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Last Saturday at the home of Mrs. C. M. Chamberlain, Mrs. C. M. and Mrs. Lee Chamberlain gave a very dainty luncheon in honor of Mrs. Belle Stout-enborough. Pink and white carnations adorned the dining table. The guests were Mrs. Anna Apperson, Mrs. Pollock, Mrs. Sims, Mrs. Tracy, Mrs. McLaughan, Mrs. Bouton, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. L. S. Chittenden and Mrs. Ardup.

At the last meeting of Deborah Avery chapter of the D. A. R. delegates to the national congress to be held in Washington in February were elected as follows: Mrs. Morrison, regent of the chapter, and Mrs. M. L. Hayward, Miss Mary Stevens, Mrs. J. C. Harpham, Mrs. Oliver Rodgers, Mrs. H. M. Everett, Miss Cora Smith and Mrs. J. C. Seacrest as alternates. Mrs. Frank Harpham played a charming piano solo. Mrs. S. B. Pound ably reviewed the persecutions of the anabaptists and quakers, among whom were ancestors of Mrs. Pound. The next meeting of the chapter will be with Mrs. Henry, 1117 H street, on the first Friday in January. Members are requested to pay their dues for the coming year to the treasurer, Mrs. Harpham, that the money voted to the city library by the chapter may be paid as soon as possible.

The literature lesson for the woman's club of Plattsmouth last Friday evening was as follows: Biography of Oliver Wendel Holmes; study of the habits of the nautilus; critical study of "The Chambered Nautilus;" discussion of "Autocrat at the Breakfast Table;" selected reading of poems.

The Self Culture club, of St. Paul met last Friday at the home of Dr. Grothan. The beautiful, commodious parlors were filled to overflowing with club women and their lady friends to welcome and listen to Mrs. A. C. Ricketts' parlor talk on Alice and Phoebe Cary. Mrs. Ricketts came in on the B. & M., and while the club was awaiting her, Mrs. Stevens read a fine article from the pen of Mrs. Peattie in the club paper, the Lincoln Courier, on "Woman and the Home," which should have been heard by every woman in the city. Mrs. Ricketts' talk was very interesting and instructive. She read several of the Cary sisters' poems. Mrs. Ricketts has a good voice and all were sorry when the talk was done. It is hoped that the club may have another interesting visitor soon. After the talk a dainty luncheon was served and, with a vote of thanks to Mrs. Ricketts for the pleasure she had given, the club adjourned.

Mrs. Russell Sage has thought much and wisely upon some of the vital problems of the day.

Though possessing all of the advantages and leisure attendant upon wealth, this womanly woman has always been a profound believer in the justice of equal suffrage and has been one of its most effective promoters. The date of the next constitutional convention, the earliest at which any amendment can be passed, is 1914. She says:

"In fourteen years from now I firmly believe the suffrage movement will have advanced to the point where the necessary amendment to the constitution, urged by a monster petition of women who own property, will be passed by the legislative bodies of this state. And when once the women of the Empire state go to the polls, the women of all the states of the union will be given the same right. These prophecies, of course, are rendered subject to 'reasonable

doubt,' and to possible changes in public sentiment.

"I need not now spell out the signs, nor translate them. They can be read between the letters of the significant word Progress.

"But if a doubt exists in the minds of some people that the woman suffrage movement which flowed like a tidal wave over the country in 1894, has subsided so much as to be harmless, I can only say to people of such belief—wait until 1914. The question lies at present in silence, I grant, but it is a silence that is portentous. This is the period of preparation, the period of thought upon which action is sure to follow.

"Meanwhile it seems too bad that women who own real estate and pay taxes are not allowed to cast a ballot. Why, the men of this country themselves went to war because of taxation without representation. The women of New York state alone pay taxes on \$1,000,000,000 worth of real estate, yet they are not allowed a voice in the practical government of the state to which they contribute so much revenue.

"I will not now rehearse all the good things that will result from woman suffrage, but among others, I cite that of the reclaiming of national and municipal buildings and thoroughfares from the present uncleanness. This uncleanness exists because the housekeepers are men, at present. But in the nation and the municipality, as in the home, the housekeeper should be a woman. Therefore I foresee that when women vote there will be a national house-cleaning such as no nation ever saw. Once armed with the ballot, then the mop, the broom and the bucket will be decidedly more in evidence in the places in which they are most needed.

"Today is not too soon to invite the attention of every American woman to the fact that every possible recruit should be enlisted in the appealing army of 1914. It is not too soon to begin work. The fact that there are still fourteen years in which to enlist the interest of all American women in this question does not make the present movement less important. On the other hand, if every moment is counted as precious and the women at once begin working hard for the end in view, the very fact that there is plenty of time in which to work, assures success.

"Meanwhile, I cannot say that I believe in the somewhat sensational methods of some of the professional women suffragists. These do the cause more harm than good.

"In this movement women do not need a leader. Let every woman think for herself and consider the question well before she ignores the petition to which, in a comparatively few years, she will be asked to add her signature."

In the weekly list just issued by the University of London, Out., out of eighteen names in the M. A. list eight were women. In the classics women had four places out of six, and the gold medal was awarded Winifred Slater, of Newham.

In an article on admitting women to the Cambridge degree, Miss Helen Gladstone refers to the fact that no less than six Cambridge colleges were founded by women for the benefit of men.

Claret's and St. John's, by Margaret, Countess of Richmond; Sidney Sussex, by Lady Frances Sidney, Countess of Sussex; Clair, by Elizabeth de Burgh, Countess of Clair; Pembroke, by Marie de St. Paul, Countess of Pembroke, and Queens, by Queen Margaret of Anjou.

