

who believe they were cured of the incurable by faith in Dowie, a fakir of fakirs, a showman, a mountebank, proves that people like being fooled better than anything else. We are waiting to be imposed upon and quite ready to pay his price to a clever charlatan who can fool us without letting us see the machinery of deception. There are plenty of men who say they believe that a flying machine will soon be invented, and who would take stock in such a machine if approached by the right promoter. Mr. Wells' audience is therefore a large one. There is small doubt that when his book is in print it will receive favorable reviews from representatives of the large contingent of modern fairy-tale readers.

CLUBS.

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Mrs. Charles F. Manderson of Omaha has recently been appointed to the office of regent of Mount Vernon. The regents meet once a year at Mount Vernon, remaining two weeks on the estate, during which time they plan the work of the coming year and attend to all details connected with the management of this magnificent property. Mrs. Manderson will add a curious plate to the Mount Vernon collection on the occasion of her next visit. It is a small blue plate made about the time Mount Vernon was considered for the location of the United States capital. On one side is a picture of the capitol building as originally designed by L'Enfant, and on the other side are the words "Mount Vernon, the future seat of government of the United States."

Mrs. Draper Smith of Omaha will leave soon for a visit of several weeks in Boston, Buffalo and New York.

The Sorosis club of Tecumseh held its annual open meeting on last Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Ellen Seaver. Several invited guests were present; the house, porches and lawn were handsomely decorated and a musical program was rendered, after which refreshments were served.

Following are extracts from the excellent report by Mrs. David A. Campbell, vice president Western Section of the National federation of Musical clubs, read at the recent biennial meeting:

"The approach of another biennial makes one feel somewhat reflective. Have we, as a federation, accomplished as much as we had anticipated? The results are beyond the most sanguine hopes, and the laborers are encouraged to 'toil on and in their toil rejoice.'"

A quiet, wise output of energy toward high ends, a generous disposition to sacrifice personal aims and ambitions for the general good, a more than unusual amount of executive talent in the management, together with single-hearted loyalty and unswerving steadfastness of purpose on the part of clubs—these are the factors that have produced our federation, whose power is felt from ocean to ocean.

One of the greatest achievements has been to stimulate members and clubs alike to more thorough and ambitious work, thus benefitting themselves and their auditors, to show that musical art has its followers the world over; for as we improve and understand, and as our difficulties are removed, so do our aims become broader and greater. By this broader outlook upon life we escape from the arrogant presumption and pet-

ty selfishness which too often takes possession of our being; and of all things, a selfish woman is the least desirable.

In the small town the musical club is one of its most important features. The public sentiment which it creates is always for the betterment of society. We believe therefore, that it is not necessary to say that the benefits to be derived by clubs in joining the federation are many and real; and do not hinder nor limit the work of any club, nor do clubs pledge themselves to take up any line of work. The federation simply offers sympathy and co-operation, and brings to them larger and fuller life. Clubs, like individuals, never really grow until they have learned the practical lesson of service to others. If the clubs belonging to the federation make use of its departments, practice its principles of reciprocity by contributing to its bureaus, extend club courtesies to other clubs, they will never say again they have not received benefit from being members of the federation.

The Western Section is pleased to report fifteen clubs admitted since the last biennial, making thirty-six clubs in this section, with a membership of 2,650 enthusiastic, conscientious musicians.

The west has as progressive clubs as any section in the general federation. Bring your aims and enthusiasm to bear upon the federation. As each individual has something peculiarly characteristic to contribute to her club, so each club has something to contribute to the federation. All clubs can assist in dictating plans and methods. They can indicate their wishes regarding programs, subjects for discussion, time of meeting, or any other feature for its improvement. It has occurred to you all, but it is well worth bearing in mind. "The more one gives away of his money possessions, the poorer he is; while the more one gives away or shares his intellectual possessions, the richer he is." In the club we pool our individual notions, and out of this common fund comes, not your idea, nor mine, but, like a composite picture, a well rounded, beautiful whole. Our energies, as a rule, can be employed to much better advantage in uplifting than in pulling down. Thus creation of good, prevention of evil, education for all, and the inspiration of a common hope, give us work enough, and inventive enough for the time which lies before us."

The Monday club of Ottumwa, Iowa, held the last meeting of the season last week Monday at the home of Mrs. T. J. Devin. During the past year the club has been studying the Bay View course, and will continue the same work next year. The newly elected officers are: Pres., Mrs. D. A. La Force; vice pres., Mrs. O. E. Stewart; sec., Mrs. Lambert; treas. and librarian, Mrs. Mary B. Jones.

A college for the training of young women in drawing, designing, telegraphy, and other branches best calculated to enable the students to earn an honest living, will soon be established in Boston. It will be called the Simmons Female college, in memory of the late John Simmons who left a large sum of money in charge of trustees with instructions to keep it invested until the accumulations from it should reach a half million dollars to be used in the establishment of the college. The principal is nearly two million dollars, which will furnish a fund large enough to carry on the work of the college without endowments or gifts from outsiders. The aim of the college is to furnish training to practical and intelligent workers in lines not already covered by other Boston institutions. Four women and seven men are the directors of the enterprise. They are: Mrs. Fannie B.

