

The international council will be held in London in June and the executive committee of the United States council has nominated Mrs. Sewell for president of that body. This nomination is said to be tantamount to an election, as the nomination is sure to be ratified by the national councils of the world. The International Council was organized at the great international council held in Washington in 1888. Its first president was Millicent Garrett Fawcett of England, with Miss Clara Barton for vice president at large. Its second president, now completing her five years' term, is Lady Aberdeen, and Mrs. Sewell is vice president at large.

How various are the nationalities composing the International Council is shown by a resolution adopted at the meeting of the executive committee in London last June. It set forth that as far as possible, English shall be the language of the conference; that the three languages, English, French and German, may be used for papers and discussion; that papers in French or German shall be translated previous to the conference, and the translations printed and circulated among the audience, and that, in case of discussion, a short interpretation of the speech shall be given directly afterward by a skilled interpreter:

International arbitration is to be one of the main subjects discussed, and it is to be treated from the point of view of as many different nations as possible. The Baroness Von Niebuhr of Germany, Baroness Von Suttner of Austria, the Countess Angelica Rappolia of Italy and Mrs. May Wright Sewell of the United States are the selected speakers.

This digression from the report of the doing of the recent council is because this subject is just now a matter of local interest to Lincoln readers and all information in regard to this organization is desirable. The subjects discussed at the triennial covered the whole world of civic, military, religious, political and educational life. The Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, discussed patriotism and all its kindred subjects through its national president, Mrs. Flo Jamison Miller. Mrs. J. Ellen Foster presented the issues of the Woman's National Republican association. The National Council of Jewish Women was represented by Mrs. Solomon of Chicago. Woman's suffrage by Susan B. Anthony. The National W. C. T. U., the National Purity League and the Anti-Vivisection society were represented. The Universal Peace Union was represented by Mrs. Belva Lockwood, who said "we must have peace if we have to fight for it." Other organizations represented were the National Association of Women Slogographers, Supreme High Rathbone Sisters' and twenty other organizations.

At the close of her report on delinquent and dependant children Mrs. Foster made five suggestions, which are applicable to any locality, viz:

1. That every woman find out how many children in her locality are without the shelter of a natural home.
2. Where do they sleep: where are they fed and clothed, and do they receive schooling?
3. What industrial training are they given?
4. What legal provisions are made in the state in which you live for the care of orphans and vagrants, dependent, defective and delinquent children?
5. What provisions do private or church organizations make for these classes?

Of course the national council took action upon the seating of Representative-elect Roberts of Utah. The Mothers' congress voiced the courage of their

convictions, but the national council was less explicit. After debating the resolution on this subject five hours there was no doubt that the majority of the delegates were opposed to the seating of Roberts. But the council claims to be the most liberal woman's organization in the world, and as there were ten Mormon women among the delegates, two of whom were daughters of Brigham Young, the majority resolution which covered the wide world of law breakers was carried, leaving out all personalities. Harmony with a big H did not prevail during the lively debate on this resolution. The following is the resolution adopted: "That no person shall be allowed to hold a place in a law abiding body when a law breaker himself."

The council provided for a commission composed of its members to visit Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Philippines in order to study conditions of life in that country with a view to organizing women along the same lines as in this country. Such a trip would certainly be a delightful round of voyaging and sightseeing, but its practicability is not very apparent. Perhaps the "scramble for office" will come when these excursionists are selected, as its absence was noticeable in the election of officers for the next triennial, who are Mrs. Fannie Humphries Gaffney of New York for president, Mrs. Marie Purdy Peck of Iowa, vice president at large, Hannah G. Solomon of Chicago, treasurer, Mrs. Anna Garlan Spencer, first recording secretary, and Mrs. Emmaline B. Wells of Utah, second recording secretary.

A very pleasant incident connected with the council was an impromptu reception tendered Miss Susan B. Anthony, whose uniform dress of rich black silk and red shawl have all but canonized her, because people who have never seen her could cloth her picture thus and remember always. February 15th was the birthday of Miss Susan B. Anthony. Seventy-nine years of winters' snows and summers' sun have turned her once brown and abundant hair a silvery white, but have abated not one bit her spirit or sprightliness. Sixty years ago Miss Anthony had her picture taken, and if somebody were to paint it now a little white over the brown is all the change that would need to be done to the hair, for she never has changed the style of it. Attired in heavy black brocaded silk, with her handsome red shawl over her shapely shoulders, and some fine lace at her throat and wrists, she received congratulations from everybody. What Gladstone was among men "Aunt Susan" is among women. She got among other little mementos a long list of beautifully engraved names of women who have joined the National Suffrage association during the past year. It was presented by Miss Salie American.

The next meeting of the art department will be in the form of a reception at the home of the leader, Mrs. F. M. Hall, on April 3, from 3 to 5 o'clock. Members will take note of the change of date from April 9 to April 3, to accommodate Mrs. Hall, who will be in Milwaukee on the 9th attending convention.

The New Book club met with Mrs. Elias Baker on March 15 and were entertained with a most interesting program on Russian art. The leader, Mrs. Stonebraker, illustrated her descriptions of the art of the country with many illustrations and photographs of the art of that country. The leading artists are: Henry Siemiradyki, Vasseli Verestchagin, Vladimir Makooski, and I. C. Aiwa-zooski. Religious art and sculptor were also represented. The paper on art

was followed by one on music by Mrs. Baker, which was illustrated by Miss Francis Gage with several selections from leading Russian musicians, which were rendered in a very pleasing manner.

