

licated in all the details of the decorations. On the mantels and cabinets about the walls were placed pieces of pottery from the cliff-dwellings, contrasted with pale pink cactus blooms.

The decorations of the long table were green and crimson. In the centre was a huge cactus, flaming with crimson blossoms. At intervals along the table were placed the dwarf pines of the Southwest in crimson jars from the cliff-palace, alternating with the cliff-dwellers' bowls, filled with crimson carnations and ferns. The name cards were painted with views of the cliff palace and the Brown Palace. At each woman's place was a piece of Pueblo pottery, made by the descendants of the cliff-dwellers, filled with the historic parched corn, "the small, old corn," as the ancients termed it.

The luncheon was given as a sort of jubilee to celebrate the leasing of the Mesa Verde from the Utes, to protect the cliff dwellings. The government has endorsed the lease made by the association with Chief Ignacio, and this gives the society control of the principal ruins for the next ten years. The next thing is to build a wagon road to the ruins, to make it possible to attract tourist trade. Mrs. McClurg has already raised the funds for this undertaking among her friends. A committee will go down to visit the ruins and inspect the site for the road some time in May, and work will start as soon as the weather permits.—The Club Woman

Ten new clubs have recently been admitted to membership in the G. F. W. C. They are:

Kalmia, North Attleboro, Massachusetts, Mrs. E. G. Flint, president.

Twentieth Century club, St. Thomas, South Dakota, Mrs. Alice Clemmer Hager, president.

The Outlook club, Weiser, Idaho, Mrs. Emma J. Beadley, president.

Mutual Improvement Circle, Roncoverte, West Virginia, Mrs. Minette K. Driscoll, president.

Woman's Research club, Atlantic City, New Jersey, Miss Eliza Thompson, president.

Maggie club, Skagway, Alaska, Mrs. Louis S. Keller, president.

The Century club, Nampa, Idaho, Mrs. Julius Steinmeier, president.

Woman's Reading club of Berwick, Berwick, Illinois, Mrs. Z. Perkins Allen, president.

Entre Nous club, Mountain Home, Idaho, Mrs. Ella Perky, president.

The West Side Shakespeare club, Butte, Montana, Mrs. David A. Dickson, president.

An interesting program was presented at the twelfth annual convention of the Indiana Union of Literary clubs, which was held last week at Evansville, the

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guest of the Evansville federation of Women's clubs. Over two hundred delegates were present, all of whom were entertained in private houses. Among the lecturers were Mr. William R. French of Chicago, and Professor G. M. Shields of New York.

The Milwaukee College Endowment Association, one of the most powerful and efficient clubs in the country, has withdrawn from the general federation on account of the per capita tax. Other prominent organizations which have also withdrawn are the Woman's club of Brooklyn, New York, and the Middlesex Woman's club of Lowell, Massachusetts. In each of these clubs it was decided that the money could be spent in more satisfactory ways than in the payment of this tax.

During the eight years of club life in Massachusetts there have been organized and are in active operation one hundred and seventy clubs, with a membership of twenty-three thousand women, all united in the work of development in the three departments of social education, social exchange and social service.

A woman's congress is the latest project of the club at Colorado Springs. The date will be August 1st-3rd, on the occasion of the quarto-centennial celebration to be held in that city. A woman's board will soon be appointed for the quarto-centennial, and a committee already appointed is planning many social festivities to be given during President McKinley's visit.

The subject of greatest interest among the Missouri clubs is the proposed memorial which the club women of the "Louisiana Purchase States" are planning to erect at St. Louis in 1903.

Women were chosen to the office of city treasurer in eight cities in Colorado at the recent election. In several other cities they came near to election. In Como and Florence, Colorado, women occupy the position of city clerk, and in several Kansas cities women were elected to the same position.

A new army ration has been invented by Mrs. Louis Osborne Ferson of Chicago. It is made of pork and beans baked in a thin, dark colored biscuit, four inches long and two wide, seasoned to taste, and is said to be as palatable as it is nourishing. Thirty thousand pounds of this new ration have been ordered by Lieutenant E. B. Baldwin, director of the Baldwin-Ziegler polar expedition. Mrs. Ferson is considering the construction of a factory for producing the article in large quantities.

The Des Moines city federation of clubs held its second monthly luncheon at the Iliad last week. This organization now has a thousand members, and its work during the past year has advanced rapidly in all directions.

A Council of clubs has been formed in Kansas City, with the object of uniting the clubs of the city in all matters of public welfare. The Council will meet only once a year, when each club may be represented by its president and one delegate.

A prominent club woman of Ottumwa in discussing the benefits of the club movement recently said: "This community owes a debt of gratitude to the various women's clubs of this city for the accomplishment of a result, not at all considered when the clubs had their inception, but which has been but one of the indirect results of their existence, I mean the almost total elimination of gossip and scandal from the conversa-

tion of women in their daily and more formal social intercourse. I don't mean that it has been banished from the community by any means, but among club women it is almost an unknown thing. The club work fills their minds so full of other things, and they fall so naturally and inevitably into a discussion of these subjects when they meet, that there is neither time nor inclination to indulge in the moral dissection of their neighbors. What a difference this makes in the social life of a community no one but a woman knows, and if the clubs never accomplish anything else their existence has been more than justified, and Ottumwa should rise up and call them blessed."—The Mail and Times.

