

ADDITIONAL CLUB NEWS.

The Courier invites an expression of opinion on the subject which it is now discussing, viz: the advisability of delegates to the State convention paying their board. An expression of opinion is, at this juncture, obviously necessary, and it will save time at the convention. The Courier is indebted to The Woman's Weekly for recurring to this subject, which was discussed in The Courier of October 24, 1896.

The program for the state federation is in the hands of the makers. It is too early to say just what it will be, but one of the good things assured is an address by Mrs. Henrotin, the president of the national federation. Mrs. Henrotin has never spoken in Nebraska and her presence will be a treat to the club women of the state.

The boys' history class of Plattsmouth has raised over \$6 for the famine sufferers of India. The boys took the matter up themselves and have worked hard to raise the money.

The Plattsmouth Woman's club has elected the following for the coming year as officers:

- President—Mrs. S. A. Davis.
- Vice-president—Mrs. H. J. Streight.
- Recording secretary—Miss Porter.
- Corresponding secretary—Mrs. J. N. Wise.

Treasurer—Mrs. James Herold.

The department work has been increased. Mrs. Snyder will lead the art department; Mrs. Atwood, child study; Mrs. Travis, American history and parliamentary law; Mrs. Agnew, household economics; Mrs. Munger, current literature and current topics; Parmelee, travel course. The committees are as follows:

- Membership—Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Unruh, Miss Baker.
- Constitution—Mrs. Stoutenborough, Mrs. Agnew, Miss Holloway.
- House and home—Mrs. McMaken, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Newell, Misses Sullivan and Foxwell.
- City improvement—Mrs. Byron Clark, Mrs. J. N. Wise, Mrs. Perry Walker.
- Delegates to Beatrice—Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Waugh; alternates, Mrs. Wise and Mrs. James Herold.

The club has closed a very successful year. All the departments have been well attended and the interest has never lagged. One of the notable events with the club was the sort of district meeting when Ashland and Weeping water clubs were invited to meet with Plattsmouth. This may lead to a series of district meetings in the future. In some states each congressional district has a convention of clubs, and since the state meetings are such large unwieldy affairs it is thought that matters of business could be transacted in better shape at smaller meetings.

Owing to the increasing and ever multiplying duties of the state president, she was compelled to refuse the presidency of her home club and it was given to a woman in every way capable of leading the club along the way upward. Mrs. Davis is a studious woman, one who has always kept abreast of the times, and her rule over the club can not but be profitable to herself and the club.

One of the bright women of the Ashland club sends the following concerning the new president and secretary of the club:

"Mrs. Phosbe D. Fales, the president-elect, came to Ashland more than twenty years ago, and may well be counted among the pioneers of the town. Where else, I wonder, than from New England could such a character have descended? Thoroughly in earnest, she must at least find a theory to satisfy conscience. I dare not go further. An old woman once said, 'It takes all sorts of people to make a world. I'm proper glad I ain't

one of 'em.'" So, as liable to similar complacent forgetfulness, I give place meekly, if rather abruptly, to the next.

"Mrs. Jessie Laverty, the secretary-elect, came to Ashland about thirteen years ago, and like the president is one of the charter members of the club.

A petite blonde, she has a bright way of saying 'good morning,' and as equally bright one of bidding one good night. Generous, loyal, independent, take her all in all she is extremely interesting. True hearted to her friends, sympathetic with those who are in sorrow. And there was never a question of her ability to succeed, when she was unanimously elected to fill the responsible position of secretary of the Woman's club of Ashland."

