#### IMPROVING THE INTELLECT

Omaha Ladies' Literary Clubs and What Their Members Are Doing.

ENLARGING THE SCOPE OF KNOWLEDGE-

Study of Ancient and Modern History by the Fair Sex. The City's Three Organizations and Who Compose Them.

While teday Omaha may not rival the culture of older cities of the east, yet there is no inconsiderable movement among its citizens toward self-improvement, as is shown by the gradual growth of its various clubs and classes, both as regards numbers, members, scope and thoroughness of the work under

An exenest little band of ladies gathers every Saturday morning at the home of Mrs. W. W. Keysor, on Bristol street. For several years this class has met to study English riterature under the guidance of Mrs. Keysor, whose long connection with the Omaha High school had proven her strength and carnestness in this field of work. This year this class has taken a step in a new direction and is giving its attention to the study of the his-

Aside from the text book used much reference reading is accomplished by the class. This branch of study, considered so essential in all collegiate courses, is especially practical at this time when every one desires a better comprehension of art that the wonders of the Columbian exhibit may be more appreciated. The following are members of the class: Miss Eveleth, Miss Hobbs, Miss Brolliar, Miss Fair, Miss Vincent, Nrs. Lemon, Mrs. Dr. Allen, Mrs.

Vincent, Nrs. Lemon, Mrs. Dr. Allen, Mrs. Woodward.

One of various channels by which Dr. Duryea is endeavoring to lift humanity to a higher plane and a broader light is the leadership of a literary class for ladies.

The first winter of its organization "The Club" gave its attention to the study of Wordsworth, as made apparent in the Prologue of the "Excursion." The two succeeding seasons were given up to the consideration of Robert Browning and several of his poems. This season George Ellet is under consideration through the study of her "Romola."

This master piece is studied in the most careful and painstaking manner. All the side lights of history, literature and art are brought to bear upon it. Much time has been given to the history of the Renaissance in Italy and its parallel history in other countries. About the great teacher Savonarola abustors the monthly available of the countries. clusters the peculiar social and political circumstances encountered by the disciples of Christianity at that period, circumstances and conditions that later ripened into the Reformation. The elements that mark the excellence of a work of fiction are not neglected; careful attention is given to the delineation of character and the institutions and customs of the age and nationality. Dr. Duryen gives most conscientious attention to this work. Its membership is tion to this work. Its membership is limited to thirty ladies, who meet Monday

One of the most carnest and hard working literary organizations in the city is known as the Cleofan club. Some four years ago this club had its modest beginning when three or four ladies met with Mrs. W. Hanchett for the purpose of reviewing English history Today the Cleofan consists of two chapters, about sixty members It enjoys a dual organization, being at once a club and a class. The members of Chapter I, frequently known in distinction to Chapter II as the 'married ladies Cleofan,' helds its meetings at the Paxton cafe on Wednesday mornings. Its organization and membership is as fol-One of the most carnest and hard working Its organization and membership is as fol

Mrs. Birlingim, Mrs. Lewis Bradford, Mrs. Caldwell, Mrs. Colpetzer, Miss Crozer, Miss Doolittle, Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. Greene, Mrs. J. G. Haines, Mrs. Hanchett, Mrs. Haller, Mrs. Jaynes, Mrs. Johannes, Mrs. Kenyon, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Lindsey, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Nattinger, Mrs. Nichols.