Ames, a state factory inspector who is deeply interested in the welfare of working women of the state; Mrs. Sarah Louise Arnold, a member of the Boston board of supervisors of the public schools; Mrs. Mary Morton Kehew, president of the Woman's Educational Industrial union; Frances R. Morse, a member of the board of pauper trustees; Doctor Edward H. Bradford of the Children's hospital; Walter E. Parker, of the Pacific mills, Lawrence; Edgar H. Nichols of the Brown and Nichols school, Cambridge; Horatio A. Lamb, chairman of the trustees for children; Joseph Sawyer, one of the original executors appointed by Mr. Simmons himself; Professor William T. Sedgwick of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Joseph B. Warner, a well known Boston attorney who is also president of the corporation.

The Assembly Council has prepared an unusually interesting program to be given at the twenty-third annual session of the Chautauqua assembly at Forest Park, Ottawa, Kansas, June the twenty-fourth to July the fifth.

Mrs. A. H. Thompson, president of the Topeka city federation, will give her views of "Woman in the Municipality." "Cards Versus Clubs," will be discussed by Mrs. W. L. Cowley of Columbus, auditor of the Social Science state federation.

Mrs. L. B. Kellogg will answer the question, "What shall parents expect of teachers and vice versa?"

An original story will be contributed to the program by Mrs. Jeanette Scott Benton of Fort Scott.

Mrs. J. M. Miller of Council Grove will talk of "Discrimination in Industrial as well as club life."

"Swapping Recipes," is the title of a talk by Mrs. S. R. Peters of Newton, ex president of the state federation.

"Club Day," of the council will be in charge of Mrs. W. A. Johnston, state federation president, who will also preside at all club conferences held during the assembly at Council headquarters.

Mrs. George T. Nicholson of Chicago, formerly of Kansas, will talk of the value of the small traveling library in the homes of the poor.

Judge Benson, president of the assembly executive board, will give an address on the subject, "The making of wills."

The Commercial club of La Grande, Oregon, generously set apart, for joint use of the two ladies' clubs, a large room in their new building. This room has lately been provided by the ladies with all the necessary furnishings, including a fine Chickering piano.

The literature committee of the Des Moines Woman's club was responsible for the excellent program of the meeting on June fifth. A paper entitled "The Short Story and some Short Story Writers" was presented by Mrs. W. W. Wheeler, and a short story from life entitled "Her Wedding Fee" was read by the author, Miss Lillian V. Lambert. A new club house is the object toward which the Des Moines club will direct its efforts during the coming year.

In the little town of Tarton Springs, Florida, the woman's club owns and controls the cemetery. A beautiful custom was inaugurated last spring when the women and children decorated every grave in the cemetery with the flowers which had been used in the churches the previous day, Easter Sunday.

The Philadelphia Flower, Fruit and Ice Mission meets every Wednesday in the basement of St. Luke and the Epiphany church. Last Wednesday it entered upon the twenty-seventh year

of its existence, and during the day 1,700 bouquets were made up and distributed among the sick and poor of the city. Another important work undertaken by the mission during the summer months is the distribution of ice in the crowded sections, where the greatest poverty is found.

A crusade against unclean streets and alleys has been started in Philadelphia under the leadership of Miss Imogene Pierce. Said Miss Pierce in regard to the work:

"One of the things I shall endeavor to stamp out is the exposing of food and vegetables in front of grocery stores, where it often stays all day exposed to the dust and dirt, and often in the sun, thus becoming not only impure for eating purposes, but even distasteful to passersby from the foul odors. The gutters of the back streets also will be looked after, as in these many cases of typhoid fever linger. This is a movement that should interest everyone, and I would be glad to hear from those who approve my plans."

Mrs. F. B. Little, president of the West Side Woman's club in Chicago, will be one of the leaders in the fight for clean streets. Through the efforts of the club a mass meeting was held last week to which all the citizens of the west side were invited to hear addresses by prominent speakers. Without doubt the result of this action will be a decided improvement in the condition of the streets, parks and alleys.

The following officers were elected at the National Woman's Suffrage Association convention last week: President, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt; vice president at large, Reverend Anna Howard Shaw; recording secretary, Mrs. Alice Stone Blackwell; corresponding secretary, Miss Kate Gordon; treasurer, Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton; first auditor, Miss Laura Clay; second auditor, Doctor Cora Smith Eaton; honorary presidents, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony.

Mrs. Annette McCrea has been reengaged by the Rock Island railroad company as landscape gardener. She has commenced the work of beautifying the grounds around the stations. Mrs. McCrea has been employed in a similar capacity by the Northwestern railroad, and also had charge of Lincoln park, Chicago. Miss Beatrix Jones, another successful landscape gardener, assisted in the arrangement of the new horticultural building in Boston for the great flower show last week.

Doctor Frances Dickinson was last week reelected president of the Chicago Social Economics club. This club has gained much notoriety recently through its discussion of "how a boy or girl could live upon \$2.50 a week." Doctor Dickinson is the head of the Harvey Medical college, an evening institution for the benefit of students who are employed otherwise during the day.

The new board of the Ottumwa Woman's club met for the first time last week Monday. Several applications for membership were received, and committees were appointed for the coming year.

Mrs. P. D. Armour, Sr., has given the entire equipment of the domestic science department of Armour Institute to found a free cooking school for the young women of Chicago.

Several new features will be introduced by the new president of the Des Moines Woman's Press club next year. Two meetings will be held each month, one of which will be the regular afternoon business meeting, including open discussions of topics helpful to newspa-