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EDITOR COURIER:—In the issue of July 3 you invite correspondence in reference to the delegates to the federation of Womens' clubs, paying their own expenses and not quartering themselves upon the housekeepers of the town where the state federation is held. I fully endorse Miss Fairbrother's suggestion that each club pay its delegates expenses at the hotel or the delegate herself do so or equally divide the expense. Miss Fairbrother has put her finger with a sharp punch upon the weak point in the management of the federation, and one that, if not remedied, will relegate it to innocuous desuetude. Miss Fairbrother says there is no reason why delegates should not pay their board except that of custom. Women have for so many ages done the vine and tendril act that they feel that they must lean on some one if only on each other, and the sooner they come to the conclusion that they have no right to inflict themselves upon strangers, even if all are interested in a common cause, so much the better for all concerned. I know it is customary with religious gatherings, W. C. T. U. associations, and Christian Endeavor conventions to entertain all delegates, but these are charitable societies that are working for the benefit of the community at large, and their entertainers are but casting their bread upon the waters, that will return to them again after many days. But the Nebraska Federation of Womens' clubs is not a bread and water occasion any more than a political convention is, and has no more right to gratuitously distribute itself over a community than has an undertakers' association.

The writer has been most hospitably entertained several times, and has felt tramping ever since, and many a hobo has fared sumptuously as the result, because of the command "freely ye have received, freely give." It may be suggested, why, if I was so opposed to free entertainment, I did not go to a hotel at once and thus relieve my conscience and hostess. The reason was this: Being a stranger in the city, there was but one direction that I knew and that was straight up, and not caring to go that way just then I found it more expedient to remain in the vicinity of a guide. But had other delegates stopped at the hotels we would have been company for each other, many agreeable acquaintances would have been formed and the club women of the city would have escaped that tired feeling.

MRS. D. C. M'KILLIP.

The Columbus Woman's club was organized in the parlors of the Thurston hotel in January, 1896, with Mrs. Belle M. Merrill as president and Mrs. L. C. Voss secretary, and having a charter membership of 35. Within a month this membership had reached fifty. The club from the beginning was divided into three departments, the musical, current events and literary. Each of the several departments hold meetings weekly, at the home of some one of the members. The entire club holds a general meeting monthly. During the past

year the membership of the club has increased to seventy five, and interest manifested has also been on the increase. A public library is under consideration at present. The average membership of the club are women of great intelligence and literary tastes. We have some of the finest musicians of the state, artists, not a few, educators of high standing, house keepers and social leaders, all councilled together for the greatest good to the greatest number.

Mrs. M. Brugger, president of the Columbus Woman's club, was born in Colmar, Alsace, France, in 1860. She came to Platte county, Nebraska, with her parents in 1870, and was here married to Mr. Brugger in June, 1884. Mrs. Brugger is a woman of great natural force of character, and in her family relations she is a model wife, and a kind indulgent mother to the four bright children with whom she has been blessed.

She is a lady of high moral and intellectual culture and has a large and intelligent acquaintance with literature. She is an active member of the W. C. T. U. and has always been an earnest and consistent advocate of the rights of women to share in the duties and privileges of American citizenship.

Mrs. Brugger has always been deeply interested in club work, and took an active part in the organization of the Woman's club of Columbus, and since its organization has done everything for the welfare of its being.

Miss Bessie Sheldon, secretary of the Columbus club, was born in Clifton, Ill., May 8, 1874, and came with her parents to Nebraska in 1883. She graduated with high honors from the Columbus public schools, and continued her studies at Monmouth College, Ill., where she ranked high in scholarship. She has always been actively engaged in church work, and has taken a great interest in the Woman's club since its organization, being one of its charter members.

Miss Sheldon is a bright, energetic, Christian young lady and has filled offices in various organizations of which she has been a member. She is always to be relied upon for her accuracy and punctuality. This renders her very popular in the Woman's club as well as in her other associations.

She is a very helpful member in the literary department, and for the past year has held the office of secretary in the current events. Her faithfulness in the performance of her duties in that office prompted the unanimous election to the secretaryship of the general club.

We have purchased (because it is just the thing we have needed) the Columbian Cyclopedic Library, consisting of the Columbian encyclopedia, which is also an unabridged dictionary thirty-two volumes of convenient size neatly bound, four volumes of the annual cyclopedic review, four volumes of current history for 1896, one Columbian atlas and the neat convenient revolving oak case with glass doors. From the evidence obtained we find that some part of this work is placed in the best private and public library in this country an dabroad, for the reason that they cover a field relative to the past, present and future progress and achievements of the human race not attempted by others. The plan is original, and the work throughout is carefully and ably written.

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