

biennial I never see the word Worcester without skipping it like a Lydia Pinkham advertisement. Even in reading the census report, when I came to the word "Worcester" I omitted it for fear it might be a colored resolution in disguise.

Mrs. D. C. McKillip.

Mrs. C. W. Long of Wakefield, has been kind enough to send the Courier the year book of the Wakefield Woman's club. It contains the names of the officers and members, the outline for the season's work and the order of business. Between yellow covers, it is a very neat program and reference book of a year's prospective work and business. The officers are: President, Mrs. R. Q. Browne; vice president, Mrs. J. H. Brown; recording secretary, Mrs. R. D. Aller; corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. W. Long; treasurer, Mrs. G. A. Peterson. Critic, first quarter, Mrs. Marriott; critic, second quarter, Mrs. Brown; critic, third quarter, Mrs. Adler. Program committee—Mesdames Rowse, Mathewson, Peterson, Brown and Long. Most of the attention of the club is devoted to the study of American institutions and literary men and women. At the first meeting in September the members listened to biographies and critical estimates of the literary women of America, including Louisa M. Alcott, Ella Wheeler Wilcox, Ruth McEnery Stewart, Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward, Sarah Orne Jewett and Helen Hunt Jackson. At the next meeting, American women in public life were discussed. Mrs. Howe, Mrs. Stowe, Miss Anthony, Miss Mott, Barton and Mary Lyon were considered. Then Hawthorne and his friends, Emerson, Lowell, Holmes, Longfellow, Whittier and Thoreau follow. The great orators of the last century is a pertinent topic and Hamilton, Clay, Henry, Webster, Phillips, Douglas, Beecher, Lincoln and Gough. At the first meeting in November American religious leaders were discussed. On November 20th, Thanksgiving day, its history, reminiscences, a Thanksgiving story and poem. On December 4th, Negro authors: Phyllis Wheatley, Gustavus Vassa, Wm. W. Brown, Wm. C. Nell, Fred Douglas, Frances Harper, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Mathews and Paul Dunbar. January 15th and 29th, educational institutions of the United States; February 5th, Our public schools: Modern school methods, should children study at home? kindergarten work, school visiting by club women. The needs of our schools by a county superintendent. February 19th, Mother's meeting; March 5th, Polar explorations; March 19th, National songs and flags; April 2nd, Relationship of European monarchs; April 16th and 30th, Art exposition; May 14th, China and pottery; May 28th, Essay, club poem and story. The motto of the club, "Life is a progress and not a station." It was organized in 1893 and was federated the following year. The membership numbers twenty-six.

The Fin de Siecle club of Seward is studying this winter American history and literature. The year book is in blue and gold. The officers are: President, Alice Sexton; vice president, Nelle Davis; secretary, Myrtle Brooks; treasurer, Mrs. W. E. Langworthy. There are thirty-nine members. Every meeting is diversified by music and by readings from the authors quoted.

Mrs. Anna D. West, former chairman of correspondence of the Massachusetts State Federation and now a director of the General Federation gave an interesting report to the convention of Presidents of the Massachusetts State Federation held in Boston the latter part of December, of the meeting of the Ex-

ecutive Board of the General Federation which occurred in New York in November. Among the subjects under discussion at the meeting of the General Board, Mrs. West said, was that of the place of meeting for the sixth biennial of women's clubs, the sentiment being strongly in favor of Boston. She suggested to the general board that the circumstances now and when the invitation was issued were somewhat different, as many Massachusetts clubs intended withdrawing, owing to the per capita tax and she feared that the remaining clubs might not be able to meet all the expenses of a biennial. The general board then voted to pay all expenses for halls or theatres during the biennial and to limit the social functions to one reception. The decision as to location of the next federation meeting will be made in February and Mrs. West urged all Massachusetts clubs to remain in the federation until after the decision. Mrs. West reported also her motion at the board meeting in New York to take off the table the application of the Woman's Era club of Boston, which had been tabled since last June. The secretary of the general executive board then read the notice served by the Georgia federation of an amendment to be voted upon at the next biennial, which should insert the word "white" in the bylaws of the General Federation. The board, then in courtesy to the Georgia federation, voted to delay action on the application of the Woman's Era club until after the amendment had been before the biennial of 1902. Mrs. West objected to this.

To the convention of presidents of the Massachusetts State Federation, Mrs. West gave full explanation also of the action of the Massachusetts delegates who have been called delinquent, at the Milwaukee biennial. A discussion followed the report. Miss Whittier of Lowell, urged all clubs to remain in the federation and hence retain their right to vote upon the important matters of the next biennial. The conference voted to endorse the action of the Massachusetts delegates at Milwaukee and to recommend that the state executive board should send to the general executive board to be announced at its next meeting, notice of an amendment of the bylaws of the General Federation which should embody the Massachusetts plan of reorganization to be voted upon at the next biennial.

