

ment, but secretly wished Prof. Travis would start a training school and put his theories into practise. Mrs. Waugh read an interesting paper on the "Value of table talk," Mrs. C. C. Parmelee on the "Punishment of children" and Mrs. Chapman a very beautiful essay on the "Sorrows of children." Mrs. Cole read an interesting short paper and most of the ladies joined in the discussion which followed.

An invitation from the Ashland club to visit and join with them in a joint program sometime in April, was accepted, without a dissenting vote. Mrs. Stoutenborough and Mrs. Agnew were appointed on program committee. The Child Study department gains in interest as the year draws near its close. Mrs. Atwood the leader, has exerted herself to make it most entertaining and instructive and the club always feels benefited by her department meetings.

Sorosis met with Miss Harris on Tuesday, March 1. After the usual preliminaries of roll call and reading of the minutes of the last meeting, Mrs. N. Z. Snell read a paper on The Annexation of Hawaii of so excellent a form and composition that no one who heard it can forget it. She has read much, but the product was original and possessed that rare characteristic, form. The synopsis follows:

ANNEXATION OF HAWAII.

1. Description of Islands, form of government, etc.
2. History of Treaty Negotiations.
3. Japan's protest.
4. Arguments in favor of:
 - a. A strategical point, coaling station, etc.
 - b. To prevent the dominancy of a foreign people.
 - c. To secure to United States the commerce and shipping of the Islands.
 - d. A peace measure.
5. Arguments against:
 - a. Unconstitutional and un-American.
 - b. Contrary to Monroe Doctrine.
 - c. Precedent for unlimited annexations.
 - d. Dangerous to American political system.
 - e. Possible statehood.
 - f. Source of weakness in time of war.
 - g. Heavy expenditures to protect.
 - h. Injurious to beet sugar industry and beneficial to sugar trust.
 - i. Leprosy in Hawaii.
6. Would protectorate or reciprocity treaty give United States same advantages.
7. Conclusion.
8. Discussion.

The club will meet with Mrs. Munger on Tuesday, March 15.

FOR THE COURIER:

The Stromsburg Woman's club has so far had a most successful and progressive career and its energetic president, Mrs. H. S. Clark, is always thinking and putting into execution new plans for the better advancement of our club. At the meeting of February 11 a miscellaneous program was proposed with the current topics and business and other dates for the history and literary departments. It has proven a most successful and interesting plan as now our regular club day is an afternoon of entertainment to all but three or four members, who give papers, recitations, etc.

Our first miscellaneous program was given at the home of Mrs. Albert Hedblom and the club was entertained by a thoughtful and interesting paper on the life of "Mary Queen of Scots" by Miss Jennie Scott. Then followed a recitation by Mrs. Idael Makever, giving one of her dialect poems, which are soon to be published. It is entitled "Uncle Jonas' Views on Religion." Her style of dialect and delivery is very taking and always

insures her hearty applause. She has the honor of being the first woman to bring out a book of dialect poems and if the few which she has so kindly favored her Stromsburg friends with are a sample of the book there certainly can be no doubt as to its success.

A reading was next given by Miss Nellie Smith on the execution of Anne Boleyn. The address given by Mrs. Stoutenborough at the federation meeting at Beatrice was then read by the corresponding secretary and enjoyed by all the members. The beautiful thoughts expressed could not help but be an inspiration and help to all club members for more loyalty to each other and more united effort for broad work. Current topics were then discussed, after which the business, when club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Otto Johnson Saturday, March 5.

The English history department is taking a review of two years' work and finds it very profitable and interesting. The literary department is studying Longfellow.

The appointment of Mrs. P. S. Buckley as postmistress of this place created a feeling of just pride among her many friends in the club. She is one of the charter members of the Stromsburg Woman's club and has always been most loyal and ready to act for anything which was of interest to the club. She has always been an active worker in all educational lines which has been successfully demonstrated by her work in the school here during her service as member of the school board. She has established herself as thoroughly competent and conscientious in her position of public trust so there can be no doubt as to the manner in which she will fill this latter appointment. It will undoubtedly be a credit to herself, the community and any organization of which she is a member.

