico's last year for the Federation membership.

Mrs. Louise Van Loon Lynch of Syracuse, is a popular candidate for corresponding secretary, and Mrs. H. M. Northrup, retiring treasurer, shows a desire to be included in the executive board. This executive board, owing to its make-up of ex-officers, is known among the non-aspirants to office as the "has-beens."

The Sixteenth Annual meeting of the Nebraska Dairywomen's Association will be held in the Dairy Building on the State University Farm, Lincoln, December 18th, 19th, and 20th, 1900. Eminent, practical dairymen will present subjects of interest and importance to the dairy industry. There will be an exhibit of butter and cheese for which liberal premiums will be offered. For program or other information address the secretary, C. S. Bassett, Gibbon, Nebraska.

The Forum, a prominent Chicago club proposes to take up the election methods of the Illinois federation of Women's clubs this winter with a view to some change which shall do away with certain features of the Rockford meeting. Many delegates left that meeting ex-

pressing their opinion that in the future there should be no election at all or it should differ from the pantomime of 255 women marching up and depositing their ballots for a ticket that had already been elected by the nominating committee.

Miss Goggin is the president of the Forum and she has an election scheme which is favored by many of the women. She would provide that all nominations should come from the floor. The nominations by the committee and from the floor would be so arranged that there would be two or three more tickets upon which to vote.

Influence of the Madonna.

In illustration of the effectiveness of the work done by the Public School Art society a pathetic story came to Mrs. John B. Sherwood, president of the society, last week. In one of the schools in the poorer districts where a collection of pictures belonging to the society has been loaned, there is a good copy of the Sistine Madonna. One day a little girl came to the teacher of the room where the picture hung and asked that she might change her seat. She was a timid little girl, and the teacher tried to discover the reason without avail. The child would not say that anything annoyed her where she was and would give no reason. She showed the teacher the seat she would like to have. At night the little girl was kept after school, the teacher being determined to find out the secret of her wish to change.

After some hesitation the child told her whole story. Her mother had died two months before, and she said there was something in the face of the Sistine Madonna that reminded her of her mother. Her seat was changed and she appeared happier after that.

"There are some people," said Mrs. Sherwood, "who object to the Madonna in schools, but with this example of what the picture means to children it is difficult to sustain such objections. It means simply the mother to children. Consciously or unconsciously, they seem to gather something of its spirit. It has been shown to us time after time in some little incident from the schools."

Since the admission of a Nebraska Branch into the Association of Collegiate Alumnae the annual meetings of this organization are of particular interest to Alumnae of various universities, living in Nebraska. The annual meeting occurred in New York, November 8th to 10th and the particular subject of the conference was Education. On the opening morning there was a meeting of the Executive Committee. In the afternoon, Miss Ruth Putnam, president of the New York branch, gave an address of welcome, after that reports from various committees were heard. In the evening Professor Abby Leach of Vassar, president of the association, spoke on "Some Present Needs in Education." Dr. William H. Maxwell and Walter H. Page, also made addresses. On Friday morning, November 9th, a breakfast was given to the New York branch at the Claremont, in honor of the Association. In the afternoon President Lowe gave an address, reports were listened to from the committees who had charge of the conferences to be held with the federated clubs. The A. C. A. has felt that it could do better work in an educational way by co-operating with the Women's clubs. Miss Claghorn, the secretary, has addressed various meetings of federated clubs over the country on this subject. The papers of the afternoon were: "Public Education Associations" by Mrs. A. J. George, and "School Ventilation" by Mrs. Lucien Howe. The topic for the Saturday morning meeting was, College Entrance

Requirements, by President Thomas Bryn Mawr, Professor Emma M. Perkins of Western Missouri, Dr. Margaret F. Washburn, warden of Sage College, and Professor Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia, were the speakers, preceeding the general discussion. At the afternoon session, the last meeting, Mrs. Florence Kelly read a report of the special committee on the teaching of economics in college, the discussion of which was led by Professor John B. Clark of Columbia.

