

the encouragement of patriotism, the circulation of good books. Generally the work of women in clubs is quiet, modest, not boastful, self-seeking, or destructive of any of those things which makes for charm, feminine attractiveness, or womanly service. The consideration of these subjects by great numbers of persons gives us atmosphere, which, to breathe, makes sound moral lungs, clear heads and clear consciences. This atmosphere, I believe, women's clubs create and help to sustain.

"At first the whole attention is self-culture, but as Mrs. Stanwood of the Illinois Federation has said, 'There is no subject under discussion in any woman's club but sooner or later a member rises to ask, "But how will this affect the child?" This interest in education has given a definite purpose to women's work. It has brought us into contact with teachers, has given us sympathy with modern ideas of education.' The Ohio Federation is represented in this work by four committees, and I am glad to say that these committees do not simply adorn our year book by their names, but adorn our history with what they accomplish. They are the educational committee, working for the establishment of a training school for Ohio teachers; the art committee, which believes that the surrounding walls and the play grounds of our school houses as well as books are educative; the domestic economy committee, which believes that since two-thirds of the human race must earn their bread by the sweat of their brow, and since two-thirds of the American children at an average of fourteen years of age leave school it is important that the hand as well as the brain should be taught; how to work; the library committee, which is busy in furnishing those desiring good literature, or remote from centers of publication, with the best books free of all expense."

The project of forming an order of the Children of the Revolution was discussed at the meeting of the Des Moines Daughters of the American Revolution last week. The object is to promote patriotism, and the organization will include all children in the city who are eligible to membership. The requirements are the same as those for older persons. A meeting will be held today at the home of Mrs. Charles Hewitt to perfect the organization.

The Des Moines Woman's club invited the Art Fund association and the Proteus club to meet Mrs. Edwin H. Conger, Miss Laura Conger and Miss

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Mary Pierce at the regular meeting last week. Chinese tea and frappe and wafers were served late in the afternoon. Mrs. Conger gave a vivid description of the peculiar customs and manners of the Chinese and dwelt particularly on the details of the terrible siege in 1900. The collection of curios and specimens made by the Conger party during their residence in China was also on exhibition.

The annual May festival was held in Ann Arbor, Michigan, last week when the following excellent program was given:

May 16, 8 P. M.—Mendelssohn's "Elijah" by the choral union, Boston Festival orchestra, Mrs. Marie Kunzel-Zimmerman, Miss Fielding Roselle, Messrs. Leslies Brown, Glenn Hall, William A. Howland.

May 17, 3 P. M.—Dvorak's New World Symphony by the orchestra; Tchaikowsky's Concerto, B flat minor, by Albert Lockwood, pianist; Wagner arias from "Die Walkyrie" by Gwilym Miles.

8 P. M.—Haydn's Symphony No. 1, E flat, and other orchestral numbers; Concerto in A minor, by Saint Saens, by Alfred Hoffman, cellist; songs and a Tchaikowsky aria by Glenn Hall, tenor; a Dubois Fantasie, by L. L. Renwick, organist.

7:30 P. M.—Sullivan Cantata, "The Golden Legend," by the choral union, orchestra, organ, Mrs. Zimmerman, Miss Roselle, Evan Williams, Gwilym Miles, W. A. Howland.

The new agricultural building of the university of Illinois was dedicated last Tuesday. This building is in four parts, built around an open court, and is the largest agricultural building in the world. The main building is 248 feet long and three stories high; on each end is a large wing 100 feet long and two stories high. The building contains 200 rooms with a floor space of two acres, and is divided into spacious offices, class rooms, toilet rooms, a fire proof storage room for records, a museum, rooms for farm machinery, dairy manufactures, domestic science exhibits and a large assembly hall.

Miss Bertha Wilbur of Rochester, New York, has received the appointment of pension agent in place of her father, who recently died. Miss Wilbur was her father's assistant for several months before his death, and was pronounced by the Grand Army to be competent to carry on the work.

The Woman's club of New Bedford, Massachusetts, recently received a communication from the local merchants, asking them to do their shopping in their home city. A special meeting will be held to consider the matter, at which the merchants are invited to be present and take part in the discussion.

The fourth annual meeting of the National Congress of Mothers was held in Columbus, Ohio, this week.

The fifth annual meeting of the Washington state federation of Woman's clubs will be held at Tacoma on June 18th, 19th and 20th.

The Ottumwa Woman's club gave a most enjoyable reception last week Thursday at the home of the retiring president, Mrs. S. H. Harper. Over two hundred women were present, including members from the Oskaloosa Woman's club and other guests from out of town. The floral decorations were beautiful and effective; music was furnished by the mandolin club, punch was served in the upper hall and dainty refreshments in the dining room. The reception was in charge of the social committee, consisting of Mesdames J.

B. Dennis, John Pope, Will Harper, Calvin Manning, James Cooper, J. A. Hammond, F. M. Hunter, Fred Tisdale, George Pope, C. L. Graham and R. H. Moore. The literary department of the Woman's club gave a picnic on last Thursday in honor of the retiring chairman, Mrs. Dora Mitchell, and of the new chairman, Mrs. J. C. Bonham.