The Atlanta Georgian and New Era, the woman's club paper of Georgia, in speaking of the fate of bills prepared by the State Federation of Women's clubs says:

"Our present legislature is making an unenviable record in the way of voting down bills looking to the moral, physical, and educational advancement of the state. The bill asking for the raise in the age of consent was defeated. The bill asking that girls be admitted to the school of textiles was defeated. The child labor bill met a similar fate, and now the dispensary bill has been lost. What's the matter with Georgia, anyhow?"

One hundred and seven delegates from the different states included in the original Louisiana Purchase presented their credentials to the committee in the parlors of the Athenaeum club at Kansas City, Thursday morning, January 17th. The conference of club women was called by Mrs. Edward Harrison of St. Louis, president of the Missouri Federation of Women's clubs, to arrange for some suitable commemoration of the purchase and a suitable celebration in 1903 of the 100th anniversary of this purchase by the United States. The audience room was well filled by women in pretty street gowns and handsome

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hats, with the badge of white satin ribbon on which was written in gold letters "Louisiana Purchase," fluttering over handsome cloaks and bodices. Women in whose faces one could read the refining influences of intellectuality, the home keepers of different states. So much for the personnel of the large and enthusiastic audience.

The presiding officer was Mrs. Edward Harrison of St. Louis, and Mrs. Harriet MacMurphy of Omaha, was made secretary of the meeting.

The mayor of Kansas City welcomed the delegates in a brief speech, but did not offer them the keys of the city. Mrs. Gage, president of the Athenaeum club also gave a pleasant word of greeting, and Mrs. Selvyan Douglas of Oklahoma, made a hearty response. Then Mrs. Harrison stated the object of the meeting and the conference took up the real business in such a way as to commend their ability.

Only eleven projects for permanent memorials were submitted, but the discussion which followed each project, must have tried the patience of the secretary if not the chairman. The first for the erection of a model tenement house which shall be altruistic, artistic and utilitarian, the model of which shall be exhibited at the St. Louis fair.

Second, the erection and maintenance of an industrial normal school, in which each state of the purchase territory, shall hold shares and be entitled to the admission of pupils, in proportion to its number of shares.

Third, the erection of a monument to include statues of some of the notable men who were participants in the purchase and other decorations suggestive of its history.

Fourth, the erection of a Woman's building at the St. Louis fair where the club women from all lands should be entertained by the women of the purchase states.

Fifth, a fountain near the Union depot of St. Louis.

Sixth, the maintenance of a home of charities and corrections.

Seventh, a monument composed of historic characters and a prize, including the coat of arms of the purchase states.

Eighth, a triumphal arch composed of stone from the seventeen states, Missouri to be the key-stone.

Ninth, an industrial school for colored children.

Tenth, an endowment of a chair for the science of motherhood to be sustained in some institution of learning.

Eleventh, a woman's club house to cost one million.

It was decided that these various projects should be submitted to the clubs of the purchase states, through the presidents of their state federations, their decision to be reported back through their state presidents to the president of the Missouri Federation.

Doubtless another meeting will be

called during the year when a final decision will be made as to the memorial, and arrangement made for the celebration to be held at the St. Louis fair.

Too much praise cannot be given to the Kansas City club women for their hospitality to the stranger club women who attended this conference. Of them it may be said: They are "given to hospitality." The task of entertaining so many delegates was a large one, but it was done with such system that the labor was reduced to a minimum and the spirit of heartiness in which they were received gave a glow to the proceedings from the first. Two elegant luncheons were served in the dining room of the club house and two beautiful receptions given in honor of visiting club women, added not a little to the agreeableness of the occasion.

"In days gone by," said one of the delegates, "when this vast region blossomed with the savage, the sunflowers and the prairie dog, the god of fortune looked to the east, the north and the south and chose the bravest hearted men and women of those regions and planted them in the valley of the Kaw." A Nebraska woman who chanced to hear this remark felt like adding, "The work begun in faith has far surpassed its earliest hopes."

Surely every delegate who attended the conference returned home feeling that they had received new inspirations, new thoughts and new ideas. We are working for all things that will make women stronger, better, braver truer.

Belle M. Stoutenborough.

Helen Keller, the deaf, blind and hitherto dumb girl, now a student at Radcliff College, has learned to talk. This week she astonished and delighted the freshman class, of which she is vice president, by making her first public speech, at a class luncheon in Fay Hall. Helen was called upon by the chairman, and responded with a brief address, in a low, unmodulated, but rather musical and perfectly intelligible voice. Her few remarks were received with warm applause. She is now nineteen years of age.—Woman's Journal.

The Middlesex Woman's club adopted the following resolutions at a business meeting held January 8th:

Whereas, The board of directors of the General Federation of Women's clubs has refused, up to this time, to ratify the action of its executive committee in admitting to membership the Women's Era club of Boston,

Resolved, That we, the Middlesex Women's club of Lowell, Mass., regard this action as a tacit adoption of a color line which is unauthorized by the organic law of the General Federation and is contrary to its professedly unsectional and nonpartisan character.

Resolved, That we hereby earnestly

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