

was the last program given under the auspices of the state federation of women's clubs and was heartily enjoyed by a most appreciative audience. The musical was entitled "The Seasons," and was composed of numbers especially adapted to the various seasons of the year. Those who took part and made this one of the most enjoyable programs of the week's convention were Mesdames H. S. Harrison, D. E. Sedgwick, C. C. Campbell, J. A. Parke, Robert McCaughey and Misses Carscadden, Maude Woods, Cara and Jessie Conaway, of York and Miss Eleazar Raymond of Lincoln, responded to the insistent encore by singing that bright little gem "Come Down to the River Tonight."

The piano solo of Mr. Earl Wehn of Beatrice, was much enjoyed but he made the hit of the evening with his cornet solo. The performers were in good form and the audience appreciative, nearly every number receiving an encore.

At a short business session Friday morning the following delegates to the biennial convention which will be held in Milwaukee next June were elected:

Mrs. S. C. Langworthy of Seward, Mrs. B. M. Stoutenborough of Plattsmouth, Mrs. W. P. Harford of Omaha, Mrs. Carscadden of York, Mrs. G. M. Lamberton of Lincoln, Miss Hascall of Wakefield, and Mrs. H. F. Doane of Crete.

Invitations were extended by the Tecumseh delegate and the Lincoln delegates for the federation to meet at Tecumseh and at Lincoln next year. These invitations were enthusiastically received and referred to the executive committee for decision.

An amendment to the constitution was introduced by Miss Fairbrother of Omaha providing for the nomination of candidates from the floor, instead of through a nominating committee as has been the custom in the past. Final action upon this amendment will be taken at the next meeting of the federation. It was the expressed wish of many at the recent federation that nominations might be made in open convention, feeling that such a course would be more democratic. Others fear it may be more confusing and consume a greater amount of time.

The newly elected officers were presented to the convention by Mrs. Langworthy, and their short addresses of acceptance were cordially applauded.

With the closing song of America came the end of one of the most enjoyable, successful and inspiring conventions the N. F. W. C. has ever held.

The Iowa federation which was in session at the same time as the N. F. W. C., sent greetings which were answered by telegraph.

There is a growing feeling that the reports from individual clubs are instructive. Through them we learn of the work of the clubs, and we also learn to associate the name, the face of the delegate, and the club, and the more definitely we know each other the greater the sympathy.

The inability of Mrs. S. C. Langworthy—on account of home duties which demand her strength and time—to permit her name to be used for a second term of office was received by the convention with great regret. By her sweet graciousness, the breadth and fairness with which she viewed all questions and her unselfish devotion to the work, she has endeared herself, forever, to the club women of Nebraska. May her mantle fall on her successor.

Mrs. W. A. Apperson, of Tecumseh, the newly elected president of the N. F. W. C. is a lady of rare gifts. A genuine Nebraska product. Born in this state, educated at the state university, intensely

interested in the club movement from its inception, bringing to the work the energy and enthusiasm which always wins. The clubs of Nebraska have no fear of the onward and upward trend of the state federation for the coming year. Mrs. Apperson comes from one of the strongest club centers in the state. From observation, I should judge there was not a member in her delegation that could not acceptably fill any office to which she might be elected. With a local support of such strength, and loving loyalty from the whole state I predict great things for our federation the coming year. "Strength united becomes stronger."

In closing her report the treasurer made a plea for more revenue. Our president has paid her own fare and met many other expenses the past year. Other officers have done the same. It was voted in open session to assess the members of each club five cents in addition to regular dues. This assessment to cease whenever the treasury becomes too full.

The Woman's club of Fairbury is already starting the year's work along practical as well as literary lines, and expect during the year to be able to report much good work accomplished.

The leaders of our two departments, Mrs. Lotton of the Home, and Mrs. McDowell of the Literary are keenly alive to the needs of their departments and will vie with each other in doing good work, while our president, Mrs. Cross, can be trusted to most carefully watch that we have a harmonious perfect whole.

It was a matter of great pleasure and surprise to see the number of bright and interesting women present. The women of the larger cities and thus presumably of wider opportunities, must look sharply to their laurels, for the delegates from the far away corners of the state were as bright and apt in expressing their views, and as up to date in their thought as the recently graduated woman. Indeed many present from the different parts of the state were graduates from the State university and their Alma Mater has no occasion to apologize for them. It is a great pleasure and benefit to be in a convention with the class of women we met at York.

The favorable comment on the happy thought of taking the delegates for a drive about the city, has been universal. This new departure will undoubtedly become a feature of the coming conventions. It is the only way by which the delegates can receive a correct, or comprehensive idea of the city where the convention is located. In the largest cities this idea could be carried out by street car rides.

The arrangements of the York ladies to care for the delegates was most admirable. Welcome was written everywhere, and the cordial hospitality was a subject of frequent remark. No meals being served in private homes left the hostesses free to attend the meetings, enjoy their guests socially, and provide for their pleasure and comfort. The rest and comfort of going to a homelike room and bed can only be appreciated by those who have been compelled to accommodate themselves to the usual hotel accommodations. At the same time in the smaller cities it leaves plenty of room for those who prefer the absolute independence of going to the hotel.

There was no more pleasant feature of this convention than the harmonious, cordial spirit which seemed all-prevailing. No meeting of the state federation has ever passed off so courteously and pleasantly. Several matters came up where there was a difference of

opinion—in some instances a wide difference—but the debate was carried on in a courteous, considerate manner.

This decided growth in good feeling is one of the strongest assurances of the benefits Nebraska women are deriving from the state federation.

With this number The Courier enters upon an era as the official organ of the N. F. W. C. In the resolution providing for this departure two objects were named: 1st, Better knowledge, consequently enlarged sympathies and stronger ties between the clubs of the state. 2nd, A matter of economy for the state federation. We hope to associate the names and locations of the club women of Nebraska so intimately in these columns that at the next convention the addition of the face will make all feel well acquainted. As a means of economy many things heretofore sent out in letters and circulars, will be laid before the clubs in the official organ. When it is remembered that all the club officers serve without pay this method of lightening their labors should be cheerfully accepted and made use of by the clubs of the state.

On the other hand The Courier is proud to represent a body of women, such as gathered at York. And the aim and object of this department shall be to further in every possible way the interest of the clubs of Nebraska. Suggestions and criticisms will be thankfully received, and, clubs of Nebraska, relies with you to make a grand suc-

cess of this fin de siècle venture.

The executive board of the Woman's club met on Friday afternoon at the club rooms to arrange for the reception and elocutionary recital to be given on next Monday, and to consider the proposition of the directors of the city library relative to the transference of the rooms in the Salebury block to library uses. No action was taken about the rooms as nothing had been heard from the Christian church which is part lessee. The following committees were appointed to assist at the special receptions and general meetings:

Social, Mesdames Castor, Ackerman and Kelly; courtesies, Mesdames A. A. Scott, Piper, Gleason and Chapman. Greater attention will be given to the social side of the club this winter, and it will be the duty of the committee on courtesies to promote in every possible way friendly intercourse among the guests and members.

Many of the reports and other important items are of necessity left over for coming issues. Most of the papers will be printed as time and space permits.

Tecumseh welcomed the return of the newly elected officers of the Nebraska Federation of Women's clubs with open arms. The State President and Corresponding Secretary elect were royally assured that Tecumseh feels proud of her two representatives. On last Saturday evening the city federation of Women's clubs gave a publ-

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