List of officers and members of Cleofan Chapter I: President, Mrs. Z. T. Lindsey; vice president, Mrs. R. C. Moore; secretary, Mrs. William Fleming; assistant secretary. Mrs. William Freming; assistant secretary,
Mrs. Johannes; treasurer, Mrs. George
Nattinger; board of directors, Mrs. Powell,
chairman; Mrs. Frank Haller, Mrs. C.E.
Greene, Mrs. F. E. Lee, Mrs. Frank Colpetzer; members: Mrs. W. F. Allen, Miss
Boudinot, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Risdon, Mrs.
Characon, Miss. Ed. M. Mrs. Risdon, Mrs.
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Boudinot, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Risdon, Mrs. Simpson, Miss Stull, Mrs. M. E. Smith.
Chapter II, the more numerous division, is made up of women employed during the day and holds its meetings on Tuesday evenings at the Paxton. The class work of the two chapters has, until the present year, been identical with Mrs. Hanchett as leader, or neghnis more properly teacher. After or perhaps more properly teacher. After two years had been given to the study of English history it was decided last year to begin the study of the history of the French. A most enjoyable year's work was spent last season having reached the period of the occupancy of the French throne by Louis XIII; this year the work is practically the study of that greatest of political and social up-heavals—the French revolution.

In the hands of the class Mignets French

Revolution serves as a text book. The par-allel readings, extensive as they are, are conscientiously followed out by the best stu-

The history study at which the Clefan aim is wide reading, carefully prepared papers and ready discussion, and they ought certainly to make progress.

The work is primarily, yet not exclusively, history. The study of Shakespeare's "Macbeths" and "Lear" was accomplished last

year.
At present Chapter II is at work on Henry
VII, while members of Chapter 1 are devoting themselves to current topics as a second
theme. Mrs. Hanchett is a vigorous student and has

to infuse her own earnestness and enthus-

to infuse her own earnestness and enthusiasm into those who enter her classes.

Members and officers of Chapter II are as follows: President, Miss Hickox: vice president, Miss Diuman; secretary, Miss May Wilson; treasurer, Miss Tobit, Mrs, R. E. Allen, Miss Birkett, Miss Brown, Miss Burgess, Miss Bruner, Miss Cooper, Miss Duval, Miss Dawson, Miss Eddy, Miss Garreit, Miss Pamilton, Miss Hewett, Miss McClellan, Mrs, Pennell, Mrs, Perrine, Mrs, Preston, Miss Ramsey, Miss Ryan, Miss Royce, Miss Ramsey, Miss O'Conner, Miss O'Neil, Miss Lewis, Miss Lawton, Miss Swobe, Mrs, MacMurphy, the Misses McCheane, Miss Broadfield, Miss Reed, Miss Tobit, Miss Hutmaker.

LEARNING TO DRAW THE LINES.

What is Being Done in This Respect in Omaha Schools.

There are people meeting with physical, financial and moral shipwreck every day in the year, because they don't know "where to draw the line." Their mental vision has become impaired from some cause. The lines which form the picture of life in their mind's eye are not true, and, as a consequence, the the chiaro oscuro of human activity to them is a miscrable conglomeration of light and shade. The outlines are blurred and the perspective is a jumble of inconsistencies.

An important and interesting part of the Omaha public school education consists of teaching the pupils how and where to draw lines. This is included in the course which the training are proported. which the pupils are permitted to take in drawing, and it extends from the first year in the graded schools all the way through to the last year in the high school.

Through the kindness of Miss Ethel Evans.

teacher of drawing, and Miss McShean, principal of the Long school, a representa-tive of Tur Ber was permitted to observe the work done in drawing in the graded school classes last Thursday foreneon at the Long school. The Long school was selected because it has the reputation of being one of the best schools in the city in point of dis-

cipline as well as in the carriestness and thoroughness of the class work.

The first room visited was that of the First grade, where little tots only four or five months initiated into the mysteries of school life were seated and were attentively listen-ing to something their teacher was saying. The lessen in drawing was at once taken up. It was evident that the children enjoyed this part of their daily school work. They went about it in a way that could not be misunder-stood. On the front row of seats sat what

are called the "little monitors." To each of these the teacher gave enough sheets of paper for all the pupils in their tier of seats, and these "little monitors" distributed them in a manner quite beyond criticism. The entire class was then directed to place the sheets of paper on their desks before them, take their pencils in their right hands with top inclining toward the right so as to leave the point of the pencil in full view and prepare to bisect the sheets of paper. The little folks first made a dot at the top of the sheet and one at the bottom as near the middle as their eyes and judgment could determine and then they drew the line from top to bottom, dividing the sheet into two parts, which they had endeavored to make perfectly equal.

parts, which they had endeavored perfectly equal.

