

recognized. Then the Doctor drove home to receive her.

The Empress, gowned in black, with the little violet bonnet on her head, drove with a waiting-woman toward the house of Dr. Evans. She had almost reached there without detection, when street urchin recognized her and exclaimed: "Voilà l'Imperatrice!" "There is the Empress!" She got out of the cab and hid in a courtyard, from which she finally made her way to the home of Dr. Evans, where she spent the day.

That evening, dressed in some of Mrs. Evans' clothes, the Empress and the Doctor undertook to leave Paris in an old traveling carriage. When they arrived at the gates of the city, Dr. Evans begged of the guards not to make any noise, as the old lady in the carriage was a crazy aunt, whom he was taking to a private asylum. Thus they passed through the gates without detection and finally reached the coast, whence they sailed for England. The carriage in which they escaped will form part of the collection to be brought to Philadelphia. —Philadelphia Times.

The year book of the Plattsmouth Woman's Club has been received. It has a white cover with a handsome monogram of rose and white. The large membership list is indicative of an energetic, vigorous club.

The officers are: President, Mrs. Eunice S. Fellows; vice president, Mrs. Elizabeth Streight; recording secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Travis; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Frances Wise; treasurer, Mrs. Fannie Elson; auditor, Mrs. Jennie Unruh.

The following is the program:
October 5

Business, election of new members, report of biennial, vacation memories, memorial and president's address.

Current Topics and Current Literature

October 12; November 2, 16, 30; December 21; January 11; February 1, 15; March 1, 22; April 5, 19; May 17.

Messrs. R. B. Windham, C. A. Rawls, Wm. Baird, Miss Lizzie Arnold, Mrs. Helen Toliff, Mrs. B. M. Stoutenborough and others will present book reviews at the meetings of the Literature department

January 1

Woman's Club Reception
Happy New Year

Music—Popular songs, Negro melodies and their composers; oratorio, history of, and composers; hymnology.

Art—China painting; art talk

Lectures—Egypt, Assyria and Babylonia, the Hebrews, Phoenicia, the Medes and Persians, China, Japan, the history of the Greek nation, the Roman period, first half of the middle ages, second half of the middle ages, the sixteenth century, the seventeenth century, annual meeting, election of officers, general meeting, vacation.

Mrs. Burnett, leader of the History Department of the Lincoln Woman's club has prepared the following thorough outline for the year. There are at present eighteen members in this department. The papers are limited to twenty minutes each and the remaining topics are short talks led by the one whose name appears in the program:

Program of the History Department

of the Woman's Club, 1900-1901.

Revolutionary Period Continued

October 18.

Paper—Naval affairs, Mrs. E. A. Burnett.

Discussion—Paul Jones, Mrs. Hatfield, leader.

Discussion—Aid from French Keets, Mrs. Troupe, leader.

November 1

Paper—The southern campaign and Surrender of Yorktown, Mrs. Stanhope.

Discussion—The Cawpens, Mrs. Chapman.

Discussion—Guilford courthouse, Mrs. O. J. King.

Discussion—Virginia and Yorktown, Mrs. Henry.

November 8

Paper—The finances of the revolution, Miss Brackett.

Paper—The congress of the revolution, Mrs. E. J. King

Paper—Character of American generalship, Miss Tremaine.

November 22

Paper—Vicissitudes of the British ministry, Mrs. Broady.

Paper—Relation of European powers, Mrs. Kelley.

Paper—Value of French aid, Miss Martin

December 6

Paper—Franklin and the revolution, Mrs. M. A. Bullock.

Paper—The treaty of peace, Mrs. Angle.

Paper—Services of distinguished foreigners.

The Critical Period

January 3

Paper—Central government and union Miss Tremaine

Discussion—Hindrances to union

Discussion—The slavery question, Mrs. Henry

January 17

Paper—Sentiment at home and abroad concerning the weakness of the government, Mrs. Hatfield

Discussion—Quarrels between the states, Miss Brackett.

Discussion—Relations with foreign states, Mrs. Eckerman

January 31.

Paper—Financial difficulties, Mrs. Troupe

Discussion—Paper money, Mrs. Bullock

Discussion—Shay's rebellion.

February 14

Paper—The western and northwestern territory, Mrs. Henry

Discussion—Claims of the states, Miss Martin.

Discussion—Ordinance of 1787, Mrs. Broady

February 28

Paper—The federal convention, Mrs. Eckerman

Discussion—Steps leading to it, Mrs. Chapman

Discussion—Meeting of convention, membership and plans, Mrs. Stanhope

March 14

Paper—The work of the convention

Discussion—Its most difficult problems and their sentiment

Discussion—Powers granted the federal government

March 28

Paper—Struggle for adoption of constitution

Discussion—The Federalist

Discussion—The federal constitution compared with that of the British

Secretary Gage has decided to allow the party of lace-makers from Nottingham, England, who were recently detained at Philadelphia, to enter. Their admission was opposed by labor organizations, but Secretary Gage admitted them on the ground that through them a new industry is to be established.

