

invitation from the Bar association to the lecture by Judge Woolworth to be held on the evening of February 4th in the First Congregational church.

Mrs. Annah Herring announced that club members would be allowed to bring five guests this season or club tickets.

The chief business transacted during the afternoon was the amendment of the constitution and the consequent change in the mode of electing club officers. The constitution now reads that the election of officers will be held two weeks before the annual meeting of the club.

Mrs. H. H. Dutcher of Minneapolis spoke to the club for a few minutes in the interests of the Woman's Keeley rescue work, a branch of which she hopes to start in Omaha.

The club register showed a list of guests from Kansas, Iowa, Minnesota, Michigan, Colorado and Massachusetts.

Miss Ella Day recited Kipling's "Recessional," "After Whites" by James Whitcomb Riley, and "Angelina" by Paul Lawrence Dunbar.

Miss Margaret McHugh, teacher of German and English in the High school addressed the club on the "Relation of Literature and Philosophy." Mrs. Mary Andrews closed the program by an interesting paper on the "Motives and Aims of the Ethical Society," organized by Dr. Felix Adler.

The announcements for the week are: French conversation class on Tuesday at 10 a. m. The musical department will have a Schumann program on Friday morning and the oratory department gives its first public recital on Thursday at 2:30 p. m. The English literature department will have a fine program on Thursday at 10 a. m.

The Year Book of the Norfolk Woman's club comes to us in a cover of white and lavender with the subject "Review of Progress of the United States during the Nineteenth Century." The lavender garniture in the shape of scroll work and lettering is pretty for about lavender there is a particular, peculiar charm. The club was organized in 1896 and has at this time a membership of forty-eight. The officers are: Meedames A. J. Durland, president; J. C. Aid, vice president; C. H. Reynolds, recording secretary; W. G. Baker, corresponding secretary; C. C. Gow, treasurer; L. M. Beeler, librarian.

The Paris exposition is the first program representing the status of attainment of the present day. This is followed by a program on political history. Electricity and agriculture with their wonderful advances form an absorbing topic. Poetry and music are studied together, literature is given two afternoons. A mock trial, novelists, prominent women of the century, household economics, sculpture and painting, progress of religion during the century, educational institutions and social evolution are other topics under discussion. Four reviews, book or magazine are provided for in the year's program, this with a dramatic day for the last open meeting which occurs in April, concludes this interesting year's work.

Friends in Council have kindly sent the Courier their Year Book 1900-1901, bound in pink with the theme "A year in France," which is charmingly sug-

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gestive. The inspiration words are "Upward and Onward for Evermore," and those particularly chosen for the year's work, "The sun rises bright in France and fair sets he." The club was both organized and federated in 1895. The places chiefly studied are Paris, with a prelude of Atlantic Steamer Lines, Normandy Brittany, the Valley of the Loire, the slopes of the Pyrenees, French Navarre, Lourdes, the Rhone, Burgundy, Lyons and Versailles. One program is devoted to the Crusades and the Huguenots, another to French Pottery and the Home of the Stuarts, the Women of the Old Regime, the Women of the Salon, and the Women of the Revolution are other topics under consideration. History of French Art and Artists, Preachers and Philosophers, and the Maid of Orleans are also discussed. Music occurs eight times on the program. The officers are: President, Elizabeth Chamberlain; vice president, Minnie Shaw; secretary, Maggie Stewart; corresponding secretary, Laura Tracy; treasurer, Helen Seaver.

The Zetetic club of Weeping Water has prepared a convenient little calendar for the year 1900-1901. The club was organized in 1884 and federated in 1891. The club color is corn and the emblem bittersweet. There could be no happier combination of well being than their chosen words proclaim, "Mutual Good Will and Mental Growth." The club is evidently accustomed to preparing programs, for the outline is both concise and consistent. The subject is English Literature. Twenty minutes are devoted to the history of the period at each meeting. The Anglo-Saxons and their Literature is the opening topic followed by Literature under the Normans. Chaucer and his Canterbury Tales form another topic. Then comes the period previous to that wonderful Elizabethan age and then the remarkable period itself. The progress of literature from Elizabeth's death to the Restoration; the literature of the Restoration; Eighteenth Century Tendencies in Literature, and the Evolution of the Novel are studied. One afternoon is devoted to Scott and another to Dickens and Thackeray. One afternoon is given up entirely to music and interludes appear on numerous programs. The officers are: Meedames Rhoda Rouse, president; F. Augustine Gates, vice president; Florence Teegarden, secretary; Edith Donelan, treasurer.

The calendar of the Minden Woman's club wears a rose-colored cover tied with white ribbons. The club was organized in 1896 and federated in 1898. "Improve yourself and so improve the world" are the imperative words the club has chosen for its uplift. The program is of a miscellaneous character substantiated by Shakspeare's line "Like of each thing that in season grows." The officers are: Meedames Minnie Shedd Cline, president; Hattie Morgan Clearman, vice president; Harriet Wimmer, recording secretary; Ella Coloin Thomas, corresponding secretary; Susie M. Godfrey, treasurer. The subjects for discussion are book-making, a very interesting topic just now, music, recent novels, inventions, superstitions, Christmas program, review of Present Relations between the Nations of the World, China, Mother Goose with original interpretations, social reforms and Aboriginal America. A program is also planned in honor of Washington's birthday and a Nebraska day is always one of vital interest. The Woman, Past, Present and Probable, is of peculiar interest, especially where probability is concerned. The volunteer program is an unusual and good idea. Time for current events is provided on every pro-

gram except that of February 22nd. The current event topics are assigned and include almost every country in their outline.

