

CLUBS.

Edited by Miss Helen G. Harwood.

Mrs. W. G. L. Taylor handled the subject for the Fortnightly meeting on Tuesday of this week. The United States constitutional development; the rise of parties, material growth, social evolution; educational institutions was the theme for the afternoon.

The Athenae club will probably discontinue its meetings for the remainder of this year.

The Lotos club enjoyed an interesting meeting on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. L. C. Richards.

Mrs. Carris Hicks of Ashland, reports an enjoyable meeting of the Woman's club on April the seventeenth, at the home of Mrs. Hayward, marking the close of a year of successful work. Mrs. Von Mansfelde, the president, was reelected with Mrs. Camp, vice pres.; Mrs. Shedd, rec. sec.; Mrs. Harries, corr. sec.; Mrs. Peirson, treas.; Mrs. Johnston, librarian, and Mrs. Overholt, chairman of program committee.

The Lincoln Woman's club held their last meeting for this year on Monday afternoon. The nominations had been received two weeks ago and as there was only one name presented for each office there remained only the formal duty of officially organizing the ballot.

The officers elected were as follows: Pres., Mrs. H. M. Bushnell; first vice pres., Mrs. M. D. Welch; second vice pres., Mrs. R. M. Herron; rec. sec., Mrs. W. H. Bagnell; corr. sec., Mrs. A. J. Jackson; treas., Mrs. H. P. Eames; auditor, Mrs. W. C. Henry.

The following delegates were elected for the annual federation meeting to be held in Wayne in October with the understanding that they furnish substitutes if unable to attend: Mesdames Lahr, A. A. Scott, S. A. Atwood, A. B. Pires, C. F. Harpham, J. A. Piper, F. P. Lawrence and Callen Thompson.

Miss Marian Camp played "Staccato Etude" by Rubinstein, in a pleasing manner. The leaders of departments read an outline of their work for the coming year. The French department as usual continues its work for six weeks. The literature, current topics and history departments each, have one more meeting in their curriculum. A goodly balance of \$109 was reported by the treasurer.

The address by Mrs. B. M. Stoutenborough at the Bancroft school was announced for Tuesday. The club voted to extend sympathy to Mrs. Rudolph Rehlaender and Mr. Richard O'Neil in their bereavement.

The president asked Mrs. Wheeler for a report of the committee appointed by the club to push the library bill. Mrs. Wheeler gave a vivacious account of her interviews in behalf of the bill.

Mrs. A. C. Ricketts read the petition against prize-giving that is being circulated among the clubs. A number of women signed the document.

On April the sixteenth, the Minden Woman's club met with the president, Mrs. Cline. The program was carried out in full—Current events, election of officers and volunteer program. Officers for the ensuing year: Pres., Mrs. Harriet Wimmer; vice pres., Mrs. Jennie Dean; rec. sec., Mrs. Mary B. Gaarde; corr. sec., Mrs. Minnie S. Cline; treas., Mrs. Susie M. Godfrey.

The special edition of the "Ladies' Repository" was ably edited by Mrs. Kingsley, assisted by Mrs. Strahl, home department; Mrs. Dean, club department; Mrs. Gaarde, correspondence, and

Mrs. Cline, fashion notes. Clippings:

"We" are enjoying ourselves in the editorial chair. It is a Morris chair and very comfortable while "we" wait for the "copy" which has not been handed in on time. It is a strange situation and state of affairs to speak of myself, I, me, myself as "we." Singular "I" am now plural "we," just because for a brief space of time, I, "We" are vested with a "little brief authority." It is so very comforting to feel that we can, between a window-washing, and a picture-rubbing, drop into that editorial chair for a bit of a rest and with a clear conscience, just because, until the middle of this month, "I" am "We." Editorials:

Lines to Nerissa and her Sisters on observing the peculiar manner in which they lift their skirts in order to avoid contact with the pavements. (With apologies to W. J. Lampton of the Philadelphia North American:)

Say, Nerissa dear,
Are you aware
That the way you hold them
Makes folks stare?
And do you know
That some folks say
When you lift your skirts
In that strange way
That you have surely
Caught a mouse
For somewhere ere
You left the house;
So you grasp it tight
For fear it may
In its struggles
Get away.
But, I am sure
That can't be it,
Because you do not
Scream a bit.

—A. M. B. K.

The Mother Goose program of January the twenty-fifth, at Mrs. Stahl's, was decidedly interesting, as each member responded with some original interpretation of one Mother Goose story, most of them in rhyme. Mrs. Godfrey sang a "Chinese Love Song" in costume, with auto-harp accompaniment.—Club notes.

The newest shapes in discussions are much decreased in length and very pointed. In this connection any evidence of ruffling is bad form.—Fashion notes.

A few drops of ammonia in the water for washing windows, makes them clear and bright.—Home department.

Harriet W.—The jersey is the best cow for family use in the city. The milk can be easily recognized as the cream is heavy and settles to the bottom.—Answer to correspondence.

Mrs. W. P. Harford and Mrs. Mary Moody Pugh have been elected delegates from the Omaha Woman's club to the Mothers' congress to be held at Columbus, Ohio, May the twentieth. Mrs. J. H. Dumont and Mrs. Charles S. Lobinger will represent the club at the National Conference of Charities and Corrections in Washington, D. C., May the ninth.

"The Mother of American Hospitals," as the Pennsylvania hospital has been called, will celebrate on May the eleventh, its 150th birthday. In 1751 at the suggestion of Doctor Thomas Bond, Mr. Benjamin Franklin drew up a petition to the Assembly of the Province of Pennsylvania for its establishment. Owing to lack of funds its founding was doubtful until four physicians offered their services free for three years and \$2,000 had been pledged by private subscription. The hospital has always been foremost in progressive ideas since its establishment, a century and a half ago.