The program of the Omaha Woman's Club:

Political and Social Science Department

November 26, 1900

Mrs. C. S. Lobingier Leader

Mrs. H. A. Wagner Ass't. Leader

Mrs. N. E. Adams Secretary

Mrs. G. W. Clark Chairman Ex. Com.

Music

(a) Recitative and Aria, "In Felice," from Ernani

(b) "The Ivy Green" Henry Russell
Jules Lumbard

Mrs. H. P. Whitmore, Accompanist

Paper

The Chicago court for juvenile offenders

Mrs. A. N. Ferguson

Omaha's Needs

1 School needs Miss Jennie L. Redfield

2 Public baths Mrs. J. H. Dumont

3 Need of a social settlement

(a) Domestic Science

Mrs. H. S. MacMurphy

(b) Kindergartens Mrs. H. H. Heller

Conclusion Miss Mary Fairbrother

The published report of the General Federation of Women's Clubs shows a steady increase in the number of members. It now numbers 683 clubs, with a membership of 65,000 club women and 38 State Federations with 2,675 clubs enrolling 155,000 members.

DOES NEBRASKA NEED A LIBRARY COMMISSION, AND TRAVELING LIBRARIES?

When good things are recognized they usually spread, though slowly at first because people only gradually realize their benefits. A little book upon traveling libraries, published by or for the American Library Association, states that New York inaugurated the new idea in 1892 by a legislative appropriation of a sum of money for a traveling library. The plan worked well and "expanded" until in 1898 the Albany State library sent out 534 of these traveling libraries. Michigan, Iowa, Ohio, Minnesota, Maine, Wisconsin and Kansas quickly appreciated the soundness of the plan and adopted it. Now all are equipped with traveling libraries which the people now could not or would not do without. Even in the land of Mormons the women of Salt Lake City send books regularly to remote valleys; and an association in Washington, D. C., puts libraries on the canal boats plying on the Potomac canal. In the south, says a public spirited, woman devotes herself to the supervision of an admirable system which reaches a large number of small villages in five southern states. Recently Hon. Hoke Smith, a former cabinet member from Atlanta, has donated a large sum to libraries for a number of towns in his state and has promised also to keep up the supply of books. This is true philanthropy. The money is used for the establishment of something which will live in the lives of others as an every day educator and powerful factor for untold good.

If then, these institutions are good for other states and communities, they are good for Nebraska which shows its high standard of intelligence in the fact that the percentage of illiteracy is the least of any state in the union. The women who belong to the clubs of this state recognize the good of the traveling library in its successful experimental work thus far, and they are anxious to secure the assistance of their husbands, brothers and friends who are the state's law makers. An appropriation from the legislature would be a generous thing and would do a vast deal toward the educating and refining of our already intelligent people. As in other western states there are those in remote districts who, reared in populous places and with advantages of

books and libraries at command, have been placed by circumstances often hard and unlovely where such advantages are unobtainable. How greatly would they appreciate a taste of former joys. How they desire for their children the delights for pure and good reading and how they would welcome even a small traveling library!

He spake truly who said: "The pen is mightier than the sword." Words of wisdom, of culture, of poetry and fiction between the covers of cloth or vellum or on the pages of the omnipresent magazine are words that burn and live forever. The historian writes for future generations; the philosopher moralizes for millions who live and who are yet to live; the poet sings for the delight of souls. To him who reads the doors of the world are open, and music, art, philosophy, the drama, mystical love and the sweetest of siren songs bid him enter. He is charmed, uplifted, refined by their companionship.

Good books are the best of friends. They lure one on and on, always delighting our point of view of the whole creation. The benefit of good literature is inestimable and if the establishment of a state library commission and a traveling library system in our state will bring to the dwellers in smaller towns, to those in rural or isolated districts the benefits of pure and elevating reading, let us by all means strive to bring about that much to be desired consummation.

[This paper was read to a recent meeting of the Plattsmouth Woman's Club, by the president, Mrs. Eunice S. Fellows. Mrs. Stoutenborough says that she believes the Plattsmouth Woman's Club is the first in the state to carry out the suggestions of the committee on library extension and this is the first paper on this subject which The Courier has received. Mrs. Stoutenborough says further the paper was listened to by a large and enthusiastic audience. The petition to the legislature is started and contains the names of club women, business and professional men. All this in Plattsmouth where Mrs. Stoutenborough is best known and where her zeal and unselfish activity is most effective.—Ed.]

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