Elaborate preparations are being made by the Minnesota State Woman Suffrage Association for the entertainment of the National Convention the first week in June.

The Woman's Peace League held its first meeting recently at the Teatra Libertad, Manila. Addresses were delivered to a large and enthusiastic audience by prominent American and Filipino women. The league was formally organized, and Senorita Jacoba Patemo, Senora Simplicia del Rosario, Mrs. Taft, and Mrs. Mans were elected directors. Six American and six Filipino women were then selected to form an executive committee, which at its first meeting sent the following cablegram to President McKinley: "To the President and Ladies of North America: We have organized a Woman's League to obtain peace. We salute the President. We salute you, pleading your cooperation. Signed,
The League.

A large amount of work has been accomplished by the sociological department of the Woman's club of Chelsea, Massachusetts, during the last year. Successful mothers' meetings have been held; stamp-saving societies have been organized in two schools, and meetings have been held in the interest of the city improvement. Possibly the most effective work of the last two years is that of the sand gardens, where thousands of children have been taught the lessons of cleanliness and politeness.

Preparations have been made for the executive session of the National Council of Women, to be held in Buffalo on September 11th, 12th and 13th. A program committee consisting of Mesdames Gaffney, Carrie Chapman Catt, Ellen A. Richardson of Boston, and Anna Garlin Spencer was appointed, and a bulletin committee will be composed of Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Ida Husted Harper, Mrs. May Alden Ward and Mrs. Gaffney.

During the encampment of the G. A. R. last week Mrs. Stoutenborough conceived the happy idea of giving the W. R. C. ladies a four o'clock reception at her home one afternoon. To assist her in welcoming the strangers she called on Mesdames Theodore Livingston, Al Gas, G. M. Spufflock, W. L. Pickett, Will Streight and C. D. Eades—all of them past mistresses in the art of entertaining—and all erudite in the mysteries of the four o'clock tea.

Perhaps through extreme modesty, ignorance of the extent to which their fame had gone abroad, or because of a threatening appearance of the heavens, the ladies estimated that probably ten or twelve women might put in an appearance, and laying their plans accordingly ordered two small pasteboard boxes of salinacious wafers and a half pound of hyson of the oolong or soolong brand.

The hour arrived. The dainty little refreshment table, beautifully decorated, stood in the center of the Stoutenborough parlor. Mrs. Stoutenborough, with her retinue of retainers grouped about her, waited in readiness at the door, when some one gasped faintly and fell limply to the floor. The others following the fixed stare of her startled gaze, then fell as abruptly into chairs. For around the corner the invited guests were coming; with flags flying, keeping

step for step, serried file upon file, phalanx wedging phalanx, came the W. R. C. ladies, 300 strong.

In a similar contretemps men might not have been blamed for taking poison or some other strong drink, even though they showed the courage to resist the temptation to beat an ignominious retreat. With the ladies, however, there was not a thought of giving up. The dismay was but momentary. They paused merely to shudder a single shudder, then stood by their guns. The telephone bell jingled jangled. The kitchen range was stoked up until it smoked like the boilers of an ocean liner. The lady assistants grabbed for aprons, rolled up their sleeves and prepared to do or die.

Almost before the first of the guests had responded in kind to a reception which made each and every one feel that her presence gave the hostess especial joy, the grocery wagon, driven like an ambulance responding to an emergency call, backed up to the rear door and unloaded case upon case of wafers, unceda biscuits, and great canisters of tea, from which latter a royal brew was soon being made in the largest wash boiler in the neighborhood.

In the parlors, on the spacious but crowded veranda and the beautiful, shaded lawn, the ladies in their dainty white aprons flitted with their trays of tea and wafers.

Finally, however, there came a time when the refreshments had made their last round and all the ladies were free to enjoy the society of one another. So after a delightful afternoon the guests departed, but not one ever guessed how nothing but coolness of head, readiness of the never clouded feminine wit, and promptness of action had saved the entire day.—Plattsmouth Journal.

MORE ABOUT IT.

(Hillsdale Leader.)

In the spring we let the furnace
Fire die at night, and lo!
When we wake up in the morning
All the world is white with snow.
—Arlie Fisher.

In the spring the boys play marbles
And their sisters jump the rope;
In the spring we fill our systems
Full of various kinds of dope.
—Marguerite French.

In the spring the women fancy
That it's time to rip and tear,
And the man who has a club spends
All his leisure moments there.
—A. G. W.

In the spring we rummage through the
Closets and proceed to haul
Out the summer clothes we threw a
Way forever in the fall,
—Clarence R. Belden.

In the spring the neighbors' chickens
Come and scratch around, and so
Leave us wondering why the seeds that
We have planted never grow.
—Gracie Mattison.

In the spring the iceman tells us
That he'll have to raise the price,
Owing to the total failure
Of last winter's crop of ice.
—Frances R. Browne.

In the spring we take our woolsens
Off too soon and make things blue,
Blaming the confounded climate
For the troubles that ensue.
—Mildred Myrtle Robertson.

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