

Elizabeth is not lazy. She begrudges the time spent in sleeping away from her bushes and flower-beds. In choosing to spend her time in the garden writing about it she has made more people happy than all the other good German women put together.

Advice to Singers.

Madam Schumann-Heinck advises a singer not to bundle her throat in wads of wrappings every time she goes out of doors. She says that she herself takes the air every day and beside putting on, a wrap does not pay any extra attention to her throat. Mme. Schumann-Heinck has eight strong children. She works half the year and the other half lives at home with her children and her husband, practicing her repertoire and going to bed early, tramping the fields and behaving altogether like a sensible human being and not like a squeamish spoiled prima-donna. She says that a throat that is never exposed to the changes of temperature out doors will respond to the wandering draughts that float about a house and that the strengthening of the outside atmosphere is particularly beneficent to singers' throats.

La Belle Canto.

Among all the young ladies who sing there are perhaps only five or six great singers in this country. Sweet voices there are by the dozen, but a great singer must have volume of tone, sweetness, the musical temperament and the literary temperament or the faculty of receiving inspiration and conveying it to others. Miss Lora Holmes of this city has the deep, powerful awakening voice, the literary and the musical temperament. The cultivation of such a marvel of a voice and the training of all the mysterious endowment which a great singer must possess from the beginning should be entrusted to the best and most skillful teachers. It is hoped that the benefit which has been arranged by Miss Holmes' friends will provide her with the funds for a season's study with the best teachers in this country. The great sopranos and contraltos, who one after another have sung in opera and concert to thousands of charmed people have had originally no better voice than Miss Holmes. Head and heart, throat and the emotional nature combine in Miss Holmes to make a great singer. If fortune is kind and she can acquire the education such a legacy demands, Miss Holmes will add to the growing reputation of Lincoln as the home of genius.

The Vigil.

[S. E. ATHEARN.]

Lord, give my sleep or I die,
From night till morning is my cry:
My heart beats so wearily,
The hours pass so drearily,
If my work on earth is done,
If my race is nearly run,
Oh, give me sweet patience to bear
Whatever thy loving care
Sees it fitting, that I may be
Prepared for Eternity.

"Miss DeMure is inclined to be a little fast, isn't she?"

"Just the reverse. What under the sun ever put such an idea into your head?"

"Why, at the lecture on English literature last evening she knew who Fielding and Smollett were."

Masbie—Why did she break off her engagement to Niblick?

Brassy—He had a habit of kissing her without first yelling "Fore."

CLUBS.

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CALENDAR OF NEBRASKA CLUBS

April		
1. W's. c. Parliamentary Practice.....	Omaha	
1. W's. c. Natural Growth.....	Norfolk	
1. Monday c., Louis VIII.....	Wayne	
1. History & Art c., Ger. art of 19th cen.....		
2. W's. c. Current Events.....	Seward	
2. W's. c. Business Meeting.....	Wakefield	
2. Century c., Egypt.....	Columbus	
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3. W's. c., Elizabethan Age.....	Dundee	
4. Lotos c.....	Lincoln	
5. Self Culture c., Musical Program.....	St. Paul	
6. W's. c., Richelieu.....	Fremont	
6. Round Table, Economics.....	Crete	
6. Fin de Siecle c., Shay's Rebellion.....	Seward	