Gnosis club of Milford, met Wednesday evening, February 23, with Miss Stump. To roll call, each member responded with a favorite quotation and an interesting program followed.

I. Biography of Shakspeare. Part 1—Miss Schaaf. From all that can be gathered concerning the first half of Shakspeare's life, a very correct inference was drawn as to his disposition and inclinations, outside influences affecting his character and works, his ambitions and their end or accomplishment.

II. Biography of Shakspeare. Part 2—Mrs. Samson. This part of the program was a reading of the latter half of the author's life and works. A dividing of his life and labor into periods showed how successive changes in mind, fortune and interests gave to us the many sided man and his great variety of production. This article was ably commented upon by reader.

III. How to study Shakspeare—Miss Banks. Good instruction was contained in this paper as follows: Do not form an opinion of a part before reading the whole. Do not read commentaries before reading the work. Do not write essays on so extensive a subject without considerable knowledge of it.

IV. Stratford on the Avon.—Miss Stump. The place of Shakspeare's birth, the approach and entrance into Stratford, its inns and other establishments and the points in which they have commemorated the life of this great author and utilized the names of his dramatic characters in appropriate places were pleasingly described.

V. Studies and criticisms, Miss Honeycutt. Observations of the environment, the character and literary work of Shakspeare, also comments upon a few of his popular dramas with a few comparisons and a few criticisms of other authors.

After listening to the critic's report we adjourned to meet with Miss Stevens.

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club report of Margaret Hamilton Welch in Harper's Bazar:

"The North Carolina Sorosis, of Wilmington, N. C., is evidently awake to the responsibilities of its name. The excellent work of this club has been noticed before in this department. Although young, it is in a most flourishing condition, and has grown to five departments—Literature, Art, Home Science, Current Events and Press. The last mentioned consists of a club department in the local paper, which keeps the citizens of the community cognizant of what the club is accomplishing. The work of the Home Science department is particularly practical and commendable. It is spending its energies this winter in bringing about a better sanitary and hygienic condition in Wilmington, notably in the streets. It has just presented to the Board of Aldermen a petition expressing the manner in which it would like the co-operation of the city fathers in the methods of removing refuse and general care of the city's comfort. The petition outlines, too, the demands that the Board should make upon the citizens in assistance of this work. The ladies are very hopeful of favorable action upon their request. Another effort on the part of the Home Science department will be the establishing of a training-school for white servants—a project that is a new undertaking in the Southern city."

"A Maine club that is unique and promises most valuable work is a club of Indian women of the Tarratin tribe, of Indian Island, Maine. If any one fancies that the club meetings are peo-

pled by the traditional squaws in picturesque blankets and moccasins, such opinion may be quickly relinquished. When its membership is nearly all full blooded Indian women of the type and characteristics of their race, they speak English perfectly, and are clothed by the dressmakers' art as much as any of us. The name of the club is delightfully Indian and musical—Wabanaki. About fifteen women compose the membership at the moment, headed by Mrs. Martha Nickolar, of Old Town, who is of distinguished Indian ancestry. The object of the club is most laudable—that of uplifting the condition of the tribe. It is their purpose to establish an industrial school on Indian Island as soon as possible, and practical means have been taken in furtherance of this plan. The club is loyal to the tribal traditions, and one of its efforts will be devoted to the preservation of all historical data and relics of the tribe which may be had. No recital can be more impressive of how the club idea has spread than that it should have found a place among these conservative and traditionally unenthusiastic women."

The city improvement society met Wednesday morning in the capitol building, about the usual number being present.

After an interesting report from Mrs. M. D. Welch, chairman of the street cleaning committee, an informal discussion was entered into on the existing conditions of the streets. The filth, on the walks in particular, is worse than