Some of the pupils, although mere babies in size, were remarkably accurate in drawing these their first lines, and one would have required the assistance of a measuring rule to have determined whether or not the lines were drawn exactly across the middle of the paper. Others were not so accurately drawn, but as a whole the work was very clever for infants. They were next re-quested to trisect their pieces of paper by drawing two lines from top to bottom across the page. This they did with as much neat-ness and accuracy as the former task, and then they made circles and executed several other tasks that helped to train the eye and

the muscles to obey the will.
"What is this!" asked the teacher, holding
up a small cylinder. "That's a cylinder," was the prompt reply om half a score of throats.

"Robert, you describe a cylinder," contin-ed the teacher, calling upon a bright little flow in the second row from the front.

"A cylinder has two flat faces and a curved circus," said the youthful admirer of Barnim's greatest show on earth. His ceror in the use of the word circus for surface was pleasantly corrected and the lesson proceeded. Individual members of the class described the cylinder, the cube, the sphere and various ather sphere strength and the class described the cylinder, the cube, the sphere and various other objects employed in teach-

ng drawing.
In the second grade the pupils are given work in clay, and this proves to be a source of much improvement in their youthful pow-ers of designing and construction. Here the class engaged in drawing verticle and hor contal lines, as the teacher counted. Som of the children were exceptionally skillful in this work, showing remarkable steadiness

this work, showing remarkable steadness of nerve and accuracy of vision.

In the third grade the class had outline work and descriptions of cubes, pyramids, plinths and other objects employed in this department of instruction. They also did some fine work in original and copied designs. The first real lessons in perspective come in the fifth grade, where the pupils discuss with the teacher the principles of discuss with the teacher the principles of foreshortening and the true theory of draw-ing on a flat surface's or that the lines will bring out perspective effects. They begin to put into actual practice the theoretical lessons they have learned by freehand drawing of objects set before them. Books, pitchers and blocks are employed in this work. Here the upils engage in the interesting work of tak-ng the proportion of dimensions by holding their pencils at arm's length between them and the object they are drawing and measuring the length of the different sides on the pencil by closing one eye and then transfer-ring this to the paper before them. They secure the angles made by the various lines by taking pieces of stiff paper and holding them up in the same position, bringing them into a line with their vision and the object they are attempting to draw, shifting them about until they form exactly the same angle s the sides of the object which they are de

irous of reproducing upon the paper.

The objects are placed on the front row of eats for those in front, and in the aisles for those who sit toward the back of the room. Each pupil obtains a different view of the object to be drawn, and must, therefore, depend upon himself for the accuracy of his work. Much of the work seen in this room

vas of a very meritorious order. In the seventh and eighth grades the class had group work, and this not only in outline, but in light and shade, working in the shadow cast by the various objects upon the table where the group sat.

A contemplation of this work in the graded

schools by young boys and girls scarcely entering their teens shows remarkable progress. Most of the work done now in the seventh and eighth grades is far ahead of that done in the high schools of ten or fifteen

In the High school the study of drawing is optional and only a portion of the pupils continue the work to the end, but those who wish to take it may continue through the outline formula. through the entire four years course. There is a feeling among some of the educators, and it is the opinion of Miss Evans, the drawing teacher, that the study of drawing ought to be made compulsory for at least two years in the High school instead of being optional all the way through. The plan of leaving it optional not only deprives some of a complete course in drawing, through their own indifference and carelessness, but it causes great irregularity in the classes. Some will take it one year, others two and some three, while only a few follow the study during the entire four years. Those who do take the entire course com through with a therough knowledge of the plimentary to themselves, their teachers and school system of this enterprising and

progressive city. Educational.

