

## CLUBS.

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Sorosis met last Tuesday afternoon with Miss Kingsley. Mrs. J. E. Miller gave a very interesting lecture on "Political Canada." See set forth clearly how early conditions in Canadian history influenced its present political status. The Indian question always raises a sympathetic throb and Mrs. Miller thought that Canada's manner of dealing with the Indians was the reason she had had less trouble with them than the United States. She did not think annexation had a very large following among Canadians, although it was a subject of general discussion.

The executive committee of the N. F. W. C. met in business session at Hotel Lincoln January 31. The following members were present: President, Mrs. S. C. Langworthy of Seward; vice-president, Mrs. Anna L. Apperson of Tecumseh; recording secretary, Mrs. F. H. Sackett, Weeping Water; corresponding secretary, Mrs. D. C. M. Killip, Seward; treasurer, Mrs. H. F. Deane; auditor, Mrs. Fuller; Mrs. G. M. Lambertson and Mrs. A. C. Ricketts of Lincoln. A large amount of business was transacted and the preliminary steps taken for preparing for the annual meeting of the state federation next October at York. Next week we shall publish somewhat in detail the work done at this meeting.

The average club woman is not to be deterred by fifteen degrees below zero weather when there is a prospect of listening to a lively debate upon a national question by sister club women. There was a large attendance at the meetings of the civics department of the Woman's club last Monday to listen to the leaders who presented, in a careful, logical manner the pro and con of expansion. This form of discussion is becoming very popular with the Woman's club. It makes a very interesting, profitable meeting, and in time will eliminate the sensitive personality which has been an attendant upon most occasions when women differed in opinion. When the question was opened to the house the discussion grew warm and many enthusiastic supporters of each side were ready to uphold their leaders. It is probable that a debate of this character changes no opinions, but the interest aroused and the profit derived are strong pleas for more public meetings of this character.

The leader of this department, Mrs. Rudolph R. Hlaender, arranged this meeting and has reason to congratulate herself on its complete success. Usually religion and politics are excluded from club topics, and the close relation of expansion to the latter almost ruled it out of order. But Mrs. R. Hlaender said her department had been giving careful study to this question and she could see no objection to using it as the topic for their public meeting.

The discussion was preceded by a solo by Mr. Haydn Myer, "Since Thou Art Mine," who sang, in response to an insistent encore, "You." Mr. Myer has a very pleasing tenor voice and his singing was much enjoyed. On the question of expansion both sides presented all the arguments so familiar to the newspaper reader of today. Mrs. Bushnell and Mrs. Manning spoke for expansion, while Mrs. Pomeene and Mrs. Morning were opposed. Justice to the natives was the central thought of each speaker. The affirmative thought that American arms would soon subjugate the natives who would then forever more be happy in paying "reasonable taxes" to the government. The negative thought American speculators were the most in-

terested persons in this question and that so far from a baby having been left on our door step we had gone gunning for it. While the pros claimed the annexation of the islands was along humanitarian lines, the cons felt there was little humanity in slaughtering thousands of the natives in order to govern the remainder against their will.

THE COURIER is in receipt of the official program of the third annual meeting of the National Congress of Mothers which will be held in Washington, from the 14th to the 17th of February. Many speakers will take part in this congress who are specialists upon the subjects which they will present. That the Mothers Congress does not exclude the fathers, is evidenced by the fact that the names of many notable men appear on this program. Dr. G. Stanley Hall will speak on "Adolescence;" Dr. Josiah Strong on "The Supreme Peril of Modern Civilization;" Dr. Holt of New York, will lecture on "Physical Care of Children," and other eminent men will take active part in these meetings. We are particularly glad that this is so for the name of the organization seems somewhat exclusive; but while it is a "Mother's Congress" in name, it is in fact a "Mother's and Father's Congress" which is as it should be. The physical, intellectual and religious training of children is not a sex question, but one in which the father should be equally interested with the mother. Mrs. Theodore W. Birney, president of the association, is a most charming lady to know, and one whose large motherly heart makes her an ideal leader in this work. She will give an address of welcome as will also Dr. Whitmore, president of Columbia University. There will be delegates present from every part of the United States, and all other organizations pursuing lines of work germane to the object of the Congress of Mothers, and literary clubs, and other organizations that have been approved by the executive committee shall be entitled to send one delegate upon the payment of the annual due. Thursday evening the president and officers will hold a reception at "The Cairo." Most of the addresses will be thrown open for discussion. This method has really become a feature of most of the national conventions of women. These meetings will be held in the First Baptist church and the headquarters of delegates and visitors will be "The Cairo" which is close by. The Mother's Congress keeps open headquarters the whole year at the Loan and Trust building, Washington, D. C., where any information along its lines of work may be obtained.

