

CLUBS.

The general election of the D. A. R. takes place at Washington in February. The Georgia state convention of D. A. R. recently indorsed the resolution, passed by several of the local chapter presenting the name of Mrs. Donald McLean, regent of the New York city chapter, as their candidate for president-general of the National association. The Tennessee D. A. R. has also passed a similar resolution.

The Deborah Avery chapter of the D. A. R. have prepared an interesting Year Book. The cover is white, with the handsome insignia of the D. A. R. done in blue for decoration. The book opens with a brief history of the chapter. The officers are Mrs. M. H. Everett, regent; Mrs. R. T. Van Brunt, vice regent; Mrs. R. L. Rehlaender, secretary; Mrs. M. J. Waugh, corresponding secretary; Mrs. A. S. Tibbetts, treasurer; Mrs. W. C. Henry, registrar and Mrs. S. B. Pound, historian. The members of the advisory council are Mrs. Louie M. Allen, Mrs. J. C. Harpham, Miss Mary A. Stevens and Miss Anna G. Childs. The program is as follows:

October 5, at the home of Mrs. A. J. Sawyer, Memorial meeting for Mrs. Anna Williston Sherman and Mrs. Annabelle Winchester.

Prayer—Mrs. Julia Coggeshall.

Music—"He Giveth His Beloved Sleep," Miss Childs.

Address—Mrs. Stephen B. Pound.

Address—Miss Mary M. A. Stephens.

Music—"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth," Miss Childs.

November 2—

Meeting at the home of Mrs. Haggard.

Annual address of the chapter regent, Mrs. M. H. Everett.

Reading of the prize essay for the gold medal offered by the chapter, Miss Edith Craig.

December 7—

Meeting at the home of Mrs. M. J. Waugh.

Paper—"The Jesuit Missions in America," Mrs. H. M. Morning.

Election of delegates to the Continental congress.

January 4—

Meeting at the home of Mrs. H. H. Wilson.

Paper—"Has Nebraska No History," Mrs. A. J. Sawyer.

February 1—

Meeting at the home of Mrs. W. C. Henry.

Paper—"The Indian and the Puritan," Mrs. H. H. Wilson.

March 1—

Meeting at the home of Miss Stevens.

Paper—"The German Settlers of Pennsylvania," Mrs. A. S. Tibbetts.

Report of delegates to the Continental congress.

April 5—

Meeting at the home of Mrs. A. S. Tibbetts.

Paper—"The Redemptioners," Miss Carrie Dennis.

May 3—

Annual meeting at the home of Mrs. L. M. Allen.

Election of officers.

May 31—

Meeting at the home of Mrs. S. B. Pound.

Awarding of the Deborah Avery medal.

Reception.

The last page of the calendar has a fine engraving of the Gold Medal offered to the girl of the Senior Class in the Lincoln high school writing the

best paper on an assigned subject.

The Art Department of the Woman's club met on Monday at the club rooms.

The recent annual convention of the national Society of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, held at Montgomery, Alabama, was the seventh in the history of that society. Mrs. Weed of Florida, the president, presided. Like the Albany meeting of the New York State Federation, the Daughters of the Confederacy opened their sessions in the hall of the House of Representatives at the State Capitol. Mrs. John A. Kirkpatrick of Montgomery, president of the Alabama State Division, and Mrs. Chappell Corey, president of the Cradle of the Confederacy Chapter of Montgomery, delivered each an address of welcome, Mrs. Corey in behalf of the four local chapters, Mrs. Kirkpatrick representing the state. To these Mrs. Weed eloquently responded, dwelling interestingly on Montgomery's historic connection with the names of some of the great men of the Confederacy. In referring to the first Confederate cabinet she spoke of the fact that Hon. J. H. Reagan of Texas, Postmaster-General, is the only one now living. The several days' meeting was occupied by sessions devoted to the business of the society alternating with evening entertainments and social functions at which the traditional hospitality of southern women was abundantly exemplified by the Montgomery ladies. Two brilliant receptions had, between them, the four local chapters as hostesses: One given by the Cradle of the Confederacy and Secession chapters at the Jefferson Davis house, the historic old mansion on Lee street, Montgomery, was attended by many distinguished men and women, with the Confederate veterans present in a body. The second reception was at the Beauvoir club, with the Sophie Bibb and Dixie chapters receiving. Mrs. Kirkpatrick also threw open her beautiful residence for a large evening reception, the national officers and Mrs. Goodlett of Nashville, one of the founders of the organization, and the national and state officers receiving with her. The attendance of delegates and visiting Daughters was very large, and the entire meeting was characterized by brilliancy and enthusiasm.

The recent meeting in New York city of the board of directors of the General Federation was held on the mornings of two days. Every member was present except Mrs. Christie of Montana, who was unable to attend. The standing committees were appointed, their names, however, not to be given out until the members have accepted. The executive committee includes the president ex officio, Mrs. E. L. Buchwalter of Ohio and Mrs. Mary S. Lockwood of District of Columbia. Mrs. Dimie G. S. Denison, 157 West One Hundred and Third street, New York city, was made chairman of the membership committee, of which Mrs. Vaa Vechten of Iowa, Mrs. West of Massachusetts and Mrs. G. W. Kendrick, Jr., of Pennsylvania, are members. Miss Ellen C. Sabin of Milwaukee Downer college, Wisconsin, was made chairman of the educational committee; Mrs. Mary S. Lockwood, The Columbia, Washington, District of Columbia, chairman of the committee on reincorporation, and Mrs. Lora Rockwell Priddy, 514 N. Topeka avenue, Wichita, Kansas, chairman of the program committee for the sixth biennial. The place of holding the next biennial was not decided upon, and the choice still lies between Boston and Los Angeles. The board passed a resolution to the effect that the audience room used on that occasion should be paid for by the General Federation out of its treasury, and that social functions should be

limited to one reception. It was voted to relieve Mrs. Lowe from official duties for one year, if necessary, on account of her ill health, and Mrs. Denison, the first vice president, was made acting president during that time. The next meeting of the board will be held probably in January or February, the place not being as yet announced.

