

that the president of each federated club report the wishes of her society to the chairman before January 15.

That the reorganization committee issue not later than March 1, a plan of reorganization and send it to the presidents of state federations with the request that it be circulated through the state, and also to send it to each president of federated clubs, and invite criticism and suggestions.

That the committee on reorganization make the final report in time to have it sent to clubs a month before the biennial, at which time it shall be acted upon.

These resolutions cover the questions of representation and taxation. The question of precedence between State Federation presidents and state chairman was left with each state.

The executive committee was authorized to make preparations for a worthy exhibition of club work at the Paris exposition, and Mrs. Lowe was elected the representative of the Federation for that occasion. The secretary reported the admission of two state federations and thirty clubs since the Denver biennial and the withdrawal of thirteen clubs, two on account of the ten cent per capita tax. A large amount of work was accomplished at this council meeting, and a very wise preparation made for a thorough understanding of those important questions which are to come before the next biennial. I wish every club woman who reads this article would send a brief statement of her opinion in regard to representation and taxation in G. F. W. C. to the editor of this department. By an open discussion of this question we shall come to a better understanding and be able to vote more intelligently at the coming meeting of the state federation.

There was a pleasant mid-summer gathering of the old and new directors of the Lincoln Woman's club at the hospitable home of the president Mrs. A. W. Field last Friday afternoon. The new directors met at 3 o'clock for conference relative to next year's work, they were joined by the old board. An hour later when a general good social time was enjoyed. The members of the Woman's club have reasons to expect programs of great interest and profit for another year. Two extra meetings by foreign talent are being planned, which should prove an added attraction towards membership, for all will be free to the club. One of these will be for the art class who hope to bring a fine lecture on art. A Shakespeare recital with musical illustrations is another idea that will probably be carried out.

The plans are not only for the amusement of club members, but several departments hope to advance in philanthropic lines. The household economics would like cooking classes for the poor and for children, the child study department hope to reach the busy mothers who really need their instruction—in fact the growth of the club is shown in the general desire to enlarge the work and not selfishly confine its benefits to club members. Suggestions were received in regard to the year book which will be issued early in the club year.

The Courier is under obligations to Mrs. J. Lindsay Johnson, president of the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs for their very neat and suggestive year book. In the report of the Press Committee there is a strong plea for club women to co-operate through the press. Believing that the press is the bulwark of woman's progress, and that while without its strength and co-operation women might be as great, in effort, she can never be as great, in accomplishment. Therefore they urge strongly upon women's clubs of the State Federation the importance of the never-tiring

use of the press in the belief that though there be a diversity of opinion all club women will unite in the common purpose of helpfulness in whatever tends to purify, broaden and ennoble the individual and the great struggling mass of human kind. The report further says: "In order that the smallest light may not hide its shining, but as gladly as it receives, give of its brightness for the general good, we would most earnestly insist upon every Club in the Federation appointing an able and enthusiastic member to keep club women throughout the state through some medium of exchange, regularly informed of its meetings, its hopes, aims, and ambitions, at the same time throwing out valuable hints upon matters of interest to women in general and club women in particular. We would also suggest that if the State Chairman would use some medium for the furthering of the plans of their special work, it would promote a broadening of thought and prove a real education to those seeking the best and completest information along those special lines.

"Given a co-operative press, and a president, clubs and various chairmen who use its columns, and you will find in clubdom a reciprocity so beautiful, a fraternity of spirit so broad, a diversity of purpose so united, that not a weak link will mar the symmetry and strength of the Federation chain.—Press Committee Georgia Federation.

The last meeting for this year of the history department of the Women's club was held last week at the home of the assistant leader Miss Brackett. This department has been making a special study of the early settlement in Virginia, and it was especially appreciated by the members that the year's course of study was closed by an able address from the specialist, Professor Caldwell of the State University, on the character of the Virginians and the effect of the introduction of slavery into Virginia. Officers for next season are as follows: Leader, Miss Tremaine; assistant leader, Miss A. E. Brackett; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Stanhope.

The Chicago Women's Club was favored last winter by Mrs. Celia Parker Woolley, the Unitarian minister, on the "growing Ideal of Womanhood as Depicted by our Greatest Novelists," she presented the subject systematically under types as follows:

The Commonplace Type

Richardson's Pamela and Clarissa Harlowe, Fielding's Amelia, the Vicar of Wakefield's wife and daughters, Fanny Burney's Evelina, etc.

The Artificial Type

Jane Austen's Emma, Mrs. Bennett and her daughters in "Pride and Prejudice," Elinor and Marianne in "Sense and Sensibility," Thackeray's Amelia in "Vanity Fair, the good but silly women; Becky Sharp, the clever but unscrupulous; Ethel Newcome, Laura Pendennis, Lady Castleton, etc.

The Domestic Type

Walter Scott and Charles Dickens; woman's strength and weakness. Jeanie and Effie Deans, Rowena and Rebecca, Amy Robsart, Agnes and Dora in "David Copperfield" Lizzie Hexam, Little Dorrit, Esther Summerson, etc.

The Growing Type

Women attaining a higher individuality of her own, Charlotte Bronte's Jane Eyre, Shirley and Lucy Snowe; Mrs. Browning's Aurora Leigh.

The Thinking Type

The era of modern culture and its effects upon woman's work and character. George Eliot's heroines: Dinah Morris, Romola, Maggie Tul-

liver, Dorothea Brooke, Gwendolen Harleth, Fedalma, etc.