The refreshments were Russian in character from caviare sandwiches to Russian tea. All in all this was pronounced one of the most interesting and charming meetings of this club for the year. The next meeting, on March 29 will be at the home of Mrs. F. W. Bar-truff, 1329 L street.

The ladies of the W. R. P. C. club pleasantly entertained at the home of Mrs. W. G. McFarland, 2829 S street; March 10. Roll call found fourteen members present. The club had as guests Mrs. Baker, Miss McNeal and Miss Diener of Syracuse. After the regular routine of business a very interesting program was given, consisting of readings and papers by Mesdames Butler, Kempton and Pickens. Miss McNeal favored the ladies with two recitations, which were well received. After partaking of dainty refreshments the club adjourned to meet Thursday, March 23, with Mrs. A. M. Phelps, 2120 South Fourteenth street. Quotations from favorite authors and their reason for being the favorites. Members will please take notice of the change of the day of meeting. Take South Fourteenth street cars at Thirteenth and O streets.

The child study department of the Woman's club was favored with an instructive address on "Formation of Habits and Its Influence on Character" by Superintendent Saylor last Saturday afternoon. This helpful address was listened to with closest attention by a much interested audience of mothers, many of whom expressed their appreciation of the help received by such lectures. In the near future this department will hold a general patrons' meeting.

In response to a request for a study outline in Spanish history we present the following, which was prepared for the Monday club of Webster Groves, Mo. One thirty minute paper is furnished each meeting, a general discussion following, except on those days when briefer papers are designated:

1. Geography of Spain.
2. Spanish ballads and legends.
3. Ancient history of Spain from its earliest settlement to the Moorish invasion.
4. Two-minute sketches: Barcelona, Sargosa, Salamanca, Madrid, Toledo, Valencia, Cordova, Seville, Granada, Gibraltar.
5. The Moors in Spain, 711 1492.
6. Moorish architecture: Alhambra, Alcazar, Giralda.
7. Velasquez and Murillo and their influence on art.
8. Spanish men of letters.
9. The art galleries of Madrid and Seville.
10. Spanish cathedrals.
11. A holiday in Spain.
12. Five minute sketches: Gonsalvo de Cordova, Ferdinand and Isabelle, Don Carlos and the Carlists, Isabella II, Alfonso XII., Alfonso XIII., and the Queen Regent.
13. Spanish conquests in the new world.
14. Five minute sketches: The court and cortes, Spanish language, Spanish Gypsies, Spanish banditti, the Cuban war.
15. Business meeting.
16. Charles V.
17. Children's day.
18. Philip II. and Philip III.

The editorials in the Club Woman for March are especially helpful and suggestive for club women. Among many other things Miss Winslow says: The limitations of other women are no per-

sonal concern of ours. It is ours to do for others, to lose our own pettiness and enlarge our own horizons by giving loyal, loving service, and this includes a broad, universal love to all women, to the world around us—a world, whoever and whatever we are—that always needs us. It may be the world of home, it may be the club world, it may be the public school room, it may be the ranks of fashionable society, or it may be the small circle of the small country town; but our love and our service are needed. We are individually responsible for so much.

One of the arguments used in favor of cheaper postage between our country and Great Britain is unique if not especially convincing. It is pointed out that a first class ocean passage between here and Europe costs on an average about \$100, while the charge for conveying the same weight of letters as the average weight of passengers is \$187.

When we stop to consider the many phases of practical work undertaken by woman's clubs it would seem that nearly every field had been entered by these energetic workers. The club is their school, their place of preparation for the various duties which they are so unselfishly assuming. Most of these lines of work have become familiar to us by name at least and each and every one command themselves to club women. But the woman's club of Pecos, Pa., has started a department which will surely be duplicated at every club center in America, for it appeals so directly to the mother heart. The mother who, in the face of serious accidents or illness, has been too often prostrated from the very weight of her own helplessness. This club has arranged a nurses' class for its members. The lessons will be given weekly by an experienced physician, the regular course to cover two years' study. The following account from the Bazar gives in detail the inestimable knowledge to be gained by the members of this department.

"There have been so far instructions in bathing, bandaging, the taking of pulse, respiration, temperature, keeping a clinical chart, the use of disinfectants, and similar general knowledge. The course will include obstetrics, with practice in the care of infants, invalid cookery, and the nursing of fever and contagious diseases. Much of the instruction that will be given cannot be obtained outside of a hospital. By way of special advantage a trained nurse from some hospital gives a demonstration at nearly every lesson.

"The members of the class find that the knowledge they gain is of great value at home, and when they become more skilled they have pledged themselves to be ready to nurse among the poor of the town as they are needed. The plan seems an admirable one and worthy of repetition in other places. The onlooker can hardly fail to be impressed with the practical turn of mind displayed by most club women. Far from wasting time at a club the ordinary club member makes a very positive use of it and the one talent is multiplied five or ten fold."

Junior Sorosis was entertained at the home of Mrs. Stevens at its last meeting. Mrs. Fessler read a paper on "The Resources of the Philippines" full of interesting and instructive facts of that little known people. The next meeting of this club will be with Miss Harwood, who presents "European Art" with illustrations by photographs from her own collection gathered while abroad.

The largest woman's club in California, The Ebell, has a unique department called the "Story Tellers' Section." The members of this department spend the afternoon telling good stories and study-