

# CLUBS.

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## THE DENVER REVELLE.

Come hither, come all!  
The welcome is waiting  
No zeal is abating;  
Impatient to greet you,  
Most eager to meet you,  
Forth goes our call.

Bear, ye winds, east and west  
Denver's love to each guest,  
From sea's rim to sea,  
Tell the waves as they flee  
To return it with strength  
To the shore's passive length.

To mountain and valley  
By river and dell,  
Bear our love to the women,  
The club message tell.  
"Come hither in June—  
Thick as petals that fall  
From the roses, no fairer  
Than ye whom we call.

The beauty and fragrance  
Of womanhood bring,  
With the soft charm of truth  
Which about her doth cling.  
Haste, haste to our side,  
Ye clubs far and wide!"  
Swift, winds, be your flight  
With the message we write!

—Annie Miller.

The literature department of the Lincoln Woman's club is now studying the art and style of Tennyson. At the meeting Thursday some of the shorter poems were read and analyzed. "Oenone" was first taken up, and interpreted as the spirit of nature. This was followed by the seductive lines of the dreamy "Lotus Eaters." The poems were read partly by the leader, Miss Towne, and partly by members of the department, a pause being made at any time where a line needed interpretation. The class, though small, has retained great interest throughout the year's work.

The Lincoln Century club met with Mrs. I. N. Baker Tuesday. After the business discussion—invariably at this time of year—The Roman Campaign was described by Mrs. F. E. Campbell.

Mrs. McCreery followed with an interesting paper on Art and Artists in Rome. One more meeting will be devoted to the study of the ancient and historic home of the Caesars, and even then the interest in its beauties and charm will not have been exhausted. In the imaginary tour through Italy this winter, the Century club appointed four afternoons for the study of Rome, which have proved none too many.

The Mary Barnes literary club of Fullerton met April 6 with Mrs. I. H. Penney. Thirty-one ladies were present. The program opened with mandolin and piano duet by Misses Lelah Elsworth and Bessie Beason. County Supt., Miss Ella Stillman, gave a beautiful recitation "The painter of Seville." The lesson study of Washington Irving was led by Mrs. Albert Thompson. A general review of his life, writings and of himself were given by the members. After a piano duet by Girtie Diers and Olive Sheaff, the program concluded with a club reading of "Rip Van Winkle." One new member was taken into the society. Election of officers will occur at our next meeting when I will report results.

The English literature department of the Beatrice Woman's club entertained at Mrs. Deutch's Saturday, April 9.

Miss Swingley played an instrumental solo. This was followed by a very interesting paper on Hamlet, read by Mrs. T. C. Laselle. Mrs. Adamson gave a recitation which was enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. Beardley read a paper on Christopher Marlowe. Miss Nicholl sang in a very pleasing manner.

This was followed by a brief review given by Miss Wyatt on a number of articles in the March number of Munssey's entitled "Do the People Want Shakspeare." Miss Hoag played a delightful guitar solo. The last number on the program was a paper read by Dr. White on the influence of color. Quite a little discussion on the subject followed.

Thursday March 31 was a gala day for the women's clubs at Tecumseh. The Cosy, the Friends in Council and the Young Ladies' clubs were royally entertained by Mrs. Charles M. Chamberlain of the Friends in Council at her home.

At 2 p. m. a most interesting literary program was made up of the following at the request of the hostess:

- Instrumental Solo.....
- .....Mrs. J. Lee Chamberlain
- An Original Poem..... Mrs. M. B. True
- Curiosity of the Child.....
- .....Mrs. McLanahan
- Life of Bismarck.....Mrs. Bennett
- Vocal Selection.....Mrs. Dr. Headrick
- Co-operative Housekeeping.....Mrs. Tracy
- Is There an Infant Psychology?..
- .....Mrs. Allen
- Instrumental Piano Selection.....
- .....Miss Eva Cooper

Dainty light refreshments were served by the hostess. The social half hour following led to the appointment of the following committee selected from the different clubs looking to the formation of a district federation: Mrs. Pollock, Cosy; Mrs. Tracy, Friends in Council; Blanch Roberts, Young Ladies' club. The committee was instructed to correspond with other clubs in the district with respect to the proposed federation.

The meeting was the most auspicious of the season in club circles, and will long be remembered by the participants.

The meeting which followed the dedication, last October, of the new building in Buffalo of the Woman's Educational and Industrial Union, is likely to have most important and far-reaching results. At this meeting the question of the value of a federation of the educational and industrial unions of the world was discussed before the company then assembled. The report of the committee was that a federation of unions would be of value everywhere, that each member of the committee would present the question suggestive to the respective unions, and that the secretary, Mrs. Young of Boston, would write to the twelve unions in representation at the conference, and that their answers would be presented and discussed at the annual meeting of the parent union in Boston in May, 1898. The questions were promptly formulated and were in a short time before every union. There are six, and they are comprehensive in character, as will be seen: 1. Does this union believe that a federation of unions will be of value to our country, and be helpful to the individual union? If answered in the affirmative: 2. How often shall the congress of unions meet—once in two years or once in three years? 3. When shall the first congress be called, 1898 or 1899? 4. How many officers will be necessary? 5. How



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many delegates shall each union be entitled to? 6. What shall the fee be for membership? The work of these unions is distinctive and of the greatest value. Federation among them would seem to be mutually helpful. At all events, as the members are earnest women of independent thought, it may be assumed that their opinion for or against a federation will be ready in May.—The Bazaar.

The travel course department of the Plattsmouth Woman's club furnished the program for Friday evening and "The Indian" furnished the topic for discussion. The leader, Mrs. C. C. Parmelee being in Chicago, Mrs. Dr. Cummins presided most gracefully in her absence. However, before the meeting was placed in her charge, the election of a delegate to the Biennial took place, resulting in Yrs. Byron Clark with Mrs. Atwood as alternate being declared the choice of the club. Mrs. Davis as president is entitled to go also as a delegate.

Mrs. J. G. Richie read an interesting paper containing reminiscences of a trip across the country where she had many glimpses of the Indian in his native wilds. Other entertaining papers were read by Mesdames Rawls, Elson, Chapman, Shipman and Straight on "The cliff dwellers," "The Indian Territory," "Indian schools," "Indian Massacres." Many of the club members being old settlers added their quota of information regarding this much discussed and vexed question of the Indian. Mrs. Atwood having recently returned from a trip to Central America was called upon to give

some incidents of her trip which she did in a delightfully entertaining manner. The next meeting of the club will be held next Friday evening, Art forming the subject of the program.

During the summer THE COURIER will publish outlines of work in literature, history, art, science, etc. The outlines are, of course, only suggestive. The following is presented by a club member from St. Louis:

### HISTORY AND LITERATURE—EIGHTEENTH CENTURY.

Topics—Revolution of 1688. Political, literary and religious effects.

Louis XIV and the Regency—Political, literary and Religious Effects.

Queen Anne Reign—Special tendencies.

Reign of Louis XV—The encyclopedists, social aspects, Voltaire and Rousseau.

Frederic the Great—Lessing and Klopstock.

Goethe—The man, scientist and poet.

The Faust Problem—Goethe's poetry, Goethe's prose.

Schiller—The friendship of Goethe and Schiller, the representative of the Sturm and Drang period, Schiller's love of liberty.

This work to be followed by French revolution, an outline of which will be given later.

Bibliography, including latest works on the subject, will also be given.

THE COURIER has received a program of the National Science club of Washington D. C., which held its fourth an-