

in Lincoln. Other and more pretentious companies failed to draw, but Sol Smith Russell played to friends when he came here and he never failed to make them a speech of appreciation and reciprocated regard.

I think it was the last time that he was here that he played that poem, "The Bachelor's Christmas Dinner," a curtain raiser. I can see him now moving around the table set for seven or eight of the women whom the old fellow had known in his life, gently laying a boutonniere on the plate of this one and that one. Like Ophelia he had selected the flowers carefully and with reference to the experiences he had had with each one and what he knew of her character. All were dead and the dear old man was on his way to meet them. The exquisite scene, Mr. Russell's perfect taste, his heart of gentleness, the unobtruded sentiment, the old school flavor of courtesy, and, above all and never to be forgotten, Mr. Russell's smile, are an undying memory. There is nothing in the world like his smile now and the world is poorer.

This generation of theatre-goers, made up of three generations, will miss Sol Smith Russell and no other will take his place. Old men and women will discuss his talent and his sweetness for the next twenty years until the youngsters whose theatre experiences have not yet begun will yearn to see him as we envy those who saw Charlotte Cushman, Kean and Booth. He was of a fine type, this actor gentleman, who has just gone, and alas for those who do not know him. They have missed something which the new century will scarcely supply, and in the tales which go around the board they will have to listen and never contribute a gentle memory of their own, poor lads!

The skeleton in the closet sometimes has a duplicate key.

CLUB NOTES

THE WEEK'S REVIEW

The Chicago Woman's club, at its annual meeting held two weeks ago, decided to admit reporters to all of its meetings, both general and executive. This is the first club in Chicago willing to let the world know what is going on within, and the decision to open doors to the press was arrived at after a long and animated discussion.

The election of Mrs. Dimies T. S. Dennison of New York, to the presidency of the general federation, will be agreeable to Lincoln club women, many of whom have favored her candidacy from the beginning. Mrs. Van Vechten, of Iowa, who was elected treasurer, addressed the Lincoln Womans' club last winter. She is a friend of Mrs. M. D. Welch.

The ladies' missionary society of the First Baptist church held an enthusiastic meeting Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. L. Dayton. The meeting was in charge of Mrs. Mickel, Mrs. Wiseman, Mrs. Dayton, and Mrs. H. S. Snyder. The subject was Mexico. There were letters read from missionaries, the Lord's prayer was repeated in Spanish, and two Spanish songs were sung. Tamales, torillas and other characteristic refreshments were served.

The annual election of officers of the Columbus, Nebraska, Woman's clubs, took place Saturday afternoon, May third. Anticipating the work of the coming federation which will meet in this city next October, the officers

were chosen with care. Mrs. L. Gerard, who has made an excellent president the past year, was unanimously selected to succeed herself. Mrs. F. H. Geer and Mrs. E. D. Campbell, were elected vice presidents; Mrs. H. B. Musser, corresponding secretary; Mrs. L. C. Vass, recording secretary; Mrs. F. W. Herrick, treasurer; Mrs. Sarah Brindley and Mrs. J. D. Stires, delegates to the convention. Reports from the officers show that the club has never been in better financial and working condition, and every preparation is being made to entertain the visitors next fall.

The last meeting of the Matinee Musicale for this season, was held Monday afternoon at Walsh hall. Owing to the rain the attendance was very small, but those present greatly enjoyed the delightful little program which had been arranged for them by the retiring president. It consisted of a flower cycle by Arthur Foote, consisting of six songs, sung by Mrs. R. A. Holyoke, first soprano; Mrs. Joseph Grainger, second soprano; Mrs. A. S. Raymond, first alto; Mrs. E. Lewis Baker, second alto. The numbers in the cycle are:

1. The Trilliums.
2. The Crocus.
3. The Foxglove (solo, Mrs. Holyoke.)
4. The Meadow Rue.
5. The Columbine (duet, Mrs. Holyoke Mrs. Baker).
6. The Cardinal.

