

# CLUB NOTES

## THE WEEK'S REVIEW

With the coming biennial in the land of flowers, and the city of the angels, the election of officers for the coming year and of delegates to the national and state federation, the planning of future work and pleasure, club life is by no means uninteresting or dull.

If I remember rightly, I was asked to give a resume, a reminiscence or something of the sort about the Woman's club and was just ready to comply with the request, when picking up the Evening News for an inspiration, before taking my pen in hand, my eyes fell upon these words under "Timely Topics Touched on by the Pulpit."

"The demoralizing influence of clubs is apparent when the members bestow more time on a poodle, than they do on their children. Something is wrong when they search the libraries for facts to swell club papers and neglect the education of the little ones. It is disgusting to see a woman yank along an unwilling poodle and dismiss a child with the plain emphatic term of 'brat.'"

The paragraph has the merit of being amusing and though I failed to catch an inspiration I am wondering wherein the curriculums of the clubs cause an undue attachment for poodles to the neglect of children. The matter may need attention, and let us be prepared to take some steps if necessary for it may assume as vast proportions as the colored question before we are through with it. The Rev. P. P. Carroll when he tells the ladies that there is something wrong when they search the libraries for facts to swell the club papers and neglect the education of their children, may be saying something to the point and very profound, and while we wait to hear what the great crime is of a woman frequenting the public library allow us, with a modesty becoming our sex, to suggest, no, to mention that the public library of our city (and by the way, we are indebted to a club woman for it) is an excellent place to swell a sermon without any references to poodles. The last statement is beyond me, but as it is not made plain whether the woman was "yanking" the dog to the club, library or church we are in the dark as to the wisdom of the animal in not wanting to go. He naturally would not want to be where he was discussed. And whether this was a club woman or not is not stated. The patience and persistence she exhibited would indicate that she was, but the epithet she bestowed on the child would show that she had never heard of the "Home Department," one of the largest in the club, where the welfare of the child is the chief topic. A reminiscence takes us back to November 17th, 1894, when the club was organized with 251 enthusiastic charter members. We were most fortunate in the choice of our first president, Miss Phoebe Elliott, a woman capable of appreciating the talents of each individual and in whose presence the timid were fearless, who possessed the rare gift of holding herself in the background while she secured the best thoughts of those who came in contact with her. No strife, contention or jealous rivalry found room where she presided and she does not forget to send greetings each year and we are proud to have her hold a life membership in the club, which she fostered so carefully in its infancy. Much criticism has been offered and perhaps justly, that the work of the club has been self culture for the most part. The original idea of the founders was not that it should be a charity organization, or a philanthropic society, but the platform is so broad that it allows each club to take up

whatever seems best, and if the policy of the Lincoln Woman's club in the future should be to take up some public work, we will only be the better prepared, for the preparation we have made for ourselves. Our new president, Mrs. F. M. Hall, is a public spirited woman and no doubt has some excellent plans for the future. We need an abiding place and I hope the room committee may be successful in securing permanent quarters. There are expressions of appreciation on every hand for those outside of the club who have assisted us in making the programs instructive and pleasant. We are indebted to musicians, professors, specialists, teachers and many others. Among our department leaders are some who take time from a very busy life. Miss Hayden has been with us the past two years in the art department and given us the benefit of her knowledge in this direction. Miss Tremaine guided us in history for two years. Miss Town came from her high school work to help us in literature and is succeeded by Miss May Whiting, who is giving us the benefit of her careful study in Shakespeare and Browning. Miss Nelly Lally who succeeded Mrs. H. P. Eames, has been a most efficient leader for the musical department and with the assistance of the members, gives the program for our next meeting on St. Patrick's day. Miss Brackett's plan of conducting the study of history has met with a most hearty approval and the lecture on Alexander Hamilton by Hon. G. M. Lambertson will be remembered. Prof. Ross' lecture on the late colonization and Prof. Barbour's on the geological formation of Nebraska, and wood carving, added much to the interest of our year's work.

Bixby was good enough to write us a poem. Prof. Caldwell enlightened us on the financial question and many others we would be glad to mention if space permitted. I hope the private class in parliamentary law will be organized that we hear about and that Mrs. Plummer will find the time to take charge of it. The French department always gives us something good for the open meeting and their program and reception were up to date. The reception to our new officers by the art department is something to look forward to and at this late date we are taking in new members. A number joined to get the benefit of Mr. Eames' musicale. Some have joined to hear our program for St. Patrick's day. All are welcome.

