

addressed the federation. One of the important questions discussed was the "Relation of the Domestic Problem to the Industrial Problem," another, "The laws of Massachusetts as they affect the conditions of women and children," and one of the interesting talks of the convention was by a wage-earning woman, who spoke of wage earners as she saw and knew them. Wednesday, in Mrs. Lowe's honor, was given over to social festivities in which Boston club women excel. Wednesday evening there was a public meeting in Tremont Temple addressed by Mayor Quincy and Mrs. Lowe. Mr. Walter A. Wycoff, whose articles on "The Workers," published in Scribner's magazine, have attracted so much attention, also spoke on "Some Phases of Industrialism." The appreciation of Mrs. Lowe's visit was demonstrated by the many pleasant affairs planned in her honor. The Cantabrigia club gave a brilliant reception for our new president Friday evening, December 9, at the Hotel Vendome. The same evening Mrs. Lowe was the guest of honor at a reception given by the Daughters of Vermont to Governor and Mrs. Smith, of Vermont, and Governor and Mrs. Wolcott, of Massachusetts. This reception was given in the presidential suite of the Vendome and many distinguished guests were present. The Heptorean club of Somerville entertain Mrs. Lowe Saturday, December 10, and on Monday, December 12, the New England Woman's Press association gave a reception in her honor, which was largely attended. After the federation Mrs. Lowe was entertained by the Middlesex club of Lowell. Later she was entertained by the Thought and Work club of Salem, and other influential clubs have expressed so earnest a desire to do honor to the national president, that Mrs. Lowe will somewhat prolong her visit with these delightful club women.

The North Bend Woman's club met in regular session Saturday, December 10. Roll call was very generally responded to by quotations about women. "Duties of Women as Members of Society," was very ably handled by Mrs. Eigler. "Extravagance and Prudence of Women Financially, Mentally and Physically," was the next subject opened by Mrs. Sherman, a general discussion followed. Then a debate was suggested, subject, "Resolved, That Men Are More Extravagant Than Women." This caused a great deal of amusement, because it was "taxation without representation." A finely rendered instrumental duet by Mrs. Walrath and Miss Ella Johnson. The next was a well written article on the "Non-payment of Women," by Mrs. Fannie Smith. A very impressive solo, entitled "Papa's Letter to Heaven," was then given by Mrs. Bessie Roberts. We were then favored with an excellent paper on "Letting Alone, a Means of Child Training," by Mrs. Thompson. This subject was then thoroughly discussed by the club. "Snap Shots from Mental Kodaks," was responded to by bright, witty sayings of children, wherein parents may see some mistakes they make and some which have caused bad results. Great interest is always manifested when we have "Child Study" on the program. Very properly, what can be more important than the training or bringing up of our children.

Although the G. F. W. C. means to have "neither politics or religion in its fold by name," still the questions, which are constantly presenting themselves in current events, nearly always involves one and many times both of these subjects, especially when we speak of the latter as applied religion—and in the near future we shall see and be willing to admit that they are the fundamental principles underlying the club move-

ment. A case directly in hand is the organized effort being made by hundreds of thousands of women in the United States to prevent the seating of Brigham N. Roberts, congressman-elect from Utah, because he is a polygamist, in fact, and advocates that doctrine of the Mormon church. The initiative in this woman's movement was the Presbyterian Woman's Board of Home Missions—there are 100,000 members of this one mission. The women societies of all other denominations are becoming interested in the fight and are preparing to take similar steps. It is intended that there shall be so perfect a co-operation of the women of the land, that the seating of a polygamist in our national council will be an impossibility. Personal letters will be sent to representatives from all the districts throughout the country protesting against the seating of an avowed polygamist. Many leading divines and politicians are co-operating with the women. Here we see the practical workings of co-operation and co-ordination, the watch words of the hour. It is said that Mr. Roberts will take three wives with him to Washington. Three deluded victims who believe that their soul's immortality and salvation can only be secured by union with a man.

Congressman Wheeler, of Alabama, has introduced a resolution recognizing "the patriotic devotion and benevolence" of Miss Helen Gould and asking that a gold medal, with appropriate design, be presented her by the president of the United States. The prospect of its adoption is causing much comment, as such high honor has never before been accorded to a woman.