At the recent annual meeting of the Michigan State Federation, a motion from the floor that two men especially connected with the work of the Federation, be made honorary members, caused much dismay and excitement. The almost universal opinion of the meeting was opposed to the admission of men, even as honorary members. One particularly pleasant feature of the congress at Lansing was the dedication by the Federation of the fine new Woman's building at the State Agricultural College.

The annual executive meeting of the National Council of Women was held in Minneapolis November 13, 14 and 15 by invitation of the Minneapolis Woman's Council. This is a local affiliated body, made up of fifty societies, divided according to their work into ten departments, and was one of the first local councils organized on the plan of the national. The National Council, organized in 1888, is made up of twenty affiliated national societies and several state and local councils that are themselves affiliated bodies. It represents the largest number of women gathered under one name, and for a common purpose, in the United States. Once in three years the Council holds a great congress in Washington, at which an accounting is made on the progress of the world. The annual executive meetings are held in different cities, and represent practically the development of district work. At the opening meeting the address of welcome was given by Mrs. W. B. Leach, and the response by Mrs. Fanny Humphreys Gaffney of New York, president of the National Council, who also delivered her address as president at the same meeting. Mrs. Higbee, president of the Minneapolis Council, presided. Tuesday evening the topic was "Women in Municipal Affairs," and one of the speakers was Professor Marie L. Sandford; Wednesday evening, "Women in Business;" Thursday evening, "Women in the Nation." A meeting of special interest to club women was that of Wednesday afternoon, when the reports of affiliated societies and discussions arising from their suggestions made up the program. The executive committee which transacted the business, was made up of the officers of the Council, the president and one other delegate from each of the nation, state, and local societies in the Council. There was a large list of patrons, prominent persons, who pay a large fee to the Council to aid in its work.

A large attendance of club women is expected at the federation meeting in Albany next week. The New York club women are going to try the experiment of not accepting private entertainment. Special rates have been obtained at two of the best hotels. The program committee of the federation has always recognized in turn, at the annual meetings, subjects interesting groups of clubs, in proportion to the size of the groups. At the last annual meeting household economics was the prevailing topic. According to the general plan, it was not included in this year's program, until the deep interest in the subject throughout the state necessitated its recognition. It is thought likely that the color

question will be brought before the convention, although it has not received a place on the program. The Rainy Day club of New York city has instructed its delegates to the federation meeting at Albany to vote against the admission of negro women's clubs, in case the question should come up. It is said to be an open secret that Mrs. Zabriskie is the choice for president, according to reports from the nominating committee. One of the pleasant features of the convention will be the presentation to Mrs. Helmuth of a handsome loving cup, as an expression of gratitude for her many services.

The first regular meeting of the College Women's club for the winter, at the Waldorf-Astor Wednesday afternoon, was largely attended. The president, Miss Irwin-Martin, was in the chair, and announced that the club had undertaken to send a box of clothing to Doane University, Nebraska. The college gives many scholarships, and the students who take advantage of them are usually members of needy families. The club was asked to contribute to the box, which is to be sent forthwith. A brilliant program of vocal and instrumental music was rendered, and monologue recitals by Miss Louise Karr, one of which, "In the Millinery Department," was written for Miss Karr by Mary E. Wilkins. There was a large attendance of members and guests, among them Rebecca D. Lowe, Mrs. Russell Sage, Mrs. Angus Cameron, Mrs. George F. Lawton, and Mrs. John M. Gardner.

Mrs. Croly (Jennie June) has been made a life member of the Pioneer club of London. The membership was not only a courtesy, but a literal gift from the club, each of the Pioneers sharing in the dues. The presentation speech was made by Mrs. E. S. Willard, the wife of the actor, at a luncheon party, and the American woman's thanks were prettily smothered in roses. The Pioneer is London's best woman's club, and the club house has opened its hospitable doors to many American visitors. Mrs. Clarence Burns is among its recent guests.

A course of ten lectures by Professor Edward Howard Griggs on "The Philosophy of Plato and Its Relation to Modern Life," will be a large part of the winter's program of the Woman's Conference Society for Ethical Culture in New York.

Impecune—I have a vision of the poorhouse ever before me.

Bilyuns—Come, come, cheer up. Why do you borrow trouble in that way?

Impecune—Because I can't borrow anything else.—Town Topics.

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