

CLUBS.

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the National Federation of Musical clubs in Chicago—which was given by Mrs. Sedgwick, our president,—the following program was given:

- Polonaise (eight hands).....Gabbaerts
Misses Sedgwick, Niseer,
Farley and Reed.
- Waltz Song.....Stte'ezki
Mrs. Julia Bell.
- Spanish Dance (two piano, four
hands).....Holst
Mrs. Sedgwick, Miss Cobb.
- Happy Swallow.....Holst
Mrs. Ida Woods.
- Marius Waltz.....Carman
Jennie Doty.
- Waltz Song.....Schleiffarth
Mrs. Maude Woods.
- Mazurka.....Leschetzki
Miss Carscadden.
- Cupil and I (from The Serenade).....
Herbert
Miss Lundeen.
- Waltz (two piano, four hands).....
Von Wilm
Miss Cobb, Mrs. Sedgwick.
- Be True.....Borchert
Miss Warner.

Gnosis club, of Milford, met with Mrs. J. M. Lamson Tuesday evening, February 8, the lesson being a brief sketch of Edmund Spenser and his writings. The following program was given:

- I. Biography of Spenser.—Mrs. F. S. Johnson.
- II. Characteristics of Spenser's Writings.—Mrs. Lamson.
- III. Studies and Criticisms of Spenser.—Mrs. Chaddock.
- IV. English History During Elizabeth's Reign, and Reading of "The Echoes of Bliss."—Miss Schaaf.
- V. Selection from "Fable of the Oak and Brier."—Miss Banks.
- VI. Synopsis of "Faery Queen."—Miss Honeycutt.
- VII. Character of Elizabethan Literature.—Miss Reed

After the discussion of "Current Topics" and the critic's report the club adjourned to meet with Miss Reed.

The picture of Mrs. Sarah S. Platt, which appears in this week's issue, is taken from a photograph of the president of the Denver Woman's club. It will be especially interesting to club women as Mrs. Platt is mentioned as a candidate for president of the national federation.

Mrs. Lizzie E. Kehr is the secretary of the Denver Woman's club.

The annual convention of the Missouri State Federation of Woman's clubs is a midwinter festivity, and the second, which has just passed into history, was a notable session. Although young, the Missouri Federation stands for much good work accomplished. Following its first meeting, a year ago, it presented to the Legislature two petitions—one to change a clause in the Missouri statutes which excluded women from serving on school board; the other, a bill for a state board of charities and corrections. The first bill passed the House, but was lost in the Senate, and is to be taken up again; the second passed both Houses, and secured an appropriation of three thousand dollars, Miss Perry, the petitioner, being made first vice president of the State Board of Charities and Corrections. The work which now interests the federation chiefly is that of traveling libraries, and at the recent three days' session in Sedalia plans were formulated and a bureau established to prosecute vigorously the work of library extension. A number of libraries are already in circulation under federation auspices, and several hundred dollars remain in the treasury for the purchase of others. The bureau consists of seven members, to be appointed at the annual

meetings of the federation, and the work is carried on by this executive. Its members are assisted by local branches, whose scope is to interest the farming districts. It was decided, too, to raise a fund, and to enlist the state in the cause. During the session the federation was addressed by Prof. Picard of the State University at Columbia, Mo., whose subject was suggestive of the means by which the work of both the clubs and universities might be advanced through co-operation. Following him, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, J. R. Kirk, delivered an address on the "Co-operation of Club Work with School Education." Missouri club women have interested the other sex evidently, and are taking a sure means to develop strong allies in their work. It was noticeable during the session at Sedalia that the men of the place were as interested as their wives in the meetings. One man delegate, in fact, was admitted to a seat in the convention, and voted. This was Mr. F. A. Sampson, a member of the Huribut Chautauque Circle of Sedalia. It is believed that this is the first occurrence of the kind in the history of the club movement. Prof. Picard gave an urgent invitation to the federation to meet next year at Columbia, which is significant, as this practically means the co-operation of the faculty of the university in the federation convention. The invitation, however, was declined for the present, and Springfield selected for the next meeting. The election of officers resulted in the fol-



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lowing new cabinet:—president, Mrs. L. E. Scammon, Kansas City; first vice president, Mrs. F. D. Lee, St. Louis; second vice president, Mrs. W. K. Jones, St. Joseph; recording secretary, Mrs. E. E. McClellan, Sedalia; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. B. Wright, Kansas City; treasurer, Mrs. A. R. Levering, Hannibal; auditor, Mrs. J. A. Cary, Joplin.

