

# CLUBS.

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The Lincoln Fortnightly club met with Mrs. W. J. Lamb on Friday, April 29. After the usual routine business the report of a committee instructed to draw up a resolution in regard to the recent appointment of Mrs. H. H. Wilson as dean of the women of the university, was heard and approved. The report recommended that the appointment by the regents of Mrs. H. H. Wilson as dean of the women of the university in order that the interests of the undergraduate girls might be represented by a woman and also that the clubs of the state may be brought into more intimate relation with the university be noted on the minutes of this club as a recognition of the character and ability of a valued associate. Mrs. Wilson then read an extremely interesting paper on the literature of Holland. The club will probably meet only once more this season, on April 13, at the home of Mrs. Hinman, on North Sixteenth street.

A member of the Lincoln Woman's club sends THE COURIER these words of appreciation of the services of Miss Elliott, Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Scott:

Miss Phoebe Elliott the first president of the club serving two years in that capacity and for the past two years first vice president will be greatly missed by the board of directors for the ensuing year, as she has always been one of its most valued members. Conservative, of excellent judgement and alert for the best interests of the club, she has been a most important factor in its wonderful development.

Mrs. Kelly the retiring recording secretary, has performed her work in the most satisfactory manner. Always at her post prompt and painstaking, she proved herself an admirable officer and carries with her the respect and affection of every member.

Mrs. Scott's able services as president should be emphasized. As a presiding officer in the club and board of directors she has been impartial, unselfish and courteous, and has devoted a very large share of her time for the past two years to club work.

The Executive Board of the N. F. W. C. at its last meeting decided to establish a State Headquarters in Omaha from June till November 1898. Space has been secured in the Liberal Arts building on the Exposition grounds and will be furnished as a reception parlor. The walls will be hung with photographs of club women, pictures of club houses and interiors, and club year books, programs and club literature will be exhibited. The rooms will be open to visitors whenever the gates are open, and some club woman will be in attendance to receive callers, see that they register and give information.

At the Headquarters each member of the Nebraska Federation will be a hostess, and to enable her to extend more widely the hospitalities of the State to visiting club women a simple badge of recognition is being prepared. The badge is a bit of yellow ribbon, our federation color, fastened with a button of ivory tint, upon which is engraved our state flower, a spray of golden rod, encircled by our federation motto "Not to demand success but to deserve it."

A Congress of club women will convene in Omaha, June 18, and delegations to the Denver Biennial from Boston, Philadelphia, New York, Chicago, St.

Louis and other cities, have given notice that they will be in attendance. The officers of the State Federation desire that every club in the state shall be represented in the Congress, as they regard it as an opportunity, not only to hear the prominent club women discuss vital questions but to make the acquaintance of those who are well known in the Councils of the General Federation.

During the coming year the attention of many clubs will naturally be turned toward the subject of Spain. To such clubs the following outline of Spanish history may be found useful. It formed the study plan of the Monday club of Webster Grove, Mo., the past winter:

- Geography of Spain.
- Spanish ballads and legends.
- Ancient history of Spain from its earliest settlement to the Moorish invasion.
- Two-minute sketches: Barcelona, Saragossa, Salamanca, Madrid, Toledo, Valencia, Cordova, Seville, Granada, Gibraltar.
- The Moors in Spain; 711-1492.
- Moorish architecture: Alhambra, Alcazar, Giraida.
- Velasquez and Murillo and their influence on art.
- Spanish men of letters.
- The art galleries of Madrid and Seville.
- Spanish Cathedrals.
- A holiday in Spain.
- Five-minute sketches: Gonsalvo de Cordova, Ferdinand and Isabella, Don Carlos and the Carlists, Isabella II, Alfonso XII, Alfonso XIII and the Queen Regent.
- Spanish conquests in the New World.
- Five-minute sketches: The Court and Cortes, Spanish language, Spanish gypsies, Spanish Banditti, the Cuban war.
- Business meeting.
- Charles V.
- Children's day.
- Philip II and Philip III.

The closing chapters of the history of Ancient Rome were discussed by the York Woman's club on Monday afternoon, Mrs. Ferguson leader, with review of the book closes three years' of hard work in the study of ancient history by this club. Mrs. Clark, in a paper entitled "The Beginning and the Ending of the Nineteenth Century" recorded the notable events of the Nineteenth century. Mrs. Hammond read a review of Hugh Wynne, an historical novel of revolutionary times. The author of the book is S. Wier Mitchell. Mrs. Carscadden was leader in civil government to which subject she lends unusual interest by her method of instruction.

The Avon club of York celebrated the three hundred and thirty-fourth anniversary of the birthday of Shakspeare by entertaining their husbands and a few invited guests at the Federation rooms Wednesday evening. The large reception room was decorated with a profusion of choice flowering plants arranged with great taste. Mrs. Cowan, the president of the club, welcomed the guests in a short address, after which they were entertained by papers by Mrs. D. E. Sedgwick and Mrs. Wycoff, a select reading by Mrs. Jackson, a recitation from the Merchant of Venice given in costume by Mrs. J. F. Ferguson, songs by Mrs. C. C. Campbell and instrumental music by Mrs. D. E. Sedgwick and Mrs. Maud Harrison. The

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members of the club then left the room and it was announced that they contemplated playing the whole of the play of "Hamlet" then and there, and the stage was cleared for action, but after a short wait the stage manager announced that owing to a difference of opinion as to the manner of doing up the hair of the ghost, it had been found impossible to put the show on. Then came the banquet, which was wholly provided by the members of the club. The tables were well lighted by tapers from the candelabra and decorated by choice cut flowers. The gentlemen who have the honor to be the "brother-in-laws" of this club count themselves fortunate and hope that Shakspeare will have many anniversaries in the future.

The household economic department of the Plattsmouth Woman's club held its final meeting for the year Friday evening. This department has been delightfully interesting and instructive. Mrs. Agnew the leader, being somewhat of an enthusiast on the subject, employed every method she could devise to entertain on the evenings devoted to her department. This last meeting proved as successful as previous ones, and it is with regret that the club has decided to drop this department next year.

Mrs. Waugh's paper on economy in cooking contained many useful hints and suggestions the average American housewife not being famous for economical cooking, stands in need of practical demonstrations before she can understand the value of scraps.

Mrs. Streight's paper on back yards and sheds was very good. Her ideas on the care of those necessary household adjuncts were most sensible and practical. Mrs. Shipman's subject, a plea for plants and vines, was prettily expressed and found a ready response in the hearts of the club members. Mrs. Atwood's paper on the food value of nuts, was excellent and brought out some new

ideas on the subject. A dainty serving of Orange frappe and nut sandwiches furnished a delightful evening's entertainment. Next week the department question will be settled and leaders appointed.

Among the many attractions to be offered at the General Federation of Women's Clubs at Denver in June there will be none of more general interest than the session which is to be devoted to "The Press." Many prominent speakers and editors will attend that session, among whom will be Helen Winslow, editor of the Club Woman of Boston, Pauline Swalin, editor of one of the strongest papers of Oskaloosa, Ia., and several others. The national president, Ellen M. Henrotin, is to preside over this session which will be held on Thursday afternoon, June 23. Leaders will present many important subjects

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