Minneapolis read 333,560 public library books last year, or I 4-7 books for every man, woman and child in the city. Northampton, Mass. received from E. H. R. Lyman of that city a \$100,000 academy of usic built by him last year.

The chapter house of Williams college was destroyed by fire a week ago, entailing a loss of \$50,000; insurance, \$25,000. A college at Scranton was damaged to the

extent of \$10,000 last week by a fire that was started by a student who threw a halfsmoked eigarette into a wastepaper There are 4,876 students at the University of Berlin this winter, the largest number in the history of the institution. This is about 2,000 more than are in attendance at Har-

President Dwight of Yale says that a plan is under consideration to put an end to gamb-ling and betting at the university, especially on foot ball and other games. President Dwight has a big contract on hand.

President Gilman of the Johns Hopkins university makes a plea for endowments for medical and electrical schools, and funds for the erection of a building in which to store the geological and mineralogical collection for scholarships.

October is the time when Williams college will celebrate her centennial. She started business October 9, 1703. October is a rare month in the Berkshires. The students favored June for the celebration, but it seemed unwise to pile ceremony upon cerenony at commencement time.

One of the many achievements of the late Professor Horsford of Harvard was the invention of an army ration which should be light but nutritious, to diminish the burden of transportation when troops were on the march, and General Grant had half a million propagated for use Professor Horsford to be a control of the contro prepared for use. Professor Horsford took out no fewer than thirty patents, mostly for chemical preparations, during his life.

The Idaho university is in a flourishing condition. Prof. Robert Milliken of Moscow has been chosen professor of agriculture. He will have supervision of the agricultural experimental stations at Mampa, Grangeville and Idaho Falis. J. E. Ostrander, also of Moscow, has been chosen professor of civil engineering and liberal arts. Chairs of chemistry and languages have been established, but will not be immediately filled.

The Board of Education, says the Chicago

Herald, is still on record as favoring crowding sixty-three children into one room. Will the board wait until a new agitation against its special form of "sweating" begins! Sixty-three children in one school room is the most vicious form of sweating yet developed. Children working in sweaters shops have as much pure air as they will have under the

#### OPEN SOUTH OMAHA CHARITY

Very Little Indigence Exists Within the Magic City's Confines.

GOOD WORK OF THE KING'S DAUGHTERS

How the Ladies of This Society Have Systematized the Furnishing of Relief to Worthy Poor-Record of the Society.

The long continued cold weather naturally causes charitably inclined people to think of the poor, who perforce live in shanties with a scant supply of fuel and clothing, and sometimes not enough to eat. As a rule the greatest suffering falls upon the defenseless heads of women and children, which fact ouches the hearts of sympathetic people who would not trouble themselves about men who are often responsible for their own endition and that of sheir families.

There is no city, even in this favored country, that has not its poor, improvident or otherwise, and South Omaha varies from the rule only in a degree.

A reporter for The Ber made the rounds of the city yesterday for the purpose of ascertaining whether suffering existed an ong the less fortunate to an extent worthy of public mention, and was agreeably surprised to find that within the limits of the city but very few families actually need assistance. There is probably not over a dozen families in the city, worthy and unworthy, who are not able to take care of themselves and keep the wolf from the door by their own efforts. Among the charitable organizations doing ctive work in the city the King's Daughters is worthy of special mention. A reporter called on the secretary of the organization yesterday and was given some interesting facts from the records with regard to the society and its work since

vinter began. The officers are: President. Mrs. A. L. Lott. Seventeenth and Missouri avenue; vice president. Mrs. W. B. Cheek, Twenty-second between H and I; second vice president, Mrs. C. L. Talbot, Twenty-second between J and G: secretary, Mrs. H. Meyers, corner Fwenty-third and I: treasurer, Mrs. O. E.