Boston has got so far in its club house project as to issue a prospectus. The club house here has been in the bonnet of the city and suburban Boston for a number of months, and the enthusiasm of the projectors of the enterprise has made it a foregone conclusion that success will finally crown their efforts. The Woman's club house corporation, which is really not a club, but a business organization, plans the erection of a large, commodious and handsome building, in which may be accommodated, permanently or temporarily, the woman's clubs throughout the city and state. The plan shows an imposing structure seven stories high, with a fine central entrance on the ground floor, to be flanked by spaces devoted to light and commodious stores. There will be spacious elevators for passengers and freight, and the building will contain a banquet room, a smaller dining room, general reception room, and tea room, besides the necessary kitchen, pantries, and serving rooms suitable for the conduct of so elaborate a restaurant scheme. There will be in the building, too, a

large assembly hall, capable of seating one thousand people, with reception room, writing room, office and house committee rooms on the same floor. Smaller halls for the accommodation of smaller club meetings will be provided, and two of the floors will be fitted as sleeping rooms for the service of visiting or resident club women. A roof garden may possibly be included in the scheme, the plan being commended by the promoters as capable of bringing in additional income for rentals. The site to be secured is to be central enough to command high prices for the stones, and both the larger and smaller halls are to be rented in the way of further income. Large city clubs wanting permanent quarters in the building are provided for in the plan, which seems to combine every detail of convenience with the most practical elements for profit in the in-

vestment. The president of the company, which was duly incorporated February 1, 1896, is Mrs. Julia Ware Howe, and the list of directors includes well known women of the city and state. Already \$12,000 has been subscribed. The important point is made that under the statute stockholders will not be subject to any personal liabilities. It is fully expected that the enterprise will be a paying investment to its stockholders—an exception that the history of almost every club house in the country, built and managed by women, bears out.—MARGARET HAMILTON WELCH, in Harper's Bazar.

Sorosia met with Mrs. C. L. Hall on Tuesday afternoon. After roll call and current events, a motion was made and carried that Sorosia join the general federation. The question was thoroughly discussed, with the benefits to be derived from the Denver biennial through the delegates. The fact that any member of a club in the federation has a right to participate in discussions, though not to vote, was also considered an advantage. The election of a delegate was left for a future meeting. The club will meet next with Miss Harris on March 1. The address was given by Mrs. H. H. Wheeler on Theosophy, and was a delightfully informal talk, interrupted by many questions and explanations. Considering that the mental attitude of most of her hearers was distinctly unfriendly to the subject, the pleasant im-

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pression produced by Mrs. Wheeler was a tribute to her interesting presentation of the topic. She said in part: Theosophy is that science which underlies all, it seeks not the truths of one religion but of every religion. The first attempt to introduce it into the United States was in 1875 by Madam Blavatsky. Of the 257 branches, 67 are in America, but the propaganda is mostly through literature. Many of the theosophical doctrines are beautiful, especially the following precept, Study your own religion; Abuse not the religions of others; Lead a pure life. The Mahatmas or brothers are the greatest manifestations of the divine soul on earth, they have passed through successive reincarnation before reaching this state of perfection, and their teachings are revelations. Buddha was the greatest of the brothers. Man represents the universe in himself and has seven states of existence, which Mrs. Wheeler said she supposed were distinct, but found instead that there was coadunition without consubstantiality.

Mrs. Wheeler presented the subject merely as an interesting study, without advocating or attacking its beliefs, and all found it most enjoyable.

Animated discussion concluded the hour.

The Century club will meet with Mrs. Kirke, 635 South Seventeenth street, on Tuesday afternoon.

The program of the household economics department on Monday afternoon will be devoted to the problems of "Sanitation."

The New Book Review club met with Mrs. R. Reblender Wednesday afternoon, Miss Erb gave a pleasant little sketch of Henry Drummond, the great Scotch device. All the reading world is richer and nobler today because that man thought truly and walked humbly in the paths of Jesus' teachings. How he chose his books which helped him most and how he read them was a most helpful lesson to us all. The world lost a most earnest Christian when he passed into the silent beyond. In his books

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