

and in so far defeat popular government.

It is futile to argue from the anarchists' side, because they do not ratiocinate.

In every community there are a few anarchists. Their existence is a menace to the life of every one who has agreed to live and do business according to the provisions of the Constitution. They believe that it is meritorious to kill officials elected by the people to execute the laws passed by the people. When they mark a man for death they do not inform him or anyone outside of their organization of the sentence but execute it when their victim is least prepared to resist. With such a history and such tenets there is no way for society to protect itself against them except to arrest and imprison them before they have an opportunity to kill and after they have definitely identified themselves as anarchists. The warning rattle of the rattlesnake is enough to identify the snake as an enemy to man. The stuff that has been appearing in the New York World and in the Chicago American is just as definite a defiance of and menace to organized society. The editor of The World and of The American is a more dangerous anarchist than Emma Goldman or than any other publisher of an anarchist paper. Socialist papers have a small circulation and their subscribers are depraved and lazy loafers, whose only plan for making money is to take it away from someone else. But the World and the American are filled with pictures of the actors in and the scenes of current events. The papers are very cheap and all sorts of respectable and high-minded people buy them. Thus the poison reaches the very readers who have heretofore been uninfected.

In seeking for the causes which and the conspirators who encouraged the assassination of the President, the police have seen fit to arrest Herr Most for the editorials in his paper. Indirect incitement to murder, in libel, uncouth and indecent ravings against President McKinley, publisher Hearst is far more guilty than publisher Most. Herr Most's bold assumption of anarchy as a calling has deceived the police into thinking him a more inveterate anarchist than Hearst. Let the editorials for which Most was arrested be placed beside Hearst's editorials of McKinley and the Most product is to the Hearst product as milk to venom.

CLUBS.

To Club Presidents:

Dear President—The seventh annual meeting of the Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs will be held in Wayne October 8, 9, 10 and 11, inclusive.

The credentials, one for yourself or substitute, the other for the chosen delegate or her substitute, must be presented to the committee on credentials, Mrs. John Erhardt of Stanton, chairman, before taking your seats. This committee will be ready to receive them at the Presbyterian church, where the open meetings will be held.

The Boyd house will be considered club headquarters. Dinner and supper will be served here for twenty-five cents a meal.

Rooms and breakfast will be provided by the women of Wayne for all.

A rate of one and one-third fare has been granted on all roads in the state, on the certificate plan, providing one hundred tickets are sold at a cost of

fifty cents or more. When buying your tickets be sure and ask for a certificate. Fill in this certificate as required and present it at your earliest convenience on arriving in Wayne, to the chairman of transportation, Mrs. H. D. Neely, that she may present them to the ticket agent at Wayne for his signature, without which the rate of one-third return fare cannot be secured.

Presidents, read this letter to your club, and urge the attendance of as many as possible from your city, to stay through all the session. You can't afford to miss it; attendance at this meeting will give a greater impetus to your year's work than any other one thing that you can do.

A directors meeting, which consists of the presidents of all clubs and the executive board, will meet Tuesday morning, October 8, at 10:30 o'clock at the Boyd house. Questions will be discussed at this meeting of particular interest to club presidents.

The executive board meeting will be held Monday evening, October 7, at eight o'clock, at the Boyd house.

All delegates should come to Wayne prepared to pay their dues for the coming year, beginning October, 1901, and ending October, 1902.

Badges may be secured on reaching Wayne.

The Minden Woman's club has issued its year book for 1901-1902. Enclosed in a pink cover, it contains the complete programs for the work of the club during the coming year. Each meeting opens with a discussion of current events, followed by a topic with three or more divisions, each handled by a member. The topic for the first meeting on September tenth was "Geographical America," with the president's address. The topics for the remainder of the year will be: "Romance of Exploration;" "Builders of the New World;" "Nationality;" "Louisiana Purchase;" "Natural Wonders;" "American Fiction;" "The Holiday American;" "Poetic Art;" "Organizations;" "School System;" "American Defense;" "Transportation;" "Recent American Inventions;" "Fauna and Flora;" "Journalism." On April 8 will occur the election of officers and a volunteer program. The club consists of fifteen regular members and one honorary member, with the following officers: President, Mrs. Harriet Wimmer; vice president, Mrs. Jennie Dean; recording secretary, Mrs. Mary E. Gaarde; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Minnie S. Cline; treasurer, Mrs. Susie M. Godfrey.

The following account of the District Federation meeting held at St. Peter, Minnesota, last summer is sent by Mrs. Lillian Gault, secretary of the Omaha Woman's club:

You wish me to write you of the District Federation I attended at St. Peter, Minnesota.

The meetings were all held in the Methodist church and were well attended, the town people seeming as much interested as the club women, and, what is more gratifying, the club men were there.

The first meeting, which was held in the evening, was opened by music, followed by the invocation; then music by the Gentleman's quartette, the greeting to the guests and response, more music, a recitation and last an address by the state president, Mrs. Williams. The evening closed with an informal reception.

The morning session was given over to a discussion of the color question. The status and main arguments on either side having been given, six members from the different towns in the district led in the discussion which became quite general. The women had been asked to come prepared to take part in the debate. At the close of the morning session the following motion was pre-

sented: "That we recommend that Minnesota defer action on the color question until after the General Federation has acted in the matter."