At a meeting of the council of the General Federation of women's clubs, held at Philadelphia, on June 1st, 2d and 3d, 1899, a motion to hold a meeting of the General Federation of women's clubs in Paris during the exposition of 1900, was presented and unanimously

adopted. The committee appointed to take charge of the work deemed it advisable to invite the clubs of all foreign countries to co-operate in this session, thereby bringing together in closer communication the women of the world.

The club movement has not, as prophesied, obliterated sex lines in the business world. No intelligent woman ever believed it would. The latest proof is the announcement of a woman's building at the Paris exposition, and in this building the club women of the United States, and women who are not members of clubs, will hold a convention the last week of next September. It is expected that the ablest women of the world will address this convention.

In a circular issued by the local French committee a plea is made for the further emancipation of women from her social and civic limitations.

"This congress, being designated above all as a medium of progress, peace and union, is organized on the broadest principles. While our platform excludes sectarian discussion, all associations based on justice and fraternity will be cordially welcomed, irrespective of religious conviction."

The clubs of the United States are to be given at least one day in this week's congress, and each state will be entitled to two "state patronesses." The educational, philanthropic and industrial work accomplished by the various clubs will be systematically shown and photographs of club houses and leading workers will be hung in the woman's building.

The following committee appointed by the executive board, Mrs. William Tod Helmuth, 504 Fifth avenue, New York; Miss Anna Maxwell Jones, Mrs. Anna D. West, Mrs. James B. Grant, Mrs. J. C. Croly, known as the Paris exposition committee, are preparing a tour for the consideration of club women desiring to visit Europe and attend the meeting of the general federation of women's clubs at Paris. If a sufficient number of applications are made, a special steamer will be chartered, sailing some time in July and returning about the middle of September. The tour will consist of a visit to Scotland, England, Holland, Germany, the Rhine, Switzerland and Paris. It is desirable that early application for accommodation be made, as thereby better arrangements can be perfected.

Any one desiring information regarding the tour, will please communicate with Dr. and Mrs. Howard S. Paine, Glen Falls, New York.

All applications for space in the exhibit for the Paris exposition to be made to Miss Anna Maxwell Jones, 222 West Twenty-third street, New York City, and all subscriptions, contributions of money, and information regarding patronesses, should be sent to Mrs. William Tod Helmuth, 504 Fifth avenue, New York City.

At the same meeting of the council, another motion was offered and adopted, which read that an exhibit of the work done or being accomplished by the general federation of women's clubs be placed in the exposition building at Paris. This exhibit shall consist of photographs of officers, vacation schools, play grounds, libraries, hospitals, training schools for nurses, manual training schools for children of both sexes, club houses, kindergartens or any other work of interest to the world. You are therefore earnestly requested to send to the chairman, at your earliest convenience, anything that you may consider of value to have placed in the exhibit. Also send a list of your club members, stating how many you have among them devoting themselves to the arts, sciences, civics, literature or education. All

photographs must be unmounted and not larger than 11x14 inches. To adequately prepare and carry out these important works, considerable money will be required for printing, correspondence, postage, the securing of places of meeting in Paris, as well as space for the exhibition in the building of the exposition, and many other necessary expenses which it is impossible to enumerate here. We confidently call upon you and your club treasury. Every club woman should feel it a privilege to aid the committee in the accomplishment of this work.

The committee begs you to give this plea for aid your particular attention.

The long winter evenings are with us. The lamps are early lighted and the question must come to each thoughtful mother how shall these hours be spent that each member of the family may derive the greatest benefit from them? Can they not be utilized to the end of becoming better acquainted with each other—of learning how to contribute to our several contentment and happiness? Can they not be utilized as a means of culture, and an opportunity for instilling a deep love of home? In the hurry and bustle and selfishness of the present day the probabilities are that this powerful means to a desirable end may be overlooked. Many parents seem to think that when they have fed, clothed, and sent their children to school their obligations are discharged, and many parents are glad when a child gets old enough to read for then he can amuse himself. As a consequence the home circle of a winter's evening is often dull and uninteresting to the child. Each member of the family is buried in a book or behind a paper skimming through it with the rapid rush that absorbs but does not assimilate. It is to be feared also that the selfishness fostered in the silent family circle around the reading table may become a characteristic of the members of that family.

There used to be a good old custom of reading to the children of a winter's evening. The father or mother—from a book intelligently selected, that it might be of general interest—read for an hour or so after supper, thus making impressions and teaching lessons that influenced each child in that circle for life. It is true that in most instances the information received through the ear makes a more lasting impression than information received through the eye. This is especially true with the reader who skims rapidly over the surface. In reading aloud it is necessary to read slowly enough to catch the idea of the author in order to give proper expression to his meaning.

At an open meeting of the Wakefield woman's club held in the Masonic hall recently the following program was rendered: Calling to order by the president, Mrs. Dearborn; solo, Mrs. Bachman; paper, "James Russell Lowell," Mrs. Weaver; solo, Mrs. Hamilton; paper, "Tennyson's 'In Memoriam,'" Mrs. D. Matthewson; solo, Miss Charlott Haskell. Menu—"Some Food We Had and Some Fresh Water." Toasts—Responded to by Mesdames, Bachman, Rowse, Hamilton and Miss Allen. "Our Grandmothers," Mr. L. Kimball; "The Last of the Century Women," Mr. L. Haskell; "Woman's Club in History," Mr. William Wheeler; "Our Ladies of the Club," Mr. D. Matthewson. Social.

MRS. I. H. WEAVER.

Lincoln Sorosis met Tuesday in room 207, Nebraska Hall, on the university campus. Mrs. Barbour presented a report of the Union Pacific scientific expedition to the fossil fields of Wyoming. Her lecture was illustrated by slides taken by the official photographer. The party consisted of a hundred geologists