An interesting and comprehensive article on the "Benefits of a Musical club," by Mrs. E. Lewis Baker, appeared in last week's edition of the "Concert-Goer." The article is mainly devoted to

an outline of the plan and object of the Matinee Musicale, with a brief resume of the present season's work.

Miss Josephine Wright Chapman, who is the only woman architect in this country, who has attained national distinction in her work, has discussed in the Saturday Evening Post, the subject "Women as Architects."

Miss Chapman says that nearly every day she is visited by some young woman who wishes to make architecture her profession. Generally these young women have faint conception of the requirements of the work. They have graduated from a 'high school, have some talent in water-colors or drawing and wish to make architecture the connecting bridge between building other homes and their own. They therefore lack earnestness of pure purpose and that grim determination that is the watchword and successful star of many men. When a young woman undertakes this work, whether or not, she expects to make it her life work, if she desires any degree of success, she should put all her energy and talent to this subject.

Miss Chapman says that most young men who have ambition for this career, come either prepared from some excellent school of technology or are the sons of carpenters who have worked from childhood with their fathers and not having sufficient means for a technical education hope to obtain practical results from office work and instruction from the night schools. Young women on the other hand have vague ideas as to preparation and the following outline of the work. When questioning a girl as to her ideas of the profession, Miss Chapman relates the following answer as frequent.

"Oh, no! I never could be an architect; I only thought I might be able to do drafting or to make the water-color pictures of the outside of houses." She relates another incident of a young woman who was going abroad, and not caring to study music, wished for some fad while across the water and thought she would choose architecture, as likely to make the greatest sensation among her friends. Another drawback to the profession for women is the different classes one is brought in contact with, from the client and contractor to the laborer. Then again Miss Chapman maintains that nearly all women possess an economical streak and that in order to save money one must spend money and that most women who have taken up architecture think that they can just as well do their work at home and thus save office expenses, where a man would rent a good office and conduct his business in business surroundings.

There are two sides to every question and women have some advantages in this profession. Men possess mechanical instinct, but women possess the housewifely. Women have a far more practical idea as to the requirements of house, have more patience with details and therefore by their willingness to specify the different materials to be used in carrying out plans make it much easier for a contractor to figure at a glance the cost of a building.

It is not Miss Chapman's suggestion and it may therefore be very impracticable, but the thought comes why not a partnership where men furnish the mechanical genius, book but for the contracts and women plan the interior arrangement of houses.

The Ohio federation has lately added a new committee by name Domestic Economy, to its working force. The committee has investigated school statistics and reports the discovery that before the fifth grade, half of the pupils first enrolled drop out and that but one fourth of all those entering the public

schools ever reach the ninth grade. The committee therefore has decided that the question for them to meet is how to aid this large number of children who with so little preparation must earn their living. Another one also which is largely included in the first question, "in what way is it possible for us as women to improve the present economic and social condition of our state." Some of the topics on domestic economy chosen by the committee are as follows: The air we breathe; Antiseptics and disinfection; Folk lore and games; Convenient kitchens; The profession of maternity; Flat, club, hotel or boarding house; Qualifications for a good school trustee; A good teacher; A good mother; Use and abuse of decoration; Hygienic value of various kinds of baths.

Miss Lucy Gaston is the leader in the recent agitation against the cigarette in Illinois. All workers in the Anti-Cigarette League have been active and are awaiting the result of the bill which is now before the Illinois legislature. The greatest detriment to the cause is the Tobacco Trust.

The World's Fair committee of the Missouri federation of Women's clubs is as follows: Mrs. Edwin Harrison of St. Louis, chairman; Mesdames Luella W. Wilcox-Clair of Columbia; Woodstock of Kansas City; Elizabeth W. Rothwell of Moberly; Josephine Carey of Joplin; Ellison of Kirksville, and the executive committee. The World's Fair committee of the Wednesday club that instituted the movement against a separate woman's department at the coming Exposition in St. Louis is composed of the following members: Mesdames Chase, Fischel, Green, Perry, Shapleigh, Harris and Shields.

The artist, Miss Martha Hale of Boston, who has been a trustee of Phillips Exeter Academy for nearly forty years and a kinswoman of Captain Nathan Hale, the martyr spy of 1776, has recently presented her celebrated painting, "The Puritan Girl," to the academy.

Miss Laura D. Gill will be installed as Dean of Barnard college on May first.

The Woman's Peace League, formed by Filipinos, held a meeting February the tenth, to complete their organization under the leadership of Senorita Poblete. Many prominent Americans have joined in the movement, the purpose of which is to end the war. Mrs. Taft, wife of the president of the Philippine Commission and Mrs. Mann, have been elected members of the board of directors.

Doctor Garnett, Keeper of Printed Books at the British Museum, has a theory that the cause of the rapid evolution of ideas in regard to women during the last century, is the general tendency to humanity in its broad and narrower sense of the term implying a greater stress upon the gentler virtues and commiseration for the weak and suffering and even for the criminal. This proposition doubtless contains much truth for the development of women is confined to neither one country, continent nor religion, but seems to exist everywhere in a more or less limited and healthy state.

In Russia much has been done not only for the higher education of women but for the betterment of the peasant class. The large middle class has been chiefly responsible for this advancement in Russia. The daughters of priests, professors and scientists being generally intelligent and progressive women and women coming from these environments are those that have done the most in behalf of the sex in Russia. Madame Davyoff who is well known by