The tri-color of France floats artistically on the title page of the year book of the Belle-Lettres club of Oil City, Pennsylvania, indicating that a study of that interesting country will occupy the attention of the members through the current club year. The club is the leading literary club of the city, counting about one hundred members. It meets weekly on Fridays, from 3:30 till five P. M. At each session two papers are presented, with at alternate meetings a short reading and discussion, three minute talks or queries on some formulated topics germane to the subject under consideration. Music is a feature of every meeting, an effort being made to have it relate, whenever possible to the club study. The outline for a review of French history and affairs is an excellent one, comprehensive and varied, yet touching most of the salient points in French history. The meetings that occur near the holidays of the year are made distinctive by a suspension of the study plan and the substitution of a light program pertinent to the time. In addition to its social and literary motif the club maintains a very excellent circulating library which counts about four thousand books—a sturdy young oak that grew from a very small acorn. At one of the early meetings of the club it was decided to attempt a library, and the thirty-two members present contributed one dollar each toward the project. From this the library has grown and flourished, and has admirably served the community. It will soon become a part of the Carnegie library which Oil City will achieve in the not distant future. The first president of the club was Mrs. C. A. Babcock, who was followed by Mrs. C. F. Hartwell, succeeded in her turn by the present president, Mrs. J. P. Strayer. Other chief officers are four vice-presidents—Mrs. S. Y. Ramage, Mrs. W. Barr, Mrs. S. W. McCuen, Miss Myra Chickering; secretary, Miss M. J. Goldsborough; federation secretary, Mrs. T. A. McCracken; treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Berry; auditor, Miss Sarah Hason; librarian, Mrs. J. S. Ricker. In addition there are a board of four directors and three standing committees—program, entertainment, press—each composed of five members.

One of the most interesting sessions at the autumn meeting of the New Hampshire State Federation was that devoted to a discussion of the question, "Is it preferable to have several small clubs in a place, or a single large one?" The discussion brought forward decided opinions on both sides. Mrs. Griffin of the Keene Colonial club believed in the expansion plan as giving the greatest good to the greatest number of persons. It was also argued that money was needed to carry on the necessary work of the club, and as it is not desirable to raise club dues, a large membership list keeps the treasury filled. On the other hand, very large clubs have difficulty in finding rooms in which to meet, and their size interferes with the promotion of personal relations. Another speaker advocated small clubs with associate and honorary members who keep the club in touch with a larger circle when occasion demands, yet permit the actual size of the club to be limited. In connection with the same general subject the question of the problem of the waiting-list was also discussed. One of the speakers affirmed that it is a valuable

strengthened of the club. Whatever is difficult to attain is more highly valued when it is finally secured. This speaker advocated balloting as the best way to choose members. One delegate said that in her club, in cases of temporary removal from town, the absentees are made corresponding members to send letters at stated periods. During their absence members are chosen from the waiting-list to take their places, these substitutes going back on the waiting-list when the regular members return.

The annual meeting of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, to open in Washington, February 22, 1901, will be of special interest, as a change of leading officers will take place. Mrs. Daniel Manning, the present president-general, goes out by the constitutional expiration of her term, and a number of candidates are mentioned as her possible successor. At the recent state meeting of the Georgia D. A. R., strong resolutions, passed by the Atlanta chapters, were accepted by the state body endorsing Mrs. Donald McLean of New York for the office of president general. Tennessee Daughters passed similar resolutions in favor of Mrs. McLean. Other names mentioned are those of Mrs. Fairbanks of Indiana, Miss Desha of Washington, one of the founders of the society, Mrs. W. A. Roebbing of New Jersey and others. Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt promptly declined the proposal to ask her acceptance of the office—a proposal alleged to be unwarranted on the part of the national board, and one that has brought much criticism upon it.

The following correspondence may be of interest:

To the Medford Woman's Club:

The executive board of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs hereby acknowledges the receipt of the resolutions adopted by the Medford Woman's Club, announcing its withdrawal from the membership of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

As the official organ of the General Federation in this state, the executive board feels obliged to point out to the Medford Woman's club that the reasons given for this action are apparently based on a misconception of the situation as it existed at the biennial meeting.

Mrs. Ruffin would have been permitted to take her seat in the convention as a delegate from the Massachusetts State Federation or from the New England Woman's Press Association had she chosen to do so. She was urged by the credentials committee to take out credentials from one of these organizations, the question of color not operating against her as an individual. The question at issue was the broader one of the general policy of admitting clubs of colored women to the membership of the General Federation. The refusal of the General Federation board to confirm the admission of the Women's Era club and to honor its credentials, represented the convictions of one section of the country upon this policy; and also all sections to preserve the national character of our great organization. The right solution of this question is not to be reached by the withdrawal of the clubs of any section; therefore the executive board of the Massachusetts State Federation deeply regrets the hasty action of the Medford Woman's club, which deprives it of all further influence in shaping the action of the General Federation.

Per order of the Executive Board.

Etta H. Glidden,

Corresponding Secretary.

Hotel Vendome, November 14.

Louise R. Atwood, Corresponding Secretary of Medford Woman's Club.

Medford, Dec. 12.

At a meeting of the Medford Woman's