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Probably one-third of the letters I receive are from women who wish to start a woman's club, and the first question is always, How shall we do it? Or, How shall I do it, for the idea seems to originate with one woman in each community? No question could be more difficult to answer than this one, as the organization of any club depends largely on the woman who is its first leader. If she fails to interest, or to inspire, then the club is usually a failure from beginning to end.

Now, the ideal organizer of a club is very difficult to find. Many women who are quite capable of planning a good programme fall utterly when it is a question of leadership, and do not put into the club that spirit of co-operation without which any such organization is destined to a speedy dissolution. There is probably no line of work in which individuality counts for so much as that of organizing clubs. I know a club woman in one of the eastern states who has been instrumental in organizing clubs, and yet she has never assumed the personal leadership because she knows her limitations. She interests some woman of the locality who is a natural born leader. She arouses the interest of such a woman in the club movement, gives her a plan of work, encourages her, helps her with the first meeting, and by her co-operation and advice whenever it is needed and leaves the woman and the locality to work out their own salvation. At least fifteen clubs owe their inspiration to this woman. Strange to say, each club would be surprised beyond measure were they to be told that this is the case.

There are few people—they are the rare and delightful exception—who understand their specialty, and fewer and rarer are those who comprehend their limitations. Now the success of my friend in her work of club extension was that she understood her limitation. It is not every woman who conceives the idea of organizing a club who is capable of being the president of a club, and often the instigator of an idea is the very last person to be a president. She may be made of too fine stuff to make a good president. There are such. She may be incapable of what Carlyle calls the "executive brutality," which, under a softer name, is an essential element in the qualities which go toward the make-up of a good leader. The woman who feels that she cannot lead should never attempt to do so. Let her

select some born leader and lead her to carry out her plan. I have seen so many clubs fail and fall into a condition of "innocuous desuetude," because the woman who originated the idea was elected the first president. So, from my experience, I will say, that the first president is the keynote to the success of a club. Having decided, therefore, what is wanted, and on the woman to be the first president, call a meeting of a small number of women and call it at a private house. And, above all, make it as informal, as social, and as pleasant as possible. Give every one a chance to talk, and, above all, allow the woman who is a chronic objector to leave the house without being pledged to join the club. Let no false motives of courtesy induce anyone to urge her to join at once. Give her the opportunity to attend the meeting. That is always wise, but give her a long time to deliberate, and when it is a success, she will join and all her objections will be silent.

The first year of the formation of a club should not be devoted to the study of the history of Greece or Rome, or of Hegel's system of philosophy. The best thing for a young club is the current events, because, on the subject of current events, no one is really well informed and every one has an opinion. Suppose the club meets every two weeks, and that is often. Select, say three of the members to tell either in writing or by speaking what has happened in the world during the past two weeks. One woman can take Europe, one can take America, and the other can take the literary field, the books published, or the scientific movements in Europe and America. The discussion which would allow the presentation of the topic can be confined to any one subject, so that once in six weeks the discussion would cover the political field, economic conditions and literary movements, taking them in turn. Society in America suffers from the fact that people do not discuss what is going on around them from any large point of view. Consequently there is very little interesting conversation in American social circles, and the reason is that women know comparatively little of American politics, foreign affairs and economic conditions. After all, it is what happens today that is the interesting part of life, because it is the only part which affects each and every one.

A current events club, conscientiously carrying out such a programme as outlined above, would change the attitude of mind of its club members, and make them more interesting and alert. It would be of incalculable benefit to the leaders of the discussions. They would become accustomed to condensing items of information, and would be anxious to utilize anything which tends to enlighten them on the subject they present to the club. Such a training is a liberal education. A current events club would, naturally, evolve into a department club, and would have no difficulty in finding women able to take the chairmanship of the different departments. Where a club is not large, three departments are sufficient—home, civics and literature. Where the club is large,

six might be added—education, philanthropy, and art and science, or a social committee.

A little book called "The Woman's Club," by Olive Thorne Miller, is an excellent guide, both in forming and carrying on a club. It gives many simple and practical suggestions.—Ellen M. Henrotin, President of General Federation of Woman's Clubs, in New York Journal.

