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WOMEN'S CLUBS AND CIRCLES

Nebraska Women Who Believe in Organizations for the Promotion of Culture.

THE STATE FEDERATION OF CLUBS

One of Omaha's Institutions and What it is Doing to Aid Our City to Become the Pride of the West.

Edited by Mrs. Della L. Ferguson.

Men are in a measure responsible for the club movement of today, or perhaps we should say, it is to men, largely, that we are indebted for the time which we have to devote to such work.

In the days of our great-grandmothers woman's time was too full of domestic cares for her even to think of such employment of time; but when the inventor and manufacturer relieved the succeeding generations of the burden of spinning, weaving, spinning, hand-sewing, and many other time and mind-absorbing occupations, then did she begin to gather herself together and find out where she stood; and, lo! she made the humiliating discovery that while she had been diligently cultivating the domestic side of her nature the intellectual side had literally grown up to weeds; and when, later, the colleges of the country were thrown open to her daughters, she found if she would still be their companion she must keep pace with them, and she found that with the help of the woman's clubs and the university extension lectures she could "brush up" and look forward to intellectual companionship with them as they grew to woman's estate.

There are many who question whether a woman is benefited in her home life by club work. If some woman who is undecided in the matter wishes to learn the sure way to her husband's heart, let her join the Domestic Science department of the Omaha Woman's club. If some mother wishes to learn how best to supplement the efforts of the teacher in training and educating her children, let her join the Educational department, where mother and teacher meet on common ground. If she wishes to coach her husband on the money question, the tariff, rent, taxes or governmental methods generally, let her join the Political and Social Science department. The Art department will teach her how to make her home beautiful and attractive, and so we might go on multiplying suggestions, and each one would prove more conclusively that home and club life run in parallel lines.

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the club, and it is needless to say that such competition is the greatest possible advantage to all concerned.

As these departments are the bone and sinew of the club they must have first place in any attempt to review club work. The Art department, led by Mrs. W. W. Keyser, has given the greater part of its two years' work to the older Italian masters. A review with stereoscopic illustrations has been offered from time to time and has been open to the public. The Current Topics department is the largest division of the club, numbering 160. Its work is described by its name, as is that of the Domestic Science department, led by Mrs. F. H. Pugh. The study of English literature, conducted by Miss Kate A. McHugh, has been confined this year to Shakespeare and his work, while the German literature class, taught by Mrs. W. H. H. Tracy, has followed its work of last year on early German writers, by a comprehensive study of Faust. The work of the History department under charge of Mrs. F. A. Leavenworth, has given all its interest to German also, following lines laid down in previous years in the Clefhan. Educational matters are considered by a body of mothers and teachers in an important department in charge of Mrs. Grace B. Sudborough, and another group of women gives attention to the details of parliamentary law under the direction of Mrs. A. B. Henderson. Philosophy is taught by the Rev. Mary G. Andrews, who gathers round Dr. Hopkins "Outline of Man" the thought of the time from all sources as it relates to her topic. Political Economy is enthusiastically studied under the guidance of Miss Ida E. Edson, whose comprehensive plan for the club has won much praise. Meeting immediately after her class in the department known as "Mrs. Peattie's," otherwise as that of Applied Economics. Here the question "What Can We Do About It?" is applied to public, political and humanitarian affairs. The musical department has probably made more of an impression upon the public mind than any other in the club because of the fact that its monthly musicales have been thrown open to all. As these are the only exercises of the club where money will procure admission, they have been largely attended, and have been a source of pleasure to many.

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each of which is presented a program both interesting and instructive. Already preparations are being made for the annual fall exhibition, which has become an event of that season. Ceramics is a growing and beautiful art and now stands upon a footing where it can rightfully demand the recognition it deserves.

WOMAN'S CLUB. On the 14th of February there was organized in this city a woman's club, composed of eighteen colored women. Since the organization the membership has increased to thirty-four.

The object of the association is to stimulate intellectual development, promote unity of purpose amongst its members, and interest them in any individual, philanthropic and reformatory effort which may affect women generally, and colored women particularly. The meetings of the club are held bi-weekly at the homes of the members, and this plan will obtain until permanent club rooms, centrally located, can be secured.

Just now the work is confined to two departments, political economy and civil government, and current topics, but as the membership increases, and as leaders present themselves, departments of music, English literature, history and art will be formed. The club is strictly non-sectarian, and offers its advantages to any woman who is in sympathy with the work and may present herself for election.

The following officers have been elected for one year: Mrs. Ella L. Mahammit, president; Mrs. Nettie Johnson, vice president; Mrs. Laura M. Craig, recording secretary; Mrs. Clara Franklin, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Pauline Cleland, treasurer.

