

CLUBS.

THE STATE FEDERATION.

FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting was overshadowed by the President and the exposition and the interest of the delegates was somewhat divided, but as a whole the meeting was very successful.

The session opened Oct. 11 by prayer. Then the address of welcome to the clubs of the state was pronounced by the vice president of the Woman's Club of Omaha, Mrs. A. N. Ferguson, and responded to by Mrs. Sarah Brindley, of Columbus. After which Mrs. J. H. Metcalf of Omaha sang with much feeling Mignon by Hardelot and The Little Dustman by Brahms.

The morning session was then devoted to roll call and to reports from clubs. Many of the reports were very interesting and the tone and endeavor and evidence and aspirations for culture and its accomplishment were very encouraging.

The subject of the afternoon session was Recommended Work. Mrs. Nellie Richardson of Lincoln talked about Town and Village Improvement, and as she is one of the most active members of the society in Lincoln her address received close attention. Mrs. Snyder of Plattsmouth made a few suggestions touching art in the public schools. Mrs. Helen Harrison of York, Nebraska, related the story of the organization and growth of the town and county club in York. Mrs. Harrison is the president of the club and her report was breezy and sympathetic. The real object of all club life is sociability and unity. So far the country has not shared much in the movement. The experiment at York has been successful in uniting town and county. Every community contains the type of woman represented with such perfection in Mrs. Harrison. Somebody, at once brave, hopeful, full of tact and willing to spend herself for others, content if the end be reached. Such a club should be started in every town in Nebraska by women who have reflected upon the question, "what are we here for?"

Mrs. D. A. Campbell and Miss Maude Oakley then sang Chaminade's Angelus so melodiously that the audience insisted upon an encore. Miss Hollowbush played a most sympathetic and carefully shaded accompaniment. Dean Wilson of the University of Nebraska spoke on university extension and explained how the university would come to the people when the people could not come to the university. Mrs. Campbell sang again sweetly and powerfully An Rendi Me by Rasse. The state chairman of correspondence, Mrs. A. C. Ricketts, reported the Denver Biennial. Then occurred the election of officers, the result of which was published in last week's COURIER. Mrs. Langworthy, the new president, is a woman widely known and liked in the state. Her efficiency and activity have been tried and great satisfaction was felt and expressed at the result. There were many who expressed a wish that Mrs. Stoutenborough might serve the club again but she emphatically declined. Mrs. Stoutenborough has the gift of inspiration. Her speech and her presence is stimulating. The organizers of many clubs in the state acknowledge this peculiar gift of the late president and evidence of it exists in last year's year book of the N. F. W. C. in the number of new clubs recorded.

Tuesday evening was set apart for Mrs. Lowe's and Mrs. Stoutenborough's

addresses but the audience was late in assembling and Mrs. Stoutenborough delivered her address the next morning. Mr. Dan H. Wheeler sang two charming lyrics in his best manner.

Then Mrs. Lowe, the president of the general federation, delivered a brilliant address to the delegates, many of whom saw her for the first time. She is a woman of medium height and slender, and was gowned exquisitely in heavy blue silk. After the address President Lowe gracefully introduced the officers of the general federation present, who were Mrs. Sarah Platt of Colorado, Mrs. Emma A. Fox of Michigan, Mrs. Kendrick of Iowa and Mrs. Philip N. Moore of Missouri. As the audience was somewhat impatient to see the parade and the president the rest of the program was postponed till the next forenoon.

In the morning the meeting was called to order by Mrs. Philip N. Moore and after a masterly organ voluntary by Mrs. F. M. Ford. Mrs. E. L. Buchwalter of Ohio spoke of traveling libraries and Mrs. Stoutenborough delivered the annual address which was remarkable for its spiritual uplift. THE COURIER hopes to print this address soon. After an address on Rest Rooms in Market Towns by Mrs. A. E. Giddings of Minnesota, the meeting adjourned to meet in the auditorium of the exposition in the afternoon.

President McKinley stopped on his round, guarded by a committee and tagged by fifty thousand people, to extend his greetings to the women. Mrs. Cotton was singing when the representative of seventy million people entered the room. When the audience caught sight of him there was nothing to be heard but cheering and nothing to be seen but handkerchiefs waving. The president looked a little tired but the noble face is kindly and the deep voice rung with good feeling. After the president left half of the audience followed him and missed a speech by Mrs. Platt on the Unlimited Club, which was one of the best ever delivered by that gifted, wholesome, prophetic woman.

The first meeting of the Amateur Musical club of York was held Oct. 10. The history study, under the able direction of Mrs. Robert McConaughy, is a new feature of our work and promises to be both interesting and instructive.

The following short miscellaneous program was given at our last meeting after the history lesson:

a. Caprice..... Raff
b. Margaret at the Spinning Wheel..... Klein
..... Miss Cobb.

Afterwards..... Mullen
Mrs. Maud Woods.

Moonebine..... } MacDowell
The Brook..... }

Mrs. McConaughy.
The officers for the season are:
President—Mrs. Jennie Sedgwick.
Vice president—Miss Mable Cobb.
Secretary—Mrs. Sadie Campbell.
Corresponding secretary—Miss Pearl Carscadden.

Treasurer—Mrs. Maud Harrison.
Librarian—Miss Belle Warner.

The program for the year, kindly sent this department by Miss Cobb, shows that each session of the club will open with a history lesson of the epoch which the members of the afternoon illustrate. Beginning in October with a discussion and study of the first ten centuries of music, the work is concluded in April



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The Mary Barnes club, of Fullerton, Neb., met at the Presbyterian church parlors on October 13, after a pleasant summer vacation.

We enter our club work with about forty members, and more adding their names at future meetings. Our new president, Mrs. Barber, took the chair, and called club to order. Roll call responded to by quotations on "vacation."

Well prepared articles were written on life sketches of the three noted people of world-wide fame, who have departed this life during our vacation, namely—Miss Francis Willard, Gladstone and Prince Bismark. Solos and duets were

interspersed between the reading of these articles.

Our ex president gave a report of the national convention at Denver, which she was privileged to attend.

Current topics and business meeting concluded the program.

The parlor doors were then unfolded and beautifully decorated tables laden with delicacies and fine refreshments were tendered to the guests by the executive committee. The autumn foliage decorations were beautiful and the refreshments were luscious and dainty. So well had the committee done that a rising vote of thanks was given them by the members of the club.

Our club starts out with promising prospects and smiling faces. We have a club of which we are really proud.