

the name of *Irigham H. Roberts* to be placed on its rolls, or by expelling him from his seat."

A pleasant, romantic incident connected with the Congress was related by Mrs. DuBois of South Dakota. She said the charge had been made that the Mother's Congress was composed principally of spinsters and bachelors. Last year she was amenable to the first charge, and therefore at a disadvantage to answer the scoffers. She determined to be in a better condition to speak when she came again. So straightway married ex-Senator DuBois, whom she met in Washington at that time. At the close of Mrs. DuBois' facetious remarks some one suggested that mothers with marriageable daughters should take the hint.

The mothers have a kind of declaration of principles which is as follows: "The National Congress of Mothers is for the benefit of all regardless of color, creed or condition. It is at the root of all other social and fraternal societies and organizations. Temperance will be encouraged; church work will be supported; true patriotism will be engendered; kindness to animals will be inculcated.

"All educated women should join the National Congress of Mothers, because it is a national and united effort to raise the religious, moral and intellectual life of the country through the homes, and because the habits and customs of the upper classes influence the tone of social life in all classes."

The fondest hope of these devoted women is, that in the not far off future a National Congress of Parents will be a natural sequence of this mother's organization and toward that end they are working.

It crowded things a little to put four days work into three, but blizzards come only once in years, and though their consequences are very unpleasant they did not chill the ardor or damp the enthusiasm of the National Congress of Mothers.

The Fortnightly club met with Mrs. W. A. Green last Friday afternoon and listened to a scholarly paper read by Mrs. H. B. Wilson, on the Russian Mir. Mrs. Wilson illustrated with a chart the communal system of dividing up the agricultural portions of Russia. It was a very interesting topic and the leader was frequently interrupted with questions, which showed the interest of the members. Roll call with response of some current event, has with this club very pleasantly evolved into a half hour's delightful conversation. The next meeting will be with the president, Mrs. E. H. Barbour, February 10th, when the subject of "Religious and Decorative Art" will be presented by Mrs. A. S. Raymond.

On Saturday afternoon March 4th, the Child Study department of the Woman's club, will have the pleasure of listening to President Norton of the Peru Normal, whose subject will be "Development of the Will." He has made the Will a subject of careful study and investigation, and is well fitted to instruct and help those who are making this important subject a matter of study.

The history department of the Woman's club met Monday afternoon. Prof. Caldwell who was to have given a lecture on "Virginia and America," was unable to be present, and his place was supplied by Mr. F. G. Franklin, instructor in American history at the university who gave a very interesting talk on the discoveries of the country and the political conditions of the world at that period, said conditions leading to the ultimate settlement of this country. Resolutions of sympathy were sent to

Miss Tremaine, the head of the history department who recently lost her mother. Miss Curry sang "In the Purple Twilight" in a very pleasing manner. The next public program will be March 13th, when Mrs. Nellie M. Richardson, head of the Parliamentary department, will have charge. It is the plan of this department to give a regular parliamentary discussion on some questions of public and local interest at this meeting.

Mrs. Clara Bradley Baker of Pasadena, Cal., who is to marry Robert J. Burdette of Bryn Mawr, Pa., claims to be the only woman in America to have built a club house for women, having designed and erected the club house at Los Angeles. She is also a trustee of Throop institute Pasadena. With the announcement of this engagement comes to light a romance that has taken a score of years to work out. Twenty years ago Burdett lectured in Eau Claire, Wis. The following day he spoke from the pulpit of the Methodist church of that city. Mrs. Baker, who was at that time the bride of Prof. Milman N. Wheeler, stood beside him and read the hymns. Several years afterward Mrs. Wheeler was left a widow in California, after which she married Col. P. C. Baker, who died seven years ago. Meantime Burdett's wife, Mrs. Carrie S. Burdette, who was the original of his work "Her Little Serene Highness," died in May, 1884. Since their first meeting Mrs. Baker and Mr. Burdette have been the closest friend.

At the meeting of Sorosis held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Miss Harris. Mrs. N. S. Harwood read an interesting paper on "Occupations of Women." She showed that there were few vocations which some women had not successfully entered. The discussion from the club was unusually animated. Several members deplored the fact of so many women with comfortable homes accepting salaries for work which was needed by men to support their families. Others thought the same latitude should be allowed the young woman as to the young man to live her life and develop individuality and self-reliance. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. A. S. Tibbets, and Mrs. McGahey will lead on "Australia."

Program of the Fremont Woman's club on Saturday, February 25:

Piano solo—Prof. Schubert.

Paper—"Armour Institute," Miss Emma Treat.

Vocal Solo—M. H. Baldwin.

Paper—"Some Thoughts on Self Education," Miss Carrie Doane.

Discussion.

Vocal Duet—Mrs. Nye and Miss Marie Haas.

Paper—"The Duty of Women's Clubs to the Public Schools," Miss Spickard.

Prof. C. J. Schubert rendered Nevin's "A Day in Venice." This number is in four parts, namely, "Dawn," "Gondoliers," "Venetian Love Song" and "Good night," and was interspersed with readings by Mrs. Mullin.

Mrs. Nye and Miss Marie Haas sang Angelus, op. 29, by Chaminade.

