

# CLUBS.

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The election of Mrs. Angus Cameron, of La Crosse, Wis., by the late D. A. R. congress in Washington, gives to the state of Wisconsin its first representation in the National Board of the Daughters. Mrs. Cameron is a distinguished member of the society, and her election adds to the list of vice-presidents general a representative woman from the northwest.

The final meeting of the civics department was held on Wednesday. A timely paper on "The diplomatic relations of the United States and foreign powers" was read by Mrs. T. J. O'Connell. This department of the Woman's club although not as large as some, has done good work under the direction of Mrs. Rudolph Rehlaender.

The children of the Revolution have a flourishing organization with Miss Blanche Garten as regent. They have lately adopted a chapter name, the Elizabeth Zanea. Few young girls assisted actively in the Revolutionary war, but Elizabeth Zanea, was instrumental in saving a large amount of powder necessary to the army at that time, and her name has already been perpetuated in the city of Zanesville, Ohio.

Program for Fremont Woman's club Saturday, March 26:

"Mythology"—Mrs. J. D. McDonald.  
 "Flower Tales of Mythology"—Miss Nona Turner.  
 Violin Solo—Miss Edith McDonald.  
 "Story of Hero and Leander"—Mrs. B. W. Reynolds.  
 Piano Duet—Misses Good Doyle and Bertha Rine.  
 Original Poem—Miss Ada Hicks.  
 Vocal Solo—Mrs. H. Blumenthal.

Although no paper was read at the current events department of the Lincoln Woman's club Saturday, the meeting was of exceeding interest to all the members. The hour was spent in the discussion of the war problem, and the diplomatic relations of Spain and the United States. This department will provide the program for the regular meeting of the Woman's club on Monday. A short paper on "Finland and its women," will be given, preceding an important business session for the nomination of next year's officers.

"The Neapolitan school of painting," was the subject for the art department of the Lincoln Woman's club Tuesday. In the paper by Miss Anna Rodgers, special mention was made of the works of Rivera, Salvator Rosa and Giordano.

The last meeting of the year will be held Monday, April 18, in the Salisbury block, when it is hoped all the members will be present for the election of officers.

This meeting will be of unusual interest. The leader, Mrs. McConnell will send a paper on "Late Italian Artists," to be read by Mrs. John B. Wright, and Mrs. L. C. Richards will speak on "A trip to Mexico."

The O. O. B. club of Greeley, held its meeting the 29, at the home of Mrs. J. E. Hanna. We are studying Hamlet, just finishing the third act. We have some very enjoyable times trying to dig out the nice points of the drama and are greatly assisted in our work by Father McLaughlin, pastor of the Catholic church, who is a fine student of Shakspeare. At the close of the lesson we had

a spirited discussion upon the Cuban question. A great deal of Fourth of July eloquence was displayed by some of the ladies. We are enjoying the books which we received from Mrs. Lambertson and expect to send a donation to the library shortly.

The New Book Review club of Lincoln met with Mrs. Nelson, March 30. Mrs. Penny gave a charming peep into the life of Henry K. Sienkiewicz, author of Quo Vadis. His talent for picture making has made Quo Vadis almost too real for us today under a Christian rule. Mrs. O'Connell followed with the story in a most concise and pleasing manner. Adjourned to meet in two weeks, April 13, the third birthday of the club, to be spent in a social afternoon at the home of the president.

The two last meetings of the Crete Columbian club were held March 18 and April 1, at the homes of Mrs. Leffel and Mrs. Gonzales, respectively. The literary hour at the former meeting was devoted to the study of Whittier. At the close of the lesson, a member of the club, Mrs. Goodwin, invited all members to her home where they were pleasantly entertained at a dainty tea. Seven guests were present. The club was entertained April 1 by Mrs. Gonzales. The literary program of this meeting was confined to Emerson and was followed by a short parliamentary drill. At the close the members and one guest were served by the hostess to refreshments.

The Scotia Ladies' Reading club held their regular meeting March 29. As it was the close of the quarter considerable time was taken up in business matters. After quite a lengthy discussion of topics of the day the regular lesson was taken up. Mrs. May Wright conducted a very interesting lesson on Washington Irving as writer, traveller and statesman. Mrs. Alice Graham read an excellent paper on Irving's travels. Lesson was followed by an animated and instructive general discussion on the subject of Bread Making, opened by Mrs. Louella Tolbert. Meeting closed as usual with quotations from favorite authors.