The sixth annual announcement and year book of the Woman's club of Ashland has been received. The cover is white with gold lettering and joined together by a lavender cord finished with a pink tassel. The club was both organized and federated in 1894. "Look one step onward and secure that step" is the goodly and uplifting moral the club has chosen. A study of Shakspeare is the year's program, with an occasional miscellaneous interlude and parliamentary lore. The meeting on October 3rd, was a reunion; October 17th, Shakspeare as a tragic poet; October 31st, a miscellaneous meeting. In November, Hamlet was the class study and a lecture on "Household Economics" covered the miscellaneous topic. In December, Hamlet was again the class study, and January offered the topic subject of "Shakspeare's Women" and a debate upon the Philippine question. February continued the study of Hamlet, and gave a program devoted to "Women as Wage Earners in the Home." The class study in March is given to Hamlet, and on March 20th, a paper was read on "The Unrealism of Fiction." The year's work closes on April 3rd, with a recital. The officers of the club are: Pres., Mrs. Julia Von Mansfelde; vice pres., Mrs. Phoebe Hayward; rec. sec., Mrs. Emma Snell; corr. sec., Mrs. Carrie Hicks; treas., Mrs. Dora Pearson; librarian, Mrs. M. T. Johnston.

The Dundee Woman's club has kindly sent the Courier their year book, of refreshing appearance in its apple green cover with a monogram, D. W. C. The officers are: Mrs. E. V. Heaford, pres.; Mrs. D. L. Johnson, vice pres.; Mrs. W. B. Howard, sec.; and Mrs. L. O. Perley, treas. The club has chosen history for its year's theme and has taken the following words from Emerson for guidance: "I have no expectation that any man will read history aright who thinks what was done in a remote age by men whose names have resounded far, has any deeper sense than what he is doing today." The program offers the first three meetings under the title of Transition Period; one afternoon in October and two in November are given to the study of the age of Charles V; two meetings to the Reformation, and four to the period of Henry VIII. March and April are devoted to the Elizabethan Age and in May the subjects are Learning and Literature and the Renaissance in Art. The annual meeting occurs on May 29th. Current events occur on every program except the last one.

The Exeter Woman's club has had an unusually pleasant and profitable year. Its officers are: Mrs. May P. McKinon, pres.; Mrs. Maggie Costello, vice pres.; Mrs. May Frost, treas.; Mrs. Lillian B. Wilson, sec. The members, consisting entirely of wives and mothers, domestic science is of most interest and at each alternate meeting some phase of home life, its comforts, its health or its morals, are discussed; while on the alternate afternoon some

literary subject is considered. As we hold our two receptions each year at our homes, the membership is limited to twenty-five, and we find that fifty is quite a nice little company to entertain. Our husbands have so enjoyed our receptions that they have issued invitations to a banquet in honor of the Woman's club. For one, I am glad that the club movement extends to the smaller towns, that women may have opportunities to read and talk together over the home and its welfare, the community and its needs, the nation and its interests. Success to the Woman's club! Mrs. L. B. Wilson, Sec'y.

At the meeting of the Woman's club of Plattsmouth, Friday evening, March 22nd, current topics led by Mrs. Travis, and current literature led by Mrs. Herold, formed the program. The former included discussion of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty and other features which the members showed themselves familiar. The feature of the literary department was a paper entitled, "The Ethical Influence of Modern Fiction," prepared and read by Miss Pryce of Lincoln. Quotations from fiction were given, and a general discussion and comparison of the fiction of the last half century, proved interesting. Mrs. Stoutenborough announced a lecture upon China, on Friday evening, March 29th, by Rev. Freund.

The New Book Review club will meet Wednesday, April 3rd, at the home of Mrs. Stonebraker. Miss Howland will review "Joy of Captain Ribot" by Valdes.

The literature department of the Lincoln Woman's club will meet Thursday, April 4th, at the home of Mrs. Elmer Stevenson. Professor Fosler will address the club on the poem "In Memoriam." All members of the Woman's club are invited to share in this opportunity of hearing Professor Fosler.