Plans for reciprocity days have been arranged by the Women's clubs of Canon City and Florence, Colorado. This feature of the work will doubtless become popular in Colorado, as it is warmly advocated by the state president, Mrs. Harding.

The date of the spring meeting of the New Jersey state federation is Thursday May the sixteenth. The meeting will be held at Boonton, and the visiting clubs will be entertained by the Boonton Improvement Society. The general topic will be "Women as Workers," with the following divisions:

The Mothers' Congress, what it is doing for the homes. Domestic service, training of mistress and maid. The Consumers' League, what is it doing for the consumer? What is it doing for the wage-earner? Club workers. The professional woman's influence. Is the caretaker or the housekeeper the more important?

The Ladies' Literary club of Gilmore City, Iowa, one of the oldest literary clubs in the state, was entertained by the Des Moines clubs last week. The Ladies' Literary club is nearly seventeen years old; it is a purely literary club, and the last six months have been devoted to a study of Ruskin. Various forms of entertainment were devised for the guests, among which were a dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Root, and a morning reception at the library to meet the writers of the city who have either written books or are regular magazine contributors. They also were received by Governor Shaw in his reception room where short addresses were made by the Governor, Superintendent Barrett and Librarian Brigham. A luncheon was given at the Iliad by Mrs. George Pease.

A systematic study of the Bible is carried on in connection with other lines of work by the Oriental Research Study club of Poughkeepsie, New York. The following outline represents the work of the year just past:

Object—Spiritual life and development.
Subject—Genesis and recent Oriental research.
Countries—Babylonia and Syria.

I.
1. What is spiritual life?
2. Why is historical Bible study spiritual?
3. Why do we study oriental archaeology?

II. BABYLONIA.
1. The earliest geological conditions of the Euphrates valley.
2. Give the "Special Creation" theory at the period of the creation of Adamic race.

III.
1. Geology of the Euphrates valley.
2. What is the verdict of evolution?
3. Correlate the Hebrew account.

IV. ETHNOLOGY OF THE EUPHRATES VALLEY.
1. The pre historic races.
2. Factors in their determination. (a) Color of skin. (b) Structural arrangement

and color of hair. (c) Shape of the skull. (d) Position of the jaws, maxillary angle, facial angle.

V. ETHNOLOGY OF THE EUPHRATES VALLEY.
1. Theories of origin. (a) Polygenists. (b) Monogenists.

VI. THEORIES OF ORIGIN.
1. Evolution and its influence.

VII.
1. Correlate aboriginal and Adamic race.
2. Place Sumerian and Semitic people.

VIII. BABEL—HEBREW ACCOUNT.
1. Of what race were they?
2. From whence did they journey?
3. What was God's controversy with them?
4. What did they leave off building?

IX. LANGUAGE.
1. The language of the Euphrates valley.
2. Scientific theories of the origin of language.

X. BABYLONIAN CIVILIZATION.
1. The earliest discovered dynasties and cities. Nine thousand B. C. to Abram (?) twenty two hundred B. C.

XI. POLITICAL LIFE.
1. Seven thousand B. C. to Abram twenty two hundred B. C.
2. Woman's relation to state and family. (a) Sumerian. (b) Semitic.

XII. BABYLONIA.
1. Intellectual conditions. (a) Libraries. (b) Methods of instruction.
2. Ideals of culture.

XIII. BABYLONIA.
1. The religious ideals of the Sumerians.
2. The religious ideals of the Semites.

XIV. BABYLONIA.
1. The forms of worship twenty-two hundred B. C.

XV. SYRIA.
1. A geological study.
2. An ethnological study of the tribes of Syria. First part.

XVI. SYRIA.
1. An ethnological study of the tribes of Syria. Second part.

XVII. THE HITTITES.
1. Their ethnological position.
2. Their earliest home. (Cappadocia.)

XVIII. THE HITTITES.
1. Their connection with Syria and Egypt.

XIX. SYRIA AND BABYLONIA.
1. Syria's political relation to Babylonia four thousand B. C.
2. Syria's conquerors and rulers, four thousand B. C.

XX. SYRIA'S CIVILIZATION.
1. The principal cities of Syria.
2. Their civic condition.

XXI. SYRIA'S CIVILIZATION.
1. Classify the literary men of the period.
2. Describe the libraries and method of instruction.

XXII. SYRIA AND EGYPT.
1. Syria's political relation with Egypt up to twenty two hundred B. C. First part.

XXIII. SYRIA AND EGYPT.
1. Syria's literary and social contact with Egypt up to twenty two hundred B. C. Second part.

XXIV. SYRIA.
1. The social and religious ideals and

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