The Woman's club of Northbend is as enthusiastic in the work, as at the commencement of the year, every meeting being full of interest. Mrs. Ida Cronch Hazlett, a member of the Woman's club of Denver, met with us Saturday 19, and gave an interesting talk on club work with a description of the manner in which the Denver club is conducted Saturday 26. The topics of the day were Economics and Child Study. The following program was tendered:

Roll call was responded to by quotations on Kindness. The subjects of the different papers were Table etiquette at home, Annual house cleaning, Cleanliness as a preventor of disease, Keeping accounts, value and methods. The instincts of love or the training of affections, Kindness in the home, The power of love in the school room. The papers were followed by discussions and interspersed with excellent music, both vocal and instrumental.

The last March meeting of the Schuyler Woman's club met at the residence of Mrs. Winnie McCullough. After the usual routine of business, followed quotations from Emerson, and a very en-



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tertaining and instructive paper on the philosophy of Emerson by the president, Mrs. M. Burkett. It gave much original thought and presented many suggestions and helps along that line of study. After which all the members entered into a study and discussion of the first half of Emerson's Spiritual Laws.

Closing with current events or, our ideas of the construction and destruction of the Maine. All left feeling they had spent a very profitable afternoon.

The household economics department of the Woman's club of Plattsmouth, met Friday evening with a well prepared program on the subject so near to the feminine heart, "House cleaning." The motto: "Any woman can clean, but it takes a nice woman to keep clean," occupying a conspicuous place in the space allotted to this department in the year book. Mrs. Todd had prepared a very interesting paper full of practical suggestions on the "annual cleaning." Unfortunately she was unable to be present. Mrs. Root read the paper however, and its suggestions were so good that the majority of the club propose to adopt them in the domestic upheaval soon to take place.

Mrs. MacMacken's paper on "Ice and our ice supply" was equally interesting and attentively listened to. Mrs. Snyder having received an entertaining letter from a sister sojourning in Germany, on the subject of the evening, read it to the club, and it was heartily enjoyed and appreciated by the house keepers who are always striving to improve themselves in the domestic arts. Mrs. Waugh having attended the lectures given by Mrs. Rohrer recently in Omaha, was able to give a long talk and furnish some valuable recipes obtained from this source. Next Friday evening the election of a delegate to the Biennial at Denver will take place and the president has issued a call for a full attendance.

Two general entertainments have been held of the Woman's club of Nebraska City since our last letter to THE COURIER.

The first, on February 26, was the occasion of the entertainment of the department of parliamentary practice, Mrs. Shuman, leader. The department had invited Mrs. A. J. Sawyer of Lincoln to address the club on some up to date topic and had also prepared a drill, a demonstration of the year's study, which was to have represented a

congress of noted women discussing the subject of an international dress reform for women. The latter part of the program was omitted in order to more enjoy the address of Mrs. Sawyer.

Misses Soneley and Larsh gave as a first number a piano duet which was heartily applauded.

After a brief introduction of the guests of honor by the leader, which seemed highly unnecessary in face of the generous hand clapping which followed the announcement of her name, Mrs. Sawyer told the club of "The woman who had come." As the Lincoln club has had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Sawyer upon this subject it is useless to enlarge upon the eloquence, the great earnestness, the logic and thought and above all, the inspiring words of encouragement with which she depicts the ideal woman in such a practical way that the woman who listens feels impelled to spring forward and fill the gap between what she is and what she would be, so that though not "come" in every sense she yet may feel on the way.

Miss Larsh again favored the club with a piano solo, after which a social hour was passed with Mrs. Sawyer. Coffee and trifles were served by the department.

A month later, on March 26, a composite entertainment was furnished by all the departments. An idea new to us was suggested by our President, Mrs. Larsh, who unfortunately was absent. Mrs. Ware, first vice-president, presided with her usual ease and dignity. She told of a recent visit to Omaha when she attended the evening session of the club with Mrs. Henrotin and Mrs. Stoutenborough as guests. After a short business session Miss Maude Lloyd played a piano selection with skill and delicacy for one so young. The department of parliamentary practice then gave a drill, much shorter than previously planned, in order to keep within the time allowed to each department. A session of the city council discussed street improvement and a daily paper in commenting on it said "it was stormy enough to be very natural." Miss Hershey, leader of the art department gave an excellent paper entitled "An Art Review," a summary of the year's study in art. Mrs. Morgan, of the current events class, then read an article on Opie Reed, the well known novelist. The department of household economics, nothing if not practical, closed the afternoon with a coffee demonstration by one