

recognize women. Should this honor be conferred on women at several political functions the republicans, at their next banquet, might feel constrained to fall in with the innovation. It is certain that women were an important factor in the recent elections. Those in Kansas are reported to have voted in larger numbers than ever before. The town of Beattie elected the mayor and entire ticket of women. In Galesburg, Ill., Mrs. James Mansfield, the democratic nominee, defeated her husband, the republican nominee, for school trustee. Certainly that family had an eye to business, "Ketch 'em a comin' or a gwine." They were bound to secure that office and that salary. The bill granting suffrage which passed the Oklahoma house by a large majority was defeated in the senate by two votes. But those plucky women have already begun their campaign for next year with a chain letter.

The art department of the Woman's club held an interesting meeting last Friday at the home of Mrs. F. M. Hall. The subject for the afternoon was French art. Mrs. A. W. Field, the leader, gave an interesting account of its growth, illustrating her remarks with pictures of many of the paintings of famous artists. Mrs. Field considered the work of Breton, Delacroix, Rosa Bonheur and Meissonier as typical of the French school, and the general and animated discussion centered around the pictures of these artists. There will be three more meetings of the art department this year.

Sociosis met with Miss Miller on Tuesday. Mrs. N. Z. Snell read an exhaustive paper on Proposed Banking Reforms which was very closely listened to. Mrs. Summers will address the club when it meets on May 9 at the home of Mrs. Munger, on the National and International Red Cross society.

It may certainly be felt that the inhabitants of Weeping Water girt about as they are by its encircling hills, have felt a breath from the heights of upper clubdom. The small city is at present the home of a senior and junior woman's club, each disposed to admire, cooperate with and fete the other. Early in the season the Zetetic club entertained the Chrysalis, as the junior society from out the depths of its modesty has christened itself. Thursday P. M., April 20th, the Chrysalis royally returned the compliment. The tastefully decorated hall, the very excellent literary and musical program prepared by the hostesses, the daintily served and delicious refreshments were proof of an ardent desire for the entertainment of their guests, while animated and smiling countenances were sufficient evidence of the thorough appreciation which rewarded their efforts.

The cordiality and good will thus manifested are among the most pleasant features of club life and it is heartily hoped by both clubs that the fraternal sentiment now existing may continue unchanged.

Colorado has again demonstrated—in a practical way her faith in woman's ability, by the appointment of Mrs. Celia Osgood Peterson, a very active member of the educational department of the Denver Woman's club, as deputy state superintendent of public instruction.

"Do you think it would be foolish for girls to organize an anti-kissing club?" From a scientific standpoint probably it would be far from foolish for nowadays we hear a lot of serious talk about contagion, and how microbes can be conveyed, and if you could induce Hobson to become an honorary member of your club, you would score a fine point

socially. But on the whole, you will find anti-kissing clubs summoned up by the single word—silly. The principal is all right, but club publicity of that principal is open to criticism.

The New Book Review club held its annual meeting last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Rudolph Reblaender, and the following officers were elected for next year: Mrs. O. M. Stonebraker, president; Mrs. R. E. Penny, vice president; Mrs. W. F. Bartruff, secretary and treasurer.

In a recent Courier was a passing notice of the new club recently organized in Gotham, called "Woman's Home Improvement Club of New York City." The ambitious object of which is the education and instruction of married women in the art of making their homes comfortable and happy, to the end that the said homes may be attractive to their husbands. This announcement brought forth the following practical suggestions from Cniders:

"In order to put this unique club to a conclusive test of its efficacy it will be necessary first to entrap the husband to stay at home from his own downtown club, in order that an effort may be made to make home pleasant for him. Though somewhat difficult, this is an essential step in the interesting proceeding and reminds one of the instruction recently given by a chafing dish expert who, in explaining the intricacies of lobster a la Newburg, began by saying wisely: 'First catch your lobster.'

While these courageous women are trying to catch their husbands it may not be out of place to suggest that they—the women—organize a branch club of married men for the same excellent purpose of making their homes attractive to their wives. It's a poor matrimonial principal that won't work two ways.

There are some people who have always maintained nothing less than a good-sized club would keep men at home. They have even hinted this club should be persuasively spiked—not with the spirituous spike of the masculine club, but the sharp steel spike. However, this is better as a pet theory than in practice. In the meantime these aforesaid people will doubtless watch with interest this organized effort to keep husbands at home, according to 'eternal feminine' tactics."

Dear Jane:—You say you have been invited to join three clubs, and then ask rather ironically if you are being "clubbed." That would depend altogether upon you and your surroundings. You know how the club strikes you. You can tell better than any body else how much clubbing your cranium can stand.

"One woman with pressing home duties might be seriously clubbed with one little mild literary club. Another woman with lots of time on her hands would not be affected unpleasantly by a dozen clubs ranging all the way from a dress reform club to an Italian architectural club.

There is one woman in the world—a Bostonese, of course—who belongs to thirty-three clubs. Nobody would hesitate to say she was being clubbed, because no one woman could find days enough in the week to attend nearly three dozen clubs. Such excessive cranium culture is the sort which, as Emerson declares, 'always ends in a headache.'

