

In Dresden, our canny author takes a cab having a tariff clock, an ingenious thing which marks the time to a second and the price per hour, so that no dispute can arise with the cabman concerning time or fee. She recommends the German pensions, "good enough, as good as one needs at a dollar a day, food and all." American friends, having given her a list of desirable pensions in Germany, also three in Rome, Naples and Florence, she strikes a loyal note—"the sight that made my heart beat, a man-o'-war flying the American flag." And again in the concluding paragraph: "Our hearts throb with joyful pride in greeting the Goddess of Liberty who welcomes us home."

The proof-reading is atrocious and the paper is unworthy the author and her letters. The cuts should have been half-tones and printed on enameled paper. Instead they are coarse newspaper cuts, and defeat the author's ideal and purpose.

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#### "The Metaphysical Movement"

Transcendentalism remained a relaxation, a profession, a resort of the ultra-cultured of Boston. Emerson, Margaret Fuller, Hawthorne, were teachers and creators. They were elevated by the distinction of their own characters. Transcendentalism added nothing to their power and took nothing from it. The modern transcendentalism is of the people and for the people and the prophets are commoner clay.

The "New Thought" is a renaissance of transcendentalism. But the difference is that it is being taught by teachers who otherwise would remain in the obscurity of their birth and capacities.

A certain number of leaders or discoverers of the New Metaphysics are at the present time regarded as prophets by the cult. Mrs. Helen Wilman, Mr. Henry Wood, Mr. W. A. Rodman, Mr. Dresser and Mr. Ralph Waldo Trine are names well enough known by the cult as preachers of optimism and the doctrine that any good thing accomplishes itself if the person whom the good thing will benefit only believes in its accomplishment. People outside of the cult know these authors as teachers of a harmless and very cheerful philosophy. Like the Christian scientists their essays are assertions. Mr. Paul Tyner, evidently an apostle, says in a review of the movement in the current Review of Reviews: "Not merely the cure of disease, but also the entire interdependence of mental and physical states and the relations of cultivated thought and will to harmonious growth in character and usefulness, are involved in the better understanding of the new metaphysics. Its promises of peace, harmony, light, healing has called widespread attention to the claims of the practical metaphysician." The practical availability of the power of the will to bring about right relations between physics and metaphysics, Mr. Tyner asserts, is the kernel of the teaching. The forces of nature are inferior and obedient to the power of the will owned by a student of the gospel. To a man who stands outside of religion the claims made by converts sound like babbling. In revivals when sincere sinners shout about their happiness and the miracles which their acceptance of religion has wrought the really devout as well as the reckless outsiders know better. The mental scientists make large claims and many who are sick in soul as well as in body read their books and are comforted thereby but the day of the scoffer is at hand.

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## CLUB NOTES

### THE WEEK'S REVIEW

The regular meeting of the Century club will be held with Mrs. J. E. Hays, 1635 E street, Monday afternoon at 2.30, instead of Tuesday as previously announced.

Miss Fay.

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The W. R. P. C. club met last Friday with Mrs. I. M. Haeckler. Mrs. Baker conducted the lesson. Mrs. Redford and Mrs. Rathbone were the essayists for the day. The club will meet on April fourth with Mrs. Butler and Mrs. McClure at 2837 Q street.

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The P. C. A., D. of H., met last Friday with Mrs. Adams of Havelock. Mrs. Ransom and Mrs. Clemmons won prizes in a guessing game. A luncheon was served. Those present were Mesdames Dudley, Erisman, Burns, Shuler, Hoffman, Wells, Clemmons, Gross, Phipps, Ransom, Burns and Wise.

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The New Book Review club met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Williams. Mrs. Elias Baker reviewed "Lazarre." Mrs. Widener gave a biographical sketch of the author, Mary Catherwood. Mrs. Williams sang a pretty song with violin obligato played by Mrs. Maddux, with Miss Griggs at the piano.

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The city improvement society met Thursday morning. The committee appointed to interest the people in beautifying the city reported progress. Additional sums of money to be used as prizes have been received and others promised. Ladies were asked to bring in membership dues for 1902. The secretary reported that a petition being circulated in East Lincoln asking that the city reclaim the half block at the pumping station for a park, will be presented to the council Monday night. Other park plans were discussed.

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Mrs. W. S. Harlan entertained the W. T. M. of East Lincoln, Thursday afternoon. There was no program so the hours were devoted to fancy work and social chat. Quotations were from Byron. The hostess assisted by Mrs. Kaufman served a two course luncheon. Those present were Mesdames Gentzler, Price, Widener, Mickey, Lane Lasch, Clark, Switzer, Hess, Evans, Hood, Steele, Kelm, Masters, Holben, Kaufman. Mrs. Swearingen was a guest. The club will meet in two weeks with Mrs. Edleman. Quotations from Alice Carey.

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The citizens' club of northeast Lincoln met with the patrons' association Tuesday evening at the Clinton school building to discuss ways and means of improving the district.

After the regular meeting of the men's club was disposed of, President A. G. Greenlee explained the object of the club and stated that every man, woman and child in the district was eligible to membership.

Mrs. Richardson, secretary of the city improvement society was present, and suggested ways by which an auxiliary might be beneficial to the interests of the city.

After some discussion a ladies' auxiliary was organized and officers elected. Doctor Wharton of the St. Paul church, gave the combined associations a very eloquent address on matters pertaining to the coming election.

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The program of "comparative examples" given Monday afternoon at the meeting of the Matinee Musicale was an interesting and instructive one. The third division, Mrs. Baker and Miss Ensign, leaders, was in charge. Mrs. Baker announced that the idea of the leaders in preparing this program had been to show how different composers treated the same subject,

mentioning especially the music set by Schubert and by Beethoven to the words of the Erl King. The following numbers were admirably performed: Quartettes—(a) Emery, Marston; "Night Hath a Thousand Eyes." (b) Smith, Brahms; Lullaby; Mrs. C. S. Hart, Miss Charlotte Hullhorst, Miss Katherine Agnew, Miss Anna Caldwell.

Piano—Mendelssohn, Grieg; Spring Song, Miss Anna Lowrie.

Solos—Schubert, Beethoven; The Erl King, Mrs. E. Lewis Baker.

Piano—Chopin; Polonaise, G sharp minor; Sholz; Polonaise, Op. 6, Mrs. L. J. Herzog.

Solos—Schumann, Liszt, Rubinstein; "Du Bist wie eine Blume," Mrs. R. A. Holyoke.

Violin and Piano—Schumann, Sonata, D minor, 3d movement; Beethoven, Krutzer Sonata, finale; Miss Ina Ensign, Mrs. P. V. M. Raymond

An hour previous to the time for the program there was a meeting of the active members to place in nomination by an informal ballot names of ladies for officers of the club. The nominating committee consists of Mrs. A. S. Raymond, Mrs. E. P. Brown and Miss Miller. The result of the ballot will be announced at the next meeting when the election will take place. The last open meeting of the club for the season will occur the evening of April 21 at the university chapel and will be free to the public. At the close of the program an informal reception to Mrs. John Doane was held in the parlor. Mrs. Butler, the president, Mrs. Doane and Mrs. Baker received. Mrs. Jansen and Mrs. Ward served pink ices and wafers from a table decorated with pink tulips and lighted by pink candles. It is with great regret that the club parts with Mrs. Doane, who has from the beginning been one of its most useful and valued members. Mrs. Doane will remove next week to her new home in Fremont.

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Was asked: "What on earth would you  
do

If the savages tried  
To catch you for your hied?"  
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