MRS. HERBERT BUSHNELL.

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A program of great dignity was given Monday afternoon at the regular meeting of the Matinee Musicale. The numbers presented were by two of the great tone poets, Bach and Beethoven. The concert was the one hundred and first afternoon, and was in charge of the second division, Mrs. Holyoke and Miss Haywood, leaders. Each selection was a gem, and all were conscientiously rendered, but special mention must be made of Mrs. Holyoke's recitative and aria, and of Mrs. Jones' piano solo. Mrs. Jones has been heard but rarely of late and her skillful performance and satisfying interpretation of the toccata and fugue so pleased the audience that she was recalled, and in response she played a minuet by Beethoven. Mr. Steckelberg who played the 'cello part in the prelude was the only person on the program who was not a member of the club. The program was:

Chorale—From "Festo Ascensionis Christi," Bach; Matinee Musicale chorus, Mrs. P. V. M. Raymond, director.

Sonata—Op. 53, in C major, Beethoven; first movement, Miss Haywood.

Contralto Aria—From Christmas Oratorio, Bach; Miss Florence Robinson.

Adagio—From Sonata Op. 13, Beethoven; Miss Kettering.

Prelude No. 1, Bach-Gounod; Miss Shepherd violin, Mr. Steckelberg 'cello, Miss Smith piano.

Soprano—Recitative and Aria—From "Mount of Olives," Beethoven; Mrs. R. A. Holyoke.

Toccata and Fugue in D minor, Bach-Tausig; Mrs. Will Owen Jones.

The president announced that names of candidates for office would be placed in nomination at the next regular meeting and that the election would occur on April seventh. The announcement was also made that an informal reception would be given in honor of Mrs. John Doane after the program at the next meeting.

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Mr. John B. Wright entertained the Round Table Monday evening at dinner. The guests were seated at a large round table which was decorated with American beauties. Covers were laid for thirty-two. In the evening Mr. A. M. Baird led in a discussion of "Labor Unions and Strikes."

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The Fortnightly club met on Tuesday with Mrs. A. S. Raymond. A symposium on "What are the Conditions of Good Colonial Government?" was participated in by Mesdames A. J. Sawyer, John Reed, E. L. Hinman, and W. A. Green.

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The New Book Review club met on Wednesday with Mrs. C. H. Warner. Mrs. Williams reviewed George Eber's Cleopatra. Mrs. Elias Baker and Mrs. Stevens sang songs, and current events were discussed over the teacups.

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The W. R. P. C. club met last Friday with Mesdames Yates and Beach at 1108 H street. Roll call was responded to with quotations from Milton. Mrs. Stahl conducted the history lesson. Mrs. Violet read a paper on "King Philip's War," Mrs. McClure one on "The Salem Witchcraft." Mrs. Stanfield entertained the ladies with mandolin solos. A constitutional amendment providing for the admission of honorary members was voted upon and passed. Refreshments were served. The club will meet with Mrs. I. M. Heckler March twenty-first.



MRS. G. D. FOLLMER,

The newly elected president of Chapter K. P. E. O. of Lincoln.

The W. T. M. met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Keim. Sixteen ladies were present. Favorite quotations were given and a guessing game, a floral love tale, furnished entertainment. Mrs. Gentzler answered the greatest number of questions correctly and was rewarded with a plant. A two course luncheon was served by the hostess. The next regular meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. W. S. Harlan. Mr. and Mrs. R. Holben will entertain the club members and their husbands at a party at their home, 1143 G street, Saturday evening, March twenty-second.

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The city improvement society met Thursday morning. The committee appointed to devise plans for beautifying the city reported progress. Special ef-

orts will be put forth in behalf of the grounds surrounding the central churches of the city. These grounds have been sadly neglected of late years and the committee having secured the co-operation of the church officers, hopes for improved conditions. Prizes will be again given for neatly kept and attractive lawns, the conditions for this contest will be announced later. Different business firms and individuals will contribute money for the prizes. Mr. Hagenow's plan for giving out of door band concerts was discussed and commended and the society will give all possible encouragement. The ladies hope to arrange to have some of the concerts at the F street park.

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