THE WOMAN'S EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY. This society was organized by the women in the northwestern part of the city, and is full of life and prospering in its good work. The membership is increasing, and a great interest is shown in all branches of study. The members are all busy, home women, but are bright and intelligent, and find time for considerable study, and have a deep interest in woman's place and work in the world. They have lately started a Woman's Exchange, and hope to make a success of that also.

GIRLS' SOCIAL CLUB. This club, composed of eight young girls, was organized last January by the department of applied economics of the Omaha Woman's club. It meets every week. Miss Helen Newarth is the president and Miss Schroeder the secretary.

MU SIGMA. A literary society, whose members, in the main, are ladies living in the vicinity of Walnut Hill. Its name is composed of the initials of two Greek words, signifying "little learned." It was organized February 26, 1892. The members first studied Lowell for several months, and have since given their time to studying the history, customs and literature of Great Britain with equal enjoyment and profit. The course of study has been laid out in a systematic and thorough way. The work is done largely in papers or discussions.

There are two or three clubs in the city that have not been reported, for the reason that no responses were received to letters of inquiry. Aside from the Woman's clubs in the city there are, as far as we have been able to ascertain, eighteen societies which are composed exclusively of women. The majority of them are organizations connected with the different lodges in the city.

of the different members on Thursday of each alternate week. Mrs. J. L. McConnell is president.

SOROSIS. Sorosis is a club of twenty-five women, who meet every other Monday at the homes of the members, to inform themselves upon current topics and for general discussion of the same. Mrs. J. S. Hodgman is president.

THE WOMEN'S CLUB. Was organized last November with 265 charter members. Its object is to stimulate intellectual and moral development and promote good fellowship. Miss Phoebe Elliott is the president.

THE CENTURY. The Century club, of which Ellen Kirker is president, was organized eight years ago. It was first known as the Beta club. The work has been mostly in history. The membership is limited to twenty.

MATINEE MUSICAL. The Matinee Musical had its origin during the heated term last summer. The organization was completed and work began in the early autumn. Over thirty of the leading musicians of Lincoln are identified with the club. Its object is to advance the interest in and promote the musical culture of the city. Mrs. D. A. Campbell is the zealous and efficient president.

PORTNIGHTLY. The Fortnightly club, of which Mrs. L. C. Richards is president, was organized in the spring of 1894. Its membership is limited to twenty.

ROSE COTTAGE. The Rose Cottage circle is under the leadership of Mrs. W. A. Green.

ATHENEA. The Athenaeum club was organized in the fall of 1892 and is under the leadership of Mrs. W. A. Green.

FACULTY. The University of Nebraska Woman's Faculty club was organized in the fall of 1894. Mrs. J. H. Canfield is the president. The club meets at the homes of the members on alternate Fridays from 2 till 5 o'clock.

WINDAUGHSIS. The Windaughsis club is composed of twelve members, who organized last November for mutual benefit. Mrs. J. W. Johnson is the president.

COLUMBIAN. The Columbian circle was organized three years ago. Its work is the C. L. S. C. course of reading, which covers four years. Mrs. W. A. Lindly is the president.

LINCOLN NORMAL. There are three literary clubs in Normal, Current Events, Shakespeare and Egerian. These are the only clubs in Normal. Its members are as far as we have been able to ascertain, eighteen societies which are composed exclusively of women. The majority of them are organizations connected with the different lodges in the city.

STANDARD MAGAZINE. The name explains itself. It was organized and is maintained by a number of ladies who have not the time to read all the leading articles in current periodicals. By association each obtains what all desire, something of acquaintance of the best thought of the day. Mrs. C. L. Hall is president.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. The Wednesday Afternoon club was organized five years ago with a membership of twelve. The hostess acts as president for the day.

WESTERN NORMAL. The Western Normal club is purely a literary club with Bohemian tendencies. Its meetings are charmingly informal. Under the name of "current topics" it discusses everything past and present. The meetings are held weekly at the homes of the members, the leader being chosen from week to week.

SOROSIS, JR. The members of Sorosis, Jr., have every reason to feel proud of their success. The programs are varied and interesting. All papers are carefully prepared, and general

discussion invariably follows. Mrs. G. L. Molesner is in charge.

THE IDEAL CLUB. This club, which has a well established name and is without officers or fees, was established several years ago. The books chosen for study are not local nor individual, but universal—books that touch upon the problems of human life everywhere and in all ages.

THE BOOK CLUB. This club is composed of twenty-four members, from whom three are selected as a buying committee. Forty-eight books are purchased and circulated among the members. At the end of the year the books are sold at auction and the proceeds used in buying the next year's supply of books. Julia S. Rogers is the president.

THE LINCOLN FEDERATION. Eighteen thriving clubs in Lincoln have joined hands in this notable organization, making its membership about 600. The first meeting was held at the Universalist church March 14, 1895. Mrs. Field is the efficient president.