Mrs. Jennie June Croly has come to be recognized as an authority in clubdom. Her history of "Women's Club Movement in America" has been reviewed by the London Queen.

This is a noteworthy fact for two reasons; first, that an English periodical should deign to devote a half column to any American book whatsoever, and second, that in this review there are at least a half dozen ponderous attempts at facetiousness, which affect one somewhat as it would to find a merry jest in Fox's "Book of Martyrs."

There is no doubt of the fact that Mrs. Croly's history is well worth an extended review. It is of rare interest

to club women the world over. A more careful and complete resume of woman's club work has, in fact never been compiled. As Mrs. Croly inaugurated the club movement, as well the literary movement, among the women of America, and is godmother to half the successful New York clubs, it stands to reason that she has written from an intimate knowledge of the subject possessed by no other woman. The book is charming in style and accurate in information.

The New York Rainy-Day club is starting on its third winter with an increased membership, and promises to be one of the most popular of the many practical clubs. But no amount of talking could hope to boom the short skirt as will the advent of the present trailing garments for street wear. Every sensible woman who once struggles through a rainy afternoon in a trained street skirt is bound to become an advocate of a rainy day suit. The longer the ordinary street skirt is the more necessary it will be to possess at least one practical short garment for shopping, for business, for tramping, indeed for all occasions when it is desirable to have one's hands free for any other purpose than a skirt protector.

A member of the Century club at its last meeting gave a brief historical sketch of the oldest woman's club in this country. It was organized in Onondaga county, New York, in 1817 under the name of the "Female charitable Society of Baldwinville, in the town of Lysander, New York," and is still in existence. During all these years the society has held regular monthly and annual meetings. On the last Monday in June the 81st anniversary was held at the home of Mrs. Payne Biglow, in the village of Baldwinville, and the fifty women members who entertained their friends on that occasion were all descendants of the original charter members. The original constitution of the society and all its records are still in existence. The language used in these venerable records is quaint and Puritanical. One section of the constitution might be valuable to any club of the present day: "We resolve to be charitably watchful over each other, to advise, caution and admonish, if necessary or useful, and we promise not to resent but kindly and

thankfully receive such friendly advice or reproof from any of our members."—Post.

One of the most interesting programs of the season was given by the Century club at the home of Mrs. I. N. Baker. "Notable Women" as a topic for current events brought forth a long list of women famous for varied reasons. An excellent paper was given by Mrs. Hindman on Maria Mitchell who spoke of her not only as a teacher and astronomer, but of her earlier years when she was librarian at Nantucket. Mrs. Waite gave a very interesting informal talk on Vassar college. Mrs. Van Brunt gave a short account of the life and works of F. B. Aldrich, and Mrs. McCreery read Bryant's "Fringed Gentian," analysing its meaning in a most sympathetic manner.

Junior Sorosis is winning such praise for good work that Sorosis must look to her laurels lest her youthful protege bear them away. At its last meeting held at the home of Mrs. Pound Mrs. A. H. Waterhouse read a scholarly address on "The Decadence of Spain." She reviewed the history of the rise of Spain until it reach the zenith of its power, then traced the decline, saying one word "cruelty" would explain the cause of the decadence of this unhappy nation.

The trend of recent national events furnishes an explanation for the sudden appearance and rapid growth of women's clubs. The woman of the future, the woman developed by these clubs, is to be in deed and in truth the helpmeet of bible injunction, as shown by the following conversation, supposed to take place in 1908:

"Did you put a Spanish dictionary in my handbag?" inquired the congressman as his wife held his overcoat for him.

"Yes, dear."

"And my Hawaiian tutor promised to meet me at the capital, didn't he?"

"Faithfully."

"And you put that pamphlet on Tagal verbs along with the Spanish book?"

"Its right there, dearest."

"And, let's see; I went through my exercise in Malay and the use of the Negro subjunctive all right last night, didn't I?"

"Perfectly."

"Well, then," said the congressman, as he reached for the doorknob, "if I don't forget my Visaya, my Zulu dialect and my Chinese mestizo, I guess I'm ready to address congress on the finance question."

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