The Current Events department of the Woman's club met Friday at the club rooms. Mrs. Wheeler read a very intelligent paper on "Motherhood."

Sociosis met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lees. Miss Annie Miller had charge of the program for the afternoon, "Traveling Libraries." Miss Miller spoke of the Library Bill and gave much encouragement as to its passage. She also spoke interestingly of libraries in general and their influence. The next meeting of the club will be on Tuesday, February 5th. Miss Pereson will lecture on physical culture.

The following is the program for the next meeting of the Fairbury Woman's club:

Business; Response—menu, recipe or decoration; Music; Talks: 1. Hints to the young housekeeper; 2. Artistic and practical furnishings for the home—Mrs. McDowell; 3. Advantages and disadvantages of a meat diet—Mrs. Weidner; 4. Practical lessons in cookery with demonstrations—Meedames Cropsy and Letton; 5. How to select and prepare meats—Meedames Cropsy and Letton; Music.

The Woman's club of York met Monday, January 21st. The topic for the afternoon was the reign of Edward VI and Mary Queen of Scots.

The Matinee Musicale.

January has been a propitious month for the Matinee Musicale. The meetings have brought pleasure to many. Mrs. Shipman, a charter member of the club and a guest in Lincoln, contributed much to the success of the program. The following was last Monday's program:

- Musical Contrasts
- (a) Oh, My Maid Is Fairer Still..... Pease
 - (b) Irish Love Song..... Margaret Lang
Mrs. John Doane
 - (a) Prelude—Gavotte..... Correll 1600
 - (b) Tarantelle, G flat..... Moezkowski
Miss Anne Stewart
 - (a) Evermore Lost to Me..... Bach 1578
 - (b) Spring Song from "Valkyrie"..... Wagner
Mrs. H. B. Ward
 - (a) Adagio Religioso..... Ole Bull
 - (b) The Zephyrs..... Hubay
Miss Silence Dales
 - (a) The Lost Chord (In memory of
Sir Arthur Sullivan..... Sullivan
 - (b) A Georgia Cradle Song..... Sullivan
Mrs. D. A. Campbell
 - (a) Romance, opus 5..... Tchaikowski
 - (b) Badinage..... Victor Herbert
Miss Marie Hoover
 - (a) A Mother's Song..... Woodman
 - (b) Spring Song..... Becker
Mrs. George E. Shipman.

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Editor Courier:

I see by the last Courier that the members of the Worcester Woman's club are still resolving on the colored question. They say in their resolutions of December 12th, that the board of directors of the General Federation of Women's clubs, refused to admit to membership the Women's Era club of Boston, and gave no satisfactory reason for its action. And they request an explanation or reversal of its decision. The executive board of the General Federation does not have to explain its decisions, and there is nothing in the constitution to that effect, and the members of the Worcester club, as well as every one else in clubdom, knows that the New Era club of Boston composed of colored women was not admitted to the General Federation for the simple reason that colored women are not personae grata to the majority of the members of the General Federation. There is an

unwritten law of congeniality which we cannot ignore, and just as soon as uncongeniality exists in an organization its usefulness is gone. The saying that we are all equal is a fallacy. We may be born equal under the law, but that is all. Equality never has nor it never can exist in this world. We may have socialism and communism, as the result of a change in human laws, but nature's laws are fixed. Some are born white and some are born black, some are born short intellectually and some are born shiftless physically; and heredity, education and environment, tend still farther to destroy the balance, and all that is left for us to do is to accept existing conditions and do the best we can and work for the greatest good of the greatest number, and that is just what the board of directors of the General Federation did. For the admission of that colored women's club would have antagonized three-fourths of the members of the General Federation, whose membership mounts up to the hundreds of thousands, while the New Era club of a few members would never have known it wanted to belong to the General Federation had it not been incited thereto. And it is my opinion that had Massachusetts candidate been elected president at the Denver biennial, the Worcester club would never have clasped the colored population to its breast and wept. They know that the race question is the sore spot in the social anatomy of the south and the Worcester club with reprehensible perseverance insists on putting its finger on the spot and scratching off the epidermis. The club movement is a culture organization for the benefit of the home and the individual. It is not a reformatory nor a society for the leveling of social distinctions and it has the same right to exclusiveness as the home has and it would be as sensible for the General Federation to insist that the members of the Worcester club entertain their butlers, cooks, footmen and housemaids in their parlors with honored guests, because the conversation would be elevating to the servant class, who are fully their equals in color, freedom and sense, as it is to insist that colored clubs shall be taken into the General Federation, when they would be socially repugnant to the greater number. I have no prejudice against the colored race. I am a northerner by birth and education, and my father was an abolitionist, but I was always taught that a lady would never intrude herself or her friends into company where she knew she or they would not be persona grata; and what is good form for an individual is good form for a collection of individuals. It is human nature when one attempts to thrust something down your throat to shut your teeth, and while I believe in doing everything possible to help the colored race improve, I do not believe in rubbing elbows with them socially. Let us teach them industry, economy, cleanliness, honesty, virtue and the art of home making and home keeping, but do not inculcate a social ambition except among themselves for any other will never benefit the negro class and is obnoxious to the sensibilities of the refined portion of the Caucasian race. The black and the white races will never amalgamate and the Worcester club might just as well resolve against any other law of nature. Had the members of the Worcester club expended one half the force and energy in establishing clubs among the colored population, and in teaching them how to benefit their own race by being better mothers, better wives and better sweethearts, that they have expended in making themselves generally obnoxious to the National Federation and the community at large, they would have received some tangible results from their labor. Since the Milwaukee