There has recently been affected in Chicago, Illinois, an organization known as "The Federation of Colored Women's Clubs of the State of Illinois." The Federation already embraces the following clubs: The Ideal Woman's club, the Phyllis Wheatly club, the Woman's Civic League, the Woman's Conference, and the Progressive Circle

of the King's Daughters. The special interest of the Federation for the present is to arouse an interest among club women in the meeting of the National Association of Colored Women to convene in Chicago during the month of July, 1899. This Association is made up of representatives of Women's clubs from every state in the Union, who will attend the Chicago meeting.

There are 99 clubs now affiliated with the National Association of Colored Women. The president is Mrs. M. C. Terrell of Washington, D. C.

We clip the following cheery news of the extension of club work in the sunny south from The Club Woman for April. This report is of the work in Georgia in which state—as the home of our national president—we are especially interested.

"Many of the western papers during the Denver Biennial remarked upon the enthusiasm of the Georgia delegation and their firm conviction that a southern president would bring the general federation work so near that the south would awake to the benefits to be derived from co-operation through club life.

They were quoted as saying: 'Give us a southern president and we will show you what we can do.'

And did they so speak right loyally—are they one and all living up to their pledges?

The president of the state federation, Mrs. J. Lindsay Johnson, has just returned from a tour of the clubs and reports enthusiasm and earnestness all along the line. From the newspaper reports describing the crowded club meetings and elegant social functions given in her honor it would seem that one city vied with the other in giving her an ovation.

In a recent edition of the Georgia official organ it was said that in every town where there was but one federated club before the visit of the president there are now two or three. And it is the town and country clubs of which the officers of the Georgia Federation are so proud, as in a sparsely settled section the women pass such monotonous lives. There, where variety can only come through their own exertions, assisted by friendly club women, they are forming clubs for mutual benefit.

Fortunate indeed is the federation in having as president a woman of whom it is said by country people, 'We can get near her,' as that very feeling of aloofness is what makes the country woman's life so lonely.

Happy will be the day when Georgia clubs can see their way clear to the carrying out of their long desired plan for establishing rest rooms, in which will always be found some one ready and willing to give a warm welcome to the tired club sisters from the country."

The program for the Cozy club of Teacumseh, April 19, was one of much interest, dealing with Spain in 1814, the lesson being "The Restoration of Ferdinand VII." A very ably written paper, "Spanish Characteristics," by Mrs. Charles Pierce, provoked much discussion.

Miss Ella McCrosky entertained, serving dainty refreshments. Two violin solos by Miss Lewis added much to the pleasure of the afternoon.

The Woman's club held its annual meeting last Monday. The afternoon was devoted to the closing business of the year and the election of officers.

While the number of members has been somewhat smaller this year, the number working in departments has been larger. That is, there has been a larger number of workers than ever before in the history of the club. The closing reports of standing committees and heads of departments showed the

club to be in a very prosperous condition. A new by-law was presented for the admission of Lincoln women to single meetings by the payment of a small fee, but was defeated.

Mrs. Eli Plummer introduced a resolution, which was carried unanimously, expressing the sympathy of the club for the family of Colonel Stotsenburg and for other families having relatives and friends in the First Nebraska regiment at Manila, concluding with an expression of pride in the achievements of this regiment.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President—Mrs. A. W. Field.
First Vice President—Mrs. H. M. Bushnell.
Second Vice President—Mrs. Henry Gund.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. T. J. O'Connell.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. J. N. Baker.
Auditor—Mrs. W. M. Manning.
Delegate to State Federation—Mrs. Milton Scott.

Leland Stanford university has many warm friends throughout the United States, who will be pleased to know that the long and worrying litigation connected with the settling of that estate is at last ended.

The university has labored under many embarrassments while its income has been tied up in the courts. Now the probate court has filed its decree, appraising the property at \$15,000,000, and Mrs. Stanford has been required to deposit a special bond of \$110,000 as a guarantee for proper distribution. There was \$322,327 of the estate in bank cash. But the whole property will be distributed according to the wishes of the founder of the university. The decision of the court has started anew the speculation of the value of the endowment the late Senator Stanford left to the university which bears his name.

That property consists of 89,400 acres of land. When all the vines now planted are in full bearing the product will be something like 22,000 tons of grapes per year; and the vineyard is growing from year to year. A large portion of the Vina estate is used for raising horses of all the various breeds, and other portions are employed as cow pastures, sheep pastures, and hog pastures. It is difficult to form an adequate idea of the money value of such land at the present time, and almost impossible to guess what it will be when a better knowledge of the peculiarities of soil and climate and the handling of the grapes will enable California wines to command the same price as the foreign product. It is worth as nearly as possible \$2,000 an acre in the Gironde and on the Rhine, and though it could not be sold for any such sum at present in this state, it will earn interest on that amount. If all the land in the three properties which is suited to vine growing were planted in vines it would represent the enormous sum of \$200,000,000 and an annual income of \$11,000,000.

No university in America has anything like such an endowment. According to the college registers the leading universities are endowed as follows:

Columbia.....	\$13,000,000
Harvard.....	11,000,000
Yale.....	10,000,000
University of California.....	7,000,000
Johns Hopkins.....	3,000,000

Hull Caine, who has made a careful study of settlements in England has these appreciative words to say for Hull House:

"Hull House includes more under one roof than any other settlement, Oxford House, London, not excepted; it is ideal for the purposes for which it is intended. In the first place, it is homelike and in