Other Clubs. NINETEENTH CENTURY CLUB. This club was organized in 1893 by a few ladies for intellectual improvement. The interest has increased with each year's work. The club is limited to nineteen members. Meetings are held alternate Saturday evenings. One pleasant feature is the mingling of young ladies with those of mature years.

JOHNSON WOMAN'S CLUB. The Johnson Woman's club was organized October 18, 1894; Mrs. M. Pratt, president. It has eleven members, a large club for a town of 325 inhabitants. The club meets every two weeks, on Saturday afternoons. The first hour is given to current events, the last to whatever the line of study may be. The club sent delegates to Omaha to assist in forming the State Federation.

MAY GREENE-CHRISWELL. Johnson, Neb. Vice President.

AUBURN M. C. CLUB. The M. C. club of Auburn was organized on the 7th of March, 1894. There are now sixteen members, the number being limited to twenty.

BEATRICE WOMAN'S CLUB. Since the organization of the club, in the autumn of 1894, 115 members have been enrolled.

PLATTSBURGH WOMAN'S CLUB. The club was organized December 10, 1894, with twenty charter members. There are now over sixty. Mrs. B. M. Stoutenborough is the efficient president and leader. Meetings are held alternate Friday evenings at the homes of the members, and are literary and social in nature.

THE COSY CLUB. The Cosy club of Tecumseh was organized in September, 1893. The membership limit is seventeen.

STROMSBURG WOMAN'S CLUB. The Woman's club of Stromsburg was organized December 1, 1894, with twelve charter members, to meet at the homes of the members every two weeks, in alphabetical order.

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RECORD OF THE HISTORY AND ART CLUB OF SEWARD, NEB. Mrs. S. C. Langworthy, president; Mrs. G. F. Burkett, vice president; Mrs. D. C. McKillop, secretary; Mrs. S. D. Atkins, treasurer.

Ever keeping in mind With the rhythmical rhyme Of the steady and stately tread Of the marching host Of women, who boast That the future has nothing to dread For, like knights of old, Men, loyal and bold, Have gallantly yielded the way To woman's power, And they bless the hour That has brought us this glorious day.

To add in the race, And to keep well awake With the movement so grandly begun, Our club has for years, As the record appears, Its aim most triumphantly won.

Far back in the ages Of the wise old sages We caught the first dawnings of light, Which has brought into life, Through darkness and strife, This millennial day of delight.

We are twenty and two, And as happy a crew As was ever launched out on the sea, And on with the tide, By the sunny side, We will sail light-hearted and free.

We treasure the lore Gleaned from pages of yore, And the history of a nation; We place great reliance Upon modern science, And have joined the State Federation.

We have marked with delight The progress and might Which has swung away ancient tradition; And women can now With wisdom and wit, The columns of this "great edition."

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Departments of English literature, history, art, music, current events and current literature were formed for study by the members, who work under the motto, "Self Culture the Basis of All Culture."

The club is a charter member of the state federation. Mrs. A. Allee is the presiding officer.

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FREMONT CLUB. To Miss Marion Horsford of Vermont, but long associated with educational work in the west and a member of the Woman's club of Grand Rapids, Mich., justly belongs the honor of founding the Fremont Woman's club.

We thought it might be possible to attain a membership of fifty, but behold! our club which a year ago began with seven earnest women, now shows an enrollment of 290 names.

The first object of the club was the promotion of literary and scientific pursuits, but we are broadening and entering on various departments. Our club motto is: "Striving toward all that will enrich and ennoble life."

The secret of our existence and success lies in the fact that the time was ripe for the club, the germ was with us already. Miss Horsford came and we found other had been dreaming the same dream. It needed but her voice, and her presence among us to quicken the germ, and the conditions were fulfilled; the dream became a reality. The united efforts of our earnest members have done the rest.

NEBRASKA STATE FEDERATION OF WOMAN'S CLUBS. The state federation was organized in Omaha, December 10, 1894. Mrs. Z. T. Lindsey was elected chairman of the convention and Mrs. A. B. Somers secretary. There were delegates from many clubs in the state and city, most of which became members of the federation. Mrs. Frances Ford, president of the Omaha Woman's club, delivered the address of welcome.

The following state officers were elected: Mrs. James H. Canfield, president, Lincoln; Mrs. Robert B. Peattie, vice president, Omaha; Mrs. S. C. Langworthy, secretary, Seward; Mrs. J. W. Dawes, treasurer, Great Falls; I. N. Woodford, auditor, Weeping Water. The first annual meeting will be held at Lincoln the first week in October, 1895.

EDITOR'S NOTE—There are several clubs in the state which have failed to respond to notes of inquiry, hence are not represented.

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