The Living Type

Present-day authors and their heroines: Mrs. Humphry Ward's Katherine Elsmere, Marcella, and Laura Fountain; Hardy's Tess of the D'Urbervilles; George Meredith's Diana of the Crossways; Hall Caine's Glory McQuayle, etc.

Some women, especially those who are popular with the lords of creation, declare unhesitatingly that one man friend is worth a dozen feminine, and that a man at least is not spiteful or treacherous, says the Philadelphia Times. Then again, other women, with equal force, remind one of the proverbial fickleness of men, and how a new face and a brighter manner often drive completely away an old and time honored friendship. But this, others will answer, relates only to a love affair, and naturally when a little god arrives on the scene all such cold affairs as friendship must find lodging elsewhere.

Probably like all assertions either way the truth lies between the two extremes. Some men are particularly calculated for friendship. As friends they are loyal and honorable. They never talk of or discuss their friends. They are always willing to serve a woman, they really care for, and are always on hand in trouble and sorrow with ready sympathy and help. But friendship of this kind exacts the same loyalty and service in return.

And now we get from Hall Caine himself an interesting account of the circumstances that suggested the realistic Manx stories with which he has delighted the world for the past few years. At a banquet tendered him by his fellow Manxmen at Douglas a few weeks ago Mr. Caine told the story of his first impulse to write. Several years ago in a bungalow, on the Isle of Thanet, Dante Gabriel Rossetti, the celebrated painter and author, lay dying for want of sleep. To relieve the tedium of the long wakeful night he told the slowly dying man stories of life on the Isle of Man. Rossetti, artist and poet, was charmed with the vivid word pictures Caine drew of a little nation standing apart with its own race, its own laws, government and customs, exclaimed many times "You must write this! You must give it to the world!" True to this last wish of his friend Hall Caine undertook to put on paper his knowledge of the life of this people with which he is so familiar.

Ex president Benjamin Harrison has never been noted for his sparkling wit or humor and yet, says the Boston Herald he is reported to have made the whole Venezuelan arbitration commission smile by remarking that working four days in the week was all that ought to be expected of ordinary men, and that the gentlemen assembled to arbitrate the Venezuelan difficulty were all ordinary men. This delicate bit of humor carried the day, and the commission will sit but four days in each week.

An album of personal clippings is a unique present; but this is what prominent shipping men of New York city will present to Admiral Dewey on his arrival in that city, says the Herald. It is to be a mammoth album, containing assorted clippings from the principal newspapers and publications that have mentioned Admiral Dewey since a year ago last May, so arranged that they give a complete history of the part that Dewey took in the war. Frederick B. Dalzell, treasurer of the committee which has the memorial in charge, said that the money to pay for it had been subscribed and that he thought the volume would give the admiral a better idea of how he is regarded by the public than anything

else. He hopes to include in the collection autograph letters from President McKinley and other prominent men. The volume will be illustrated by leading artists.

The adoption by the British house of commons of an amendment to the London local government bill declaring women eligible to election as aldermen and councilors should not be overlooked by the suffragists in this country as a notable triumph for the great idea, says the Boston Globe. There is a possibility that the people on the other side of the world may get ahead of those on this side in bringing in the era of sex equality. Already they have women suffrage, women mayors, and other officials in the British colonies in the antipodes, and here is the imperial government looking to a like innovation at home.

There is something incongruous, indeed, in the idea of a woman alderman of London. The imagination, inspired by the traditions of many years, pictures that official in a guise none of the sex could assume. The green turtle soup and the other accessories of the position do not harmonize with the female characteristics. Indeed, if the most unfeminine dignity in the entire list of municipal offices were to be chosen, it would be that of alderman.

For this very reason the innovation proposed by the house of commons is the more significant. It indicates a growth which must sooner or later make itself manifest on this side of the world. We may yet live to see women in the Boston board of alderman as we lately saw one presiding, gavel in hand, over the deliberations of the school committee.

An important matter presented at Philadelphia, at the recent council meeting of the General Federation, was the report of the program committee for the biennial session next year at Milwaukee. While to some extent a tentative report which will have modifications and alterations, it will in the main be carried out. The dates decided upon are from Monday, June 4, 1900, to and inclusive of Saturday, June 9. An improvement over last year's program is the placing of the election of officers on the 8th, instead of on the last day as at Denver. As that day happened to be Monday, many delegates were obliged to remain over who might otherwise have left the city on Saturday.

The first day, Monday, as usual, is given up to the board meetings and meetings of chairmen and State presidents, the actual opening of the convention being announced for Tuesday morning. An art meeting, under Mrs. Herman J. Hall, takes up the afternoon.

Wednesday, June 6.—Morning: Educational session (chairman, Miss Evans), and meeting of library committees. Afternoon: Educational meeting continued and a lecture on the "City Beautiful." Evening: Continuation of art meeting.

Thursday, June 7.—Morning: Lecture on "Industrial Conditions as Affecting Women and Children" and on "Club Women and Home Problems." No afternoon meeting. Evening: Address on sociological subject.

Friday, June 8.—Business meeting and election of officers.

Saturday, June 9.—Board meeting. A point emphasized to the council was, that it is the purpose of the program committee to keep the discussions along club lines by speakers who are club women. There are not to be a few brilliant talkers, but the meetings are to be devoted to practical discussions by the many. It has been felt that it is not necessary to present a program of entertainment purely. Delegates come for aid in their club work, and this it will be attempted to give them more thoroughly than has been the case at other biennial meetings.

Following the presentation of this