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Each new movement or discovery brings with it attendant evils, however fair its promise may be. Educational problems threatened to be burdensome to us until passed on to the care of Psychology with its offspring Child Study by a relieved and trustful world.

Now a warning note appears. In the *Atlantic* for February there is a scholarly and scientific article by the director of the Harvard Psychological Laboratory on "The Danger from Experimental Psychology," especially referring to the new systems with laboratory methods, not to psychology in general. The writer says the time must come when teachers will feel that it was a misled curiosity which made them expect pedagogical help from their own psychological experiments. "Laboratories have become for teachers the ideal goals, experimenting with children has become the teacher's sport. It has always been my conviction that love and tact and patience and sympathy and interest are more important for the teacher than any psychological observations he can make on children, and that these observations are natural enemies of his instinctive emotional attitudes because they dissolve the personality into elements, while love and tact have nothing to do with a bundle of elements. They turn to the personality as one unit. They mean the child and not its ganglion cells and its psychical atoms of sensation."

Mrs. C. L. Daggy of York reports: The Review and Art club feel they are doing a good work. The last meeting was the best of the year. "A Soul's Tragedy" by Browning, was finished and one feels he uttered a truism indeed, when he makes Ognibson say, "Youth, with its beauty and grace, would seem bestowed on us for some such reason as to make us partly endurable till we have time for really becoming so ourselves, without their aid, when they leave us. That is balm to a club woman, as she sees youth and beauty vanishing, if she is able to acquire knowledge instead. A quartet by Mesdames Stoner, Dffenbacher, Daggy and Miss Haggard. American artists under consideration were Cox, Beckwith, Bridgman, Turner,

Knight and Bouton. About fifty copies of their productions were displayed and a most excellent paper by Mrs. Stoner giving a summary of their works.

"The Underside of Things" by Lilian Bell, was reviewed by Mrs. Gilbert, and Miss Bell's biography was given by Miss Irene Haggard. The *Chicago Interior* bewails the fact that Miss Bell makes a clown of herself and tries to, of her readers also. It is to be deplored that some men insist on being so thoroughly Mrs. Copelandish as to "Not only look after their sons and their daughters, their maid servants and man servants, their ox and their ass, but also find time to attend to the moral well being of every other ox and ass in all—Chicago." Stockbridge Miss Bell said:

"May the gods send us some more clowns."

The "Friends in Council" club of Tecumseh, is at present in a flourishing condition; having a limited membership of fourteen, with good attendance and active interest taken in the work by all the members. During the past year the club had a membership of twelve, with an average attendance of ten. January 26th, the club met with Mrs. E. M. Tracey, and had a very instructive and interesting "Parliamentary" drill, led by Mrs. C. M. Shaw, after which a social hour was enjoyed, and light refreshments were served.

The Avon club of York met in the club room January 26th. After the usual response to roll call by quotations from Shakspeare, the following program was given:

Goethe..... Mrs. Waterman.
 Lyric and Epic Poems }
 Faust—Part I..... Mrs. Moulton
 Hamlet—Act I.

The time was so fully occupied by the papers that it was decided to have a special meeting Wednesday, February 2, for the completion of the latter half of the Hamlet program.

This is a review of the drama for most of the members, but is studied with thoroughness as at first.

The Woman's club of University Place met Saturday afternoon, January 29th, with Mrs. Love. The ladies responded to roll call with quotations after which Mrs. Wiselnd, chairman of the Child Study department, was called to the chair. The first number on the program was a piano solo, skilfully performed by Miss Minnie Gardner. Extracts were read from Henry Smith Williams,

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"A Lesson of Heredity." The members listened to Miss Robbins who pleasingly rendered a vocal solo. Mrs. Love conducted a discussion that profitably consumed forty minutes on the Infant mind, by Preyer, embracing the following topics: Origin of the will, Intellect without language and Language without intellect, Development of self consciousness, Condition of mental development, etc.

After the program, current events occupied the attention of the ladies, followed by parliamentary drill. An opportunity was then given for the new members to sign the constitution and the club adjourned to meet in two weeks with Mrs. Cattle, the kensington department to have charge of the afternoon.

Mrs. William E. Morgan, of Greeley Neb., reports: Although we are a little off the line here in Greeley as to railroad facilities we are keeping up with the procession in club work. We are at present studying Hamlet and doing our best to follow Theman's lines of thought in that direction. Sometimes he gets a little too abstruse and metaphysical for our every day nineteenth century intellects, but we follow on and enjoy the research into metaphysical regions of thought.

We acknowledge the receipt of ten books from the librarian of the federation which will undoubtedly prove very helpful to our club. We also take Book Reviews in addition to Shakspeare. Our club is progressing and we shall undoubtedly decide to make THE COURIER our club paper, as we find therein so many helpful suggestions.

Mrs. Grimison of Schuyler, reports The regular meeting of the Woman's club was held at the residence of Mrs.

G. H. Wells Wednesday afternoon, January 2nd. There was quite a spirited discussion over the question: "Resolved that Jefferson exerted a more powerful influence over the affairs of the nation than John Adams."

On the evening of the same day a reception was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Grimison in commemoration of the second anniversary of the organization of the club, the husbands of the members having been invited to participate. The hostess was assisted by Mesdames G. F. Burkett, G. H. Wells and C. J. Phelps. A new kind of amusement was tried with success. Each guest being provided with a dainty card and pencil attached, bearing on the title page the quotation:

Oh that my tongue could utter
 The thoughts that arise in me,

was requested to write an original rhyme, pun or conundrum, after which they were taken up and redistributed and the results read aloud. Some were beautiful expressions of thought, more ridiculous and nonsensical, yet it furnished a great deal of fun. Piano solos were given during the evening by Misses Margaret Grimison, Clara Wells and Louise Phelps. Delicate refreshments were served and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Had the ladies permitted it, the gentlemen, with one accord would have tendered their names for membership in the club, simply for the privilege of enjoying such an evening annually with the members of the Schuyler Woman's Club.

Mrs. Emma Shuman of Nebraska City reports: The Woman's club, now in its third year of existence, is a flourishing society of thirty-six members. Representative women, all of them, tho not nearly all of the representative women,