The Fifth Chautauqua circle met with Mrs. H. R. Nissley Thursday morning at her rooms on K street between Twelfth and Thirteenth. This club which meets regularly once a week is doing some thorough work. Interesting articles were given upon "Grecian Art," with Mrs. Nissley as leader, "History of Grecian Civilization," with Mrs. Patrick as leader, and astronomy with Mrs. Gibson as leader. Mirabeau Before the Revolution by Mrs. George Fawell. The membership of this club consists of Mesdames H. E. Patrick, George Fawell, Alva Kennard, O. M. Thompson, H. R. Nissley, French, Gib-

The program of the Matinee Musical for Monday afternoon, will consist of Scotch, Welsh and Irish songs.

The last open meeting of the Century club was held Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Winger. Mrs. D. A. Campbell sang two solos beautifully at the opening and close of an English program. Roll call was responded to by quotations from Thackeray. Mrs. J. L. Teeters read an interesting paper, "The Lake District and its Associations." She dwelt at length upon the poets and authors of that district, especially Wordsworth, and the Coleridge institutions. A dainty solo was sung by Mrs. G. W. Noble, followed by two pleasing readings, one by Mrs. J. E. Hill from Coleridge, the other by Mrs. C. G. Waite from Wordsworth. After refreshments the time was devoted to conversation. The membership consists of Mesdames F. E. Campbell, W. H. Garten, Henry Hartley, R. H. Howell, C. I. Jones, W. E. Kirker, J. L. Leese, W. H. McCreery, G. W. Noble, E. H. Polk, W. F. Saylor, M. Scott, J. L. Teeters, R. J. Van Brunt, M. E. Van Brunt, C. G. Waite, J. W. Winger, J. E. Hill, W. N. Hindman, Miss Anna Miller; some invited guests.

At the meeting of the Woman's Faculty club, at Mrs. Bessey's Wednesday afternoon; 40 ladies were present. The program consisted of charming numbers. The first violin solos by Ernst Bessey accompanied by Mrs. Bessey on the piano were well executed. They were "Romanza," and "Capriccio," by E. Spies. Mr. John Randolph's selections from the work of the Negro poet, Paul Dunbar and Joel Chandler Harris. Mr. Randolph's intuitive sympathy which is exhibited in his accompaniments was apparent in these readings. He is an accomplished negro dialectician and the club was very grateful for his efforts. Mrs. Ward's solo, "Sing, Smile and Slumber" by Gourod accompanied by Ernst Bessey on the violin and by Mrs. Bessey on the piano were most acceptable. The papers which were prepared, but which were not read, will be read at the next monthly meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. MacLean.

EAST LINCOLN ITEMS.

These East Lincoln items were crowded out from last week's issue.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Second

Presbyterian church gave a very novel social last week at the pleasant home of Mrs. Holban. The entertainment consisted of an observation party which was a test of the five senses. The tests created much merriment, especially the one which tested the sense of smell. Fra's salad and cake was served in the dining room at a late hour and it is safe to infer that each and all entered heartily into this last test of the sense of taste.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Whitmore, pleasantly entertained a company of East Lincoln young people last Friday evening at their home on Twenty-fifth and T streets. Crokinole, domino whist and advertisements suggestive of the title of books furnished amusements for the evening. Dainty refreshment were served in courses. Those present were: Misses Etta and Jennie Erb, E. A. Erday, Pike, Bartlett Minnie and Hattie McCay, Jennie and Alice Whitmore; Messrs. Frank and Phil Erday, Erb, Smith, Pike, John, Frank and Horace Whitmore.

One of the most complete birthday surprises was given Mrs. Dr. Stevens and Rev. Mr. Newell on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Stevens on North Twenty-sixth streets. There is only five days difference in their ages and as birthdays are always suspicious events a few of their friends decided to throw off any suspicion that would be likely to arise by having the surprise between the two birthdays. Accordingly about fifty young people gathered at the house while the unsuspecting were at prayer meeting. Previous arrangements had been made whereby Mr. Newell was enticed to the house also and when the two appeared they were taken completely unawares, but were soon themselves again. Many novel features were introduced during the evening. The fairer sex had chains and padlocks clasped about their waists and patiently awaited the sterner sex to come to their deliverance. In the meanwhile the gentlemen had been furnished with the necessary article and had gone fishing; each caught a dainty box filled with tempting delicacies. Attached to each box was a key and the fishermen soon started on a search for their lady partner; having found her, a cozy corner was then sought and every one knows the rest. This being a birthday party every one was presented with a ticket which entitled him to a present upon presentation. Mrs. Stevens and Mr. Newell were the holders of ticket No. 30 and upon being presented the former was made glad by receiving a beautiful palm, the latter realized a long felt want when presented with a very pretty combination foot rest. At a late hour the guests departed wishing the two many more bright and happy birthdays.

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