The parts were well balanced, and the exquisite music received a brilliant rendering. Mrs. P. V. M. Raymond played the accompaniments, and Miss Lucy M. Haywood read the poems. Immense bunches of lilacs adorned the stage in the music hall and a wealth of the same fragrant flowers was on the refreshment table. Mrs. A. R. Mitchell and Mrs. W. C. Phillips in lilac gowns, served ices and macaroons. They were assisted by Miss Haywood and Miss Miller. A vote of thanks was offered to the retiring officers. The season just closed has been one of the most successful financially and artistically in the history of the club. The artists who have given recitals before the club this year, are Madame Bloomfield-Zeisler, Mr. Chas. Rowdon and Mr. Joseph Hofmann, surely a brilliant trio, and the fact that the deficit after each of these recitals was smaller than in the past proves that Lincoln people are growing more and more appreciative of fine concerts. The following chairmen of committees for next year were announced: Program, Mrs. P. V. M. Raymond; membership, Mrs. John B. Wright; reception, Mrs. A. R. Mitchell; secretary of chorus, Mrs. A. S. Raymond.

The city improvement society met yesterday morning. The officers announced that they were ready for the entry of names of persons who wish to compete for the various prizes offered for well kept lawns and premises. All names with street numbers should be sent to Mrs. Nellie M. Richardson, room 106 Burr block.

The prizes to be awarded are as follows:

Four prizes, one of \$10 and three \$5 prizes, are especially for neatness and are open only to boys under sixteen years of age. They will be awarded for the best kept lawn, keeping the street line straight and the premises and alleys in perfect order.

The Armstrong prize of \$25, and a second prize of \$15 will be given for the most attractive premises. These are for neatness, flowers, well-kept lawn and everything which affects the appearance of the place. These prizes

are open only to those whose property valuation does not exceed \$3,000.

The Paul Holm prize of \$25, and a second prize of \$15 will be given for the most attractive premises, all things considered. These prizes are open to all regardless of property valuation.

First and second prizes of \$15 and \$10 will be given for the best arrangement of window or porch boxes.

First and second prizes of \$15 and \$10 will be given for the best arrangement of vines.

The society is ready to offer first and second prizes of \$50 and \$25 to janitors for the best kept school grounds. The first prize of \$50 is given by the Commercial club and the second of \$25 is given by Mr. Herpolsheimer. The announcement of these last two prizes must be deferred until the society has made definite arrangements with the school board.

The society reserves to itself the right of withholding any of the prizes in case little or no work is done.

Members of the society object seriously to conceding sidewalk space in the wholesale district. Mrs. McPhee was appointed to ascertain the expense of serving refreshments at the band concerts this summer.



AGNEW OSCAR WIGENJOST.

This youngster was born in the Lancaster county court house, at which institution his father, Henry Wigenjost, is engineer, and where the family has living apartments. The boy is in his second year.

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S. E. ROY.

For years and years—twelve in all—S. E. Roy has been engaged in the drug business in Lincoln, until he has become known not only all over the city, but the county as well, and even in adjoining counties. Mr. Roy is a native of New Jersey. He was born in 1856 at Fredon, attended the public schools and completed his education at the Collegiate Institute of Newton, N. J. In 1880 he located in Iowa, where he taught school two years in Muscatine and Louisa counties.

He was attracted still farther west and in 1882 located in Council Bluffs. There for three years he was with Harle McKune & Co., and with A. D. Foster & Co., in the wholesale and retail drug business. He then roved eastward again, becoming situated for a time with John A. King & Co., of Chicago. Still later he held a position in the drug business of Charles F. Goodman of Omaha.

Then to enter business for himself he came to Lincoln in 1887. Here he founded his present enterprise in 1890. Since its organization it has occupied a number of different buildings. At the present time it is spaciouly quartered at 104-106 North Tenth street, where it has been for three years and where it is likely to remain. Two stories and a basement make up the occupied space, twenty-five feet by 140, every shelf kept full of fresh drugs, patent medicines and merchandise, required by the trade.

"Roy's Drug Store," as it is commonly known, being thoroughly equipped for a large business, is highly appreciated, and liberally patronized by the public in general. In addition to a large, well selected stock of drugs, stationery, fine perfumes and toilet articles, Mr. Roy also deals in paints, oils, varnishes, stock foods, garden seeds, etc.