At one o'clock a luncheon was served in the church parlor to all club women. The colors of the entertaining club were green and white and you can imagine how pretty the table was, arranged with smilax, white carnations and lilies of the valley. At each plate was a bunch of lilies with the leaf. The serving was done by the daughters of the club women. The toasts given were bright and original, the one upon "Our Forests" deserving special mention.

The afternoon was devoted to business, at the close of which the delegates returned to their homes, brighter and happier for this short outing. You ask, perhaps, what was gained by this meeting, and I will not speak of "inspiration," that hackneyed phrase, but of the feeling of good will and of fellowship which makes the whole world kin.

The Zetetic club of Weeping Water held the first meeting of the year Saturday, September 14, at the home of Mrs. Gates, the president. The meeting was called to order by the president and after disposing of sundry matters of business, the gavel was presented, with a few welcome words, to our club "mother," Mrs. I. N. Woodford, who responded by a brief address in which she commented upon the fact that our club may be termed of age, having reached its eighteenth year. The study of the great art critic and essayist, Ruskin, led by Mrs. Rouse, formed the afternoon's program. The childhood and home, manhood with its successes and failures, declining years and final laying to rest of the renowned scholar were all briefly related. A sketch by Mrs. Welsh with illustrative passages selected from the author's works closed the program. The meeting augurs well for the year to come.

Dr. Temple, a clergyman of Seattle, Washington, addressed the women's clubs of that city on a recent Sunday evening. An interesting and instructive review of the woman's club formed the first part of the address, the remarks dating back to the time when Kate Field, the energetic newspaper correspondent and possible type of the new woman, together with other ladies originated the idea of woman's organization which afterwards developed into the woman's club. It did not appear to be the object of Dr. Temple to recognize the influence of any outside force in connection with his remarks, says the Mail and Herald. During the discourse he paid many of the highest compliments to woman, to her work, and to her organization. He also pointed out the stumbling blocks and pitfalls.

"The city that harbors art," said Dr. Temple, "is progressing in the best way. Art leagues, therefore, are organizations worthy of the highest commendation, but why Art League Bohemia? And why call its meetings the high jinks?" In this way did Dr. Temple kindly but firmly place his disapproval upon that class of art lovers who forget that to be Bohemians is often to be most inartistic. "Ad Astra club, to the stars;" "Philomathean, love of learning;" "P. E. O. club, a woman's organization which, as a club, has demonstrated its ability to keep a secret." In this way the doctor referred to different clubs, their origin and significance. In a beautiful manner, also, were the clubs of elderly ladies referred to. The Sunset club, the Seventy club, the club of Has Beens, and so on, are comprised of ladies who in truth are now in the sunset period of their lives and yet see and believe in the beauty of living a young life in spirit, even while growing old in body. The financial abilities of the club women were referred to in turn, also the more

practical organizations for the stopping of woman gossip in the churches, for the promotion and beautifying of streets, etc. Dr. Temple believes, with the rest of us, that the club life will broaden a woman's arena, make her life more amenable to her daily duties, and that the work of the clubs, with their thousands upon thousands of members, is resulting in more good than we can ever hope to properly realize. "Women," said he, "have the right ideas of things and some day something will happen in temperance and good citizenship that will startle the world." Dr. Temple's peroration was a most beautiful and appropriate tribute to womankind.

Some ladies in journalism and literature, chief among them Mrs. Jennie June Crowley and Alice Cary, established the Sorosis club in New York in 1865. Previous to that there was only one woman's club in existence, and that naturally was in Boston. From these beginnings feminine organizations spread like the fire from Samson's foxes till they girdle the earth.

Women's clubs have been working nearly forty years, long enough for it to be reasonably asked what they have accomplished for womankind and for mankind in general. Something they have not done is the feature that impresses one most to start with. Of the hundreds of women's clubs that meet annually in the general federation not one per cent of them have a roof of their own to cover them; that, too, though woman is considered to be that one-half of humanity that can not exist without a home. One of the oldest and most widely known as well as one of the wealthiest clubs in the United States, certainly the one whose members dress most richly and fashionably, meets twice a month in hired rooms in a hotel, the rest of the time the members having, as a club, no touch with the world or with each other.

The well-known women's clubs that have homes may be almost counted upon the fingers of one hand. Curiously enough, too, the clubs most distinguished for doing something are those that have houses of their own. The Woman's Century club of Philadelphia may be taken as a type of the best. The ladies have a handsome four-story gray stone building, with a spacious front entrance, covered on occasion with an awning out over the sidewalk. In the interior are restaurant accommodations, a great audience hall, reception rooms and committee rooms.

Of course it is expensive to maintain all this house room for one club, writes Alice W. Mortimer in the Omaha News, but the ladies have proved themselves able to finance the enterprise. They let out their audience hall and other rooms that are wanted for the meetings of homeless club women and for lectures of particular interest to their own sex. Then, too, a considerable revenue is derived from ladies who hire space for private receptions. A woman wishes to receive her numerous friends on a given day. She does not want the bore and worry of it in her own house, where all things will be thereby turned upside down. She therefore rents for an afternoon some rooms in the handsome club house, where there is every convenience for entertaining a number of people. A private reception or entertainment in a public apartment is now altogether the chic thing in cities large and small. In New York, with all its wealth of opportunity for women, there are few really progressive ladies' clubs. One of the few is the Professional Women's league, which was founded by a very live woman, Mrs. A. M. Palmer, and which does much more than hold monthly meetings, to which women come dressed in their best and read papers. This admirable organization maintains classes where its members may get instruction in almost