The National Congress of Mothers will hold its third annual meeting in Washington in February, from the 14th to the 17th inclusive, and will include on its program, speakers who are authorities of wide reputation on the subject, which they will present.

The meetings of the Congress will be held in the First Baptist church, 16th and O streets, (where the first Congress was held) and the headquarters for delegates and visitors will be "The Cairo," which is within two blocks of the church.

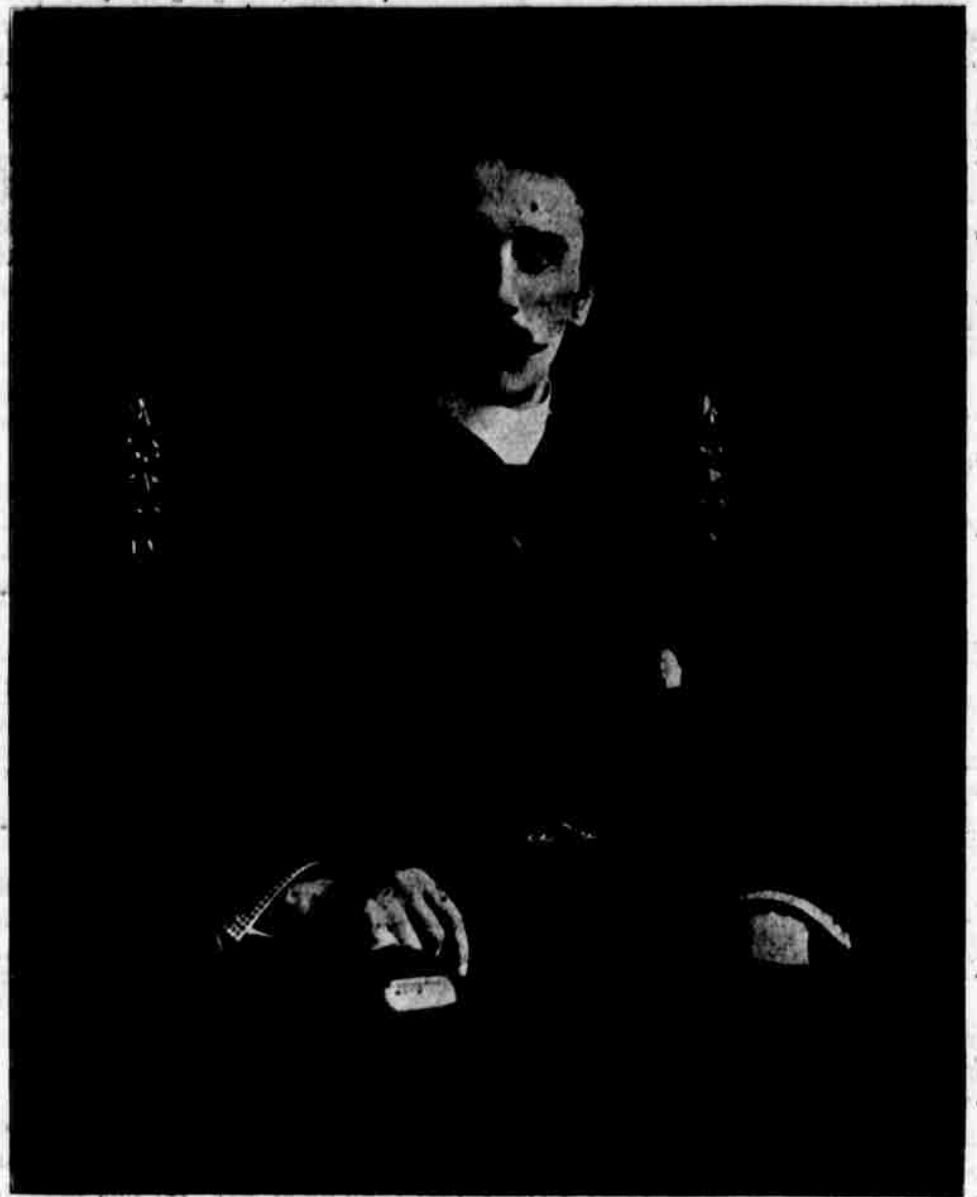
Reduced rates will be given on all railroads, and also at the hotel.