The Auburn Woman's club held their annual meeting for the election of officers Thursday afternoon, March 21st. The result was as follows: Pres., Mrs. S. W. McGrew; first vice pres., Mrs. T. L. Fisher; second vice pres., Mrs. W. H. Stowell; sec., Mrs. Arthur Allen; treas., Miss Alberta Campbell; sergeant at arms, Miss Lena Frerichs. Reports were read by the secretary and treasurer. The report of the secretary showed an increase in membership and also that the work planned by the program committee had been successfully carried out. While the treasurer's report did not indicate a flushed treasury it did show that all outstanding debts had been paid without any extra assessment of members notwithstanding the fact that expenses had been heavier during the past year than ever before in the history of the club. An instrumental solo was furnished by Mrs. J. C. Killarney, and a vocal duet by Mesdames Codington and Allen. "What the Woman's Club can do for our Schools" was discussed by Mesdames McGrew, Pierson, Philpenney and Miss Campbell.

The Lincoln Woman's club met on Monday. Chancellor Andrews delivered an address on "Where the Cross and Crescent Meet." The talk related especially to Egypt and Mohammedism. The Chancellor had traveled through that country and told a number of delightful stories of Egypt and the Egyptians. He also had a number of large photographs with which to illustrate his remarks. He spoke of the universities and schools where men sixty years of age could be seen studying in the same classes with the children. The pictures showed the pupils old and young, seated with their books on the

floor. The Chancellor referred to the status of women under Mohammedian rule. In all parts of Asia Minor wives are considered as mere chattels and even children are allowed to be cruel to their mothers. The Chancellor could see little hope for improvement in Armenia or other Turkish domains owing to the political complications. The lecture was heard with the closest attention and utmost pleasure by the ladies. Musical numbers opened and closed the program which was under the direction of the history department, with Mrs. A. E. Burnett as leader. Miss Aenone Poston played Liszt's "Hungarian Rhapsodie," No. 6, and Miss Lell Loucks sang a pretty vocal number, "The Orioles," by Garner. Mrs. Nellie M. Richardson addressed the ladies for a few moments and urged them all to register and vote for the school bonds. The president, Mrs. H. M. Bushnell, announced that Professor Fosler would speak on Tennyson's "In Memoriam," at the next meeting of the literature department, and invited all the ladies to attend. The following ladies were appointed delegates to the city improvement society: Mesdames Herron, Rose, Berge, Adams, Haskell, Hibner and Peckham. A musical will replace the usual literary program at the next regular meeting of the club.

The calendar of the Exeter Woman's club arrived at the Courier Office this week. It bears a gay countenance bound in an American Beauty shade, tied with yellow ribbons. This is the third annual program. The club has twenty two members. "The world advances, advance with it," are the words of progress chosen by the club. The program for the year is of miscellaneous character. The meeting of October 10th was devoted to domestic topics. Food classification, force production, energy from food, economic value from food and nutrition were among the subjects. On October 24th the theme was Famous American Women. Those who were discussed were Frances E. Willard, Susan B. Anthony, Clara Barton, Helen Hunt Jackson, Harriet Stowe, Ella Wheeler Wilcox and Lillian Whiting. November 14th occurred a debate, "Resolved, Trusts are a benefit to us as a Nation." November 28th was a Eugene Field day and December 12th a Christmas story and Christmas Eve in an English home were the main themes. Constitutional law was the subject of January 9th. January 23rd was a Will Carleton afternoon. In February child study and "Sayings of Noted Commanders of Our Wars" were the programs offered; in March child study and Rationalism were the main themes; those in April were parliamentary drill and novels and criticism. The program of May 8th has the subject of Negro Authors and The Teaching of Savonarola. The last meeting, a business meeting, occurs May 22nd. Current events occur twelve times on the program; music seven times; drill thirteen times and quotations are given at each meeting.

The parliamentary department of the Lincoln Woman's club met Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock. Mrs. Plummer, leader, devoted the hour to the general practice of parliamentary law.

The current topics department of the Lincoln Woman's club met last week to head an exceedingly bright and interesting presentation of the subject of Disease—producing bacteria, by Mrs. T. C. Munger. The ladies present entered into the discussion with much more freedom than is usual with them. The result of interviews with several of the physicians of town regarding their experience with vaccine during the recent small pox epidemics was also given. At the next meeting of the department