Club women who were fortunate enough to hear Mrs. Calvin S. Brice's scholarly paper on Women's Movement to Establish a National University" at the Denver biennial and also those who remember the magnificent gowns she wore on that occasion will be especially interested to know that after the death of Mr. Brice his wife and daughter held a sale of their wardrobes at their home in New York. After the first shock of the announcement there is something in it that appeals to that love of practicality that largely underlies human in-

stincts. These sales—the result of going into mourning—have become too general in society to arouse more than a shrewd interest in the bargains displayed. This thrifty idea was first inaugurated by Mrs. Marshall O. Roberts. Just before the death of her husband she had completed her winter's wardrobe at an outlay of nearly \$8,000. She could see no reason why her mourning should represent so heavy a loss, so being a natural business woman. She hired two rooms at one of the most fashionable hotels and sent there every colored garment in her possession. A capable saleswoman and assistant were put in charge. Cards were sent to all of Mrs. Roberts' friends announcing the sale. Society soon rallied from its first surprise and a rushing business was done in these hotel rooms. It is said that Mrs. Roberts, instead of losing on her original investment, made a nice profit. The assistant showed off the gowns and hats on her own person and the most conservative social element took to the idea so kindly as to popularize this practical and business like way of disposing of a wardrobe otherwise rendered useless. The Brice sale was given in the drawing-room and library of the Brice homestead and was more private. The wardrobes displayed were immense. One lady said she counted about one hundred and fifty toilets, from dinner and reception gowns down to bicycle and bathing suits. Fans, handkerchiefs, gloves, stockings, shoes, feather boas, ribbons, plumes, artificial flowers, mock and real jewels, tinted note paper, underwear trimmed with colored ribbons, all were heaped about the rooms, which were in charge of a trained saleswoman who makes her living by conducting these functions. These sales are strictly cash and the woman who loves to beat down prices is permitted full sway in indulging in this passion. It is said that at these sales everything invariably is sold and that the most aristocratic dame does not feel her dignity lowered by thus buying and wearing the old clothes of another. Some buy an old Paris gown as a model for her dressmaker, many go from curiosity, many for amusement, but the inevitable result is a purchase.

The Rev. Frank DeWitt Talmage preached last Sunday from the text "Jezebel," in the course of his remarks he said:

"Although we have the habit of calling women the weaker sex, for my own part I have never been able to find out where she is the weaker. It is the women, always the women, who rule the community. The mightiest influence for good this side of heaven is a good woman, and I know of no better place for a good woman to be than in politics."

The following amendment to the by-laws of the G. F. W. C. were made at the fourth biennial held at Denver in June, 1898:

DUES.

Article III., Section 7.—The annual dues for clubs shall be at the rate of ten cents per capita.

The annual dues for state federations shall be at the rate of twenty five cents per club.

Dues shall be paid annually the first of May, beginning with 1900.

REPRESENTATION.

Article I, Section 8.—Each federated club of fifty members or less shall be entitled to be represented by its president or her appointee only.

Each club between fifty and one hundred members shall be entitled to be represented by its president or her appointee and one delegate.

For each additional one hundred members or a fraction thereof, a club shall be entitled to one additional delegate.

The minimum representation of each

state federation shall be five delegates.

Each state federation of over twenty-five clubs shall be entitled to one additional delegate for every twenty-five clubs or majority fraction thereof.

From the questions sometimes asked there seems to be a misunderstanding about the dues, hence the publication of the amendments. If there be still any doubt about the wording and meaning of them send in your questions and if possible they will be answered.

The difference of opinion between the czar and the holy synod in regard to summoning Count Leo Tolstoi before that body threatens to grow into an open rupture. A trial before that body would deprive Tolstoi of his civil rights, as the synod is very much enraged over his support of doukobors, whose religious tendencies it is claimed, will undermine the very foundations of the Greek church. The czar, who is a great admirer of Tolstoi, fears the power of the synod and is standing between his friend and that remorseless body. Intimate friends assert that the peace loving philosopher will leave Russia of his own accord and that the sending of his own son to America in charge of the first deportation of doukobors is but paving the way for his own emigration to the United States. Count Tolstoi loves the Americans and he believes that in America he will be allowed to practice his faith unhindered.

Gering, Nebr., Feb. 23.

The Lincoln Courier:

We wish to get more in touch with our sister clubs and with this end in view send the following communication:

The Woman's Literary club of Gering, Nebr., is flourishing. Although we are in western Nebraska, fifty miles from the railroad, we have a membership of twenty-seven, and under the leadership of our able president, Mrs. Lillian B. Holt, we look forward to a most pleasant and profitable year. This year we are studying the United States (tourist's plan) and will continue our current events from last year. Our library is steadily increasing. We have over one hundred books.

MARY R. WOOD.

On Friday evening, February 24, the Woman's club of Syracuse gave the first public meeting of the year. Mrs. A. J. Sawyer of Lincoln, kindly consented to talk for the club on "The New Woman" and was greeted by a large and appreciative audience, which listened with undivided attention and much satisfaction to the fine address provided. Mrs. Sawyer's gracious personality, wide information and general culture make her an ideal woman on the platform and she gained many friends for the club movement and admirers for herself. A neat sum was realized for the benefit of the village library.

Working girls of the city of Chicago who do not live at home and who receive salaries ranging from \$3 to \$6 a week are to have a home. An association composed of managers and proprietors of the department stores have leased for this purpose a flat building at 6231 and 6233 Lexington avenue and christened it Hotel Edwards. The opening was on February 11. Among those interested in the plans are F. H. Cooper, Siegel, Cooper & Co., who has undertaken to furnish the hotel; John Broekema, A. M. Rothschild; Superintendent Jones, the Fair, and Miss Ida Robertson. Mr. Broekema said: "The atmosphere and environment in which we will place the girls will be salutary. This is not to be a charitable institution. The girls will pay for all they get. The effect will be retroactive. On one hand the girls will be benefited; on the other, the employer will receive much better service. No,