The Congress will open on Tuesday, February, 14th, with an Address of Welcome from Mrs. Theodore W. Birney, President, and also from President Whitman, of Columbian University.

The response will be made by Dr. Mary Green, President of the Household Economic Association.

There will be reports from delegates, which will give an idea of the wide and extended scope of the organization, although so recently formed.

Mr. Lawrence Hunt, former President



HOLMES COWPER, THE EMINENT LYRIC TENOR.

of the George Junior Republic, is expected to speak on "The Duty of the State in Training Children for Citizenship," and there will be a discussion of the subject, which will be open to all.

Tuesday evening, the President and Officers of the Congress will hold a reception in the spacious parlor of "The Cairo."

Wednesday morning will be devoted to business, when officers and committees will report the work of the year. Wednesday, at 2:30, "Parental Duty in Education" will be the subject of an address by Mrs. Joseph P. Mumford, Honorary Vice-President of the Congress, and a prominent member of the Philadelphia Board of Education.

An open discussion of her paper will follow, in which Prof. Wm. B. Powell, Superintendent of Schools in Washington, and Miss Edith Westcott, Principal of the Western High School of Washington, will take part.

Dr. G. Stanley Hall, of Worcester, Mass., will give an address Wednesday evening on Adolescence.

Thursday morning will be devoted to business and the election of officers.

Thursday afternoon Dr. L. Emmett Holt, of New York, will speak on "The Physical Care of Children." "Environment vs. Heredity," will be presented by Rev. Hastings H. Hart, Superintendent of the Illinois Children's Home and Aid Society.

"The Supreme Peril of Modern Civilization" will be the subject of a lecture by Josiah Strong, President of the League for Social Service, New York, on Thursday evening, and he will be followed by Dr. Wm. H. Tolman, Secretary of the League for Social Service, New York, who will give an illustrated lecture on "Industry Idealized;" or "Studies in a Labor Institute."

Friday morning will be devoted to a lecture by Miss Wheelock, of the Boston Training School for Kindergarten, on "Frobel's Text-book for Mothers," which will also be discussed by others prominent in Kindergarten work.

Friday p. m., "Civics in Education" will be the subject of an address by Mrs. Thomas Kirkbride, of the Civic Club of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Herman H. Birney, a devoted leader in University

Extension work, will speak on "Literature for Children."

Prof. Mary Roberts Smith, of Leeland Stanford University, will give an address Friday evening, taking for her subject "Does the Curriculum of Schools and Colleges fit Young Men and Women for the Duties of Life?"

Any club or department of any other organization, pursuing lines of work germane to the object of the National Congress of Mothers, and such other organizations as have been approved by the Executive Committee, shall each be entitled to send one delegate to the Annual Convention of the National Congress upon the payment of an annual due of five dollars.

Secretaries of clubs will please bring the matter of membership or affiliation with the National Congress before their respective organizations, in order that they may have voting representation.

The office of the Congress is Washington Loan and Trust Building, Washington, D. C. Those desiring further information regarding the Congress can obtain it by enclosing a two-cent stamp for the Official Souvenir Program, which will be ready by the middle of January, and will contain valuable information for those desiring to attend.

Friday afternoon Mrs. A. J. Sawyer gave the first of a series of lectures to the High school girls. Principal Waterhouse deserves appreciative support for the inauguration of this new departure, which must certainly result in much good. At the same hour Mr. Waterhouse gave an address to the boys in room 44, Science Hall. Mrs. Sawyer's address was simple, sensible and sympathetic, pointing out with an accuracy, born of experience—or a woman's intuition—the many little indiscretions and temptations which beset a High school girls' life, and their consequent results if not overcome. Mrs. Sawyer is a natural orator and analogies, similes, anecdotes—each with its pointed lesson—followed each other in such rapid succession that she held her audience of 400 girls spell-bound for an hour.

Tecumseh is one of the most active club centers in the state. They have a