Twenty-third and I; treasurer, Mrs. O. E. Waiker, N street near Twentieth.
Members: Mrs. W. G. Sloan, 1015 North Twenty-second; Mrs. A. J. Caughey, corner Twenty-third and H; Mrs. I. A. Brayton, corner Twenty-third and I; Mrs. W. M. Wood, 912 North Twenty-third; Mrs. Dr. Kirkpatrick, 2204 K; Mrs. D. S. Pinney, Mrs. N. V. Richardson, corner Twenty-third and H; Mrs. Frank Boyd, 1130 North Twenty-sixth; Mrs. A. V. Miller, Twenty-first near N; Mrs. L. Householder, 910 Twenty-third; Mrs. A. W. Babeock, Twenty-fourth between D and E; Mrs. E. C. Hawood, corner Twenty-third and I; Mrs. J. D. Jones, 720 North Twenty-fourth between D and E. Mrs. E. C. Anderson, Twenty-fourth between D and C. Anderson, Twenty-fourth between D and E; Mrs. Elmer Weir, corner H and Twenty-seventh; Mrs. Mellins. Twenty-fourth be-tween I and J; Mrs. W. Meyers, J between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth; Mrs. J. C.

Graham, Nineteenth and M; Miss M. A. Davis, Twenty-fourth and M.

The society meets every two weeks, on Thursday afternoon at the residence of some one of the members, and the practical work s done through various committees.

Naturally, at this time of the year, the committee on charities has the most important work to look after. This committee is aided by the entire membership, each inis aided by the entire membership, each in-dividual acting as a committee of one to ferret out the needy and report same at once, if necessary, or at the next meeting. When cases of destitution are reported at a meeting, a special committee is named, whose duty it is to investigate at once and supply whatever is needed. The ladies ap-peal to ministers of all the churches and to the public generally for information as to the condition of the unfortunate, and in this way but few, if any, cases escape their attention. There is always money in the treasury, and supplies of clothing and provisions constantly on hand. Members request The Bee to state that they will take

ons will kindly inform any one o their number. It was reported some time ago that Mrs. Watts, the lady whose husband deserted her, was in a destitute condition. The King's Daughters visited her at once and found her nicely situated, with three boarders. A destitute family was also reported in the Mack block, which proved untrue, as the ladies visited every family in the block and adjoining houses and found no one needing

it as a special favor if any one knowing of

assistance.

The Third Ward school, presided over by Misses Hartman, O'Toole and Littel, did a graceful act of charity during the holidays, for which the King's Daughters desire to thank the school. Each pupil, presumably under the direction of the teachers, brought an offering to the school, which aggregated \$2.85 in money, several bushels of potatoes, sacks of flour, kindling wood, clothing, coal, etc., to the extent of a wagon load and turned it over to the society. It is needless to say it over to the society. It is needless to say it has made more than one poor family

happy.

In many cases the ladies buy new shoes for barefooted children and coal to keep them from freezing. While the per centage of extremely poor people is very small indeed in this city, no city of 15,000 people can exist without the need of charitably inclined people. The next meeting of the King's Daughters will be held at the residence of Mr. W. H. Shabageb. 914 Twenty-third. W. H. Slabaugh, 914 Twenty-third

Magic City Notes.

Frozen water pipes are causing trouble all over the city, Mrs. Etter, who was reported dangerously

ill a few days ago, is better, though not out of danger.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Abbott, residing at Fifteenth and H streets, had a son born to Bishop Newman addressed the people of this city at 11 a. m. yesterday at the First Methodist Episcopal church. The house was crowded to hear the noted divine.

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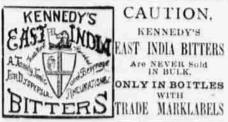
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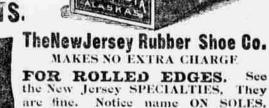
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