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CLUBS.

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Mrs. E. H. Barbour, Mrs. T. H. Munger and Mr. T. M. Hodgman were appointed a committee on courtesies. Mrs. Welch presented a request from the City Improvement Society, and Mrs. A. S. Tibbets and Mrs. McGahey were chosen to represent the club at the next meeting of the society next Thursday morning, and also one meeting in February. Miss Anna Tibbets was elected to membership in the club. Mrs. Lincoln Frost presented the problem of "The American Negro." The after-discussion elicited a great variety of opinions and theories for the amelioration of the negro, and also of the white people who chance to live near large negro settlements.

- THE AMERICAN NEGRO.**
- I. Population.
 1. Growth in country at large.
 2. Migration to cities.
 3. Colonization.
 - II. Vital Statistics.
 1. Rate of mortality according to age.
 2. Causes of mortality.
 - III. Anthropometry.
 1. Weight and stature.
 2. Lung capacity.
 3. Physical strength.
 - IV. Race Amalgamation.
 1. Theories regarding race crossing.
 2. Mixed marriages.
 3. Illicit relations and illegitimacy.
 - V. Social Conditions and Tendencies.
 1. Home life.
 2. Church influence.
 3. Education.
 4. Crime, vice, pauperism.
 - VI. Economic Conditions.
 1. As an agricultural laborer.
 2. Ownership of land.
 3. Industrial factor.
 4. Wages and efficiency.
 5. Employment.
 6. Estimated wealth.
 - VII. Conclusion.

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At the last meeting of the Omaha Woman's Club the resolutions which had been presented at a previous meeting by the following committee, Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Harford, Mrs. Towne, Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. Keller, were taken from the table and after further discussion passed by a large majority. The resolutions follow:

The Omaha club believes the present construction of the G. F. W. C. to be defective for the following reasons:

- 1.—It is illogical. Club membership in the State federation bears no relation to membership in the national body. The two are coordinate while the natural sequence is from club to state and from state to national organization.
- 2.—It is inconsistent. An individual club may have more delegates at a biennial meeting than in a state federation. The Nebraska federation has seven delegates and the Omaha club six. Sixty four members more in the latter body, making its membership no

larger than that of last year, would give it another delegate.

3.—It is unjust. Every club in the country is benefitted by the G. F. W. C. through its literature, its spirit by the advantages acquaintance with its officers and the opportunities of attending its biennial gatherings as guests, while the expenses of the general federation are borne by a comparatively small number of clubs.

4.—It is undemocratic. While every club may belong to the body, so few take advantage of that opportunity that the management of the federation is practically in the hands of a few clubs. To make taxation just and representation democratic, all clubs should share in the expense of the general federation and be represented in its councils.

We therefore urge the reorganization of the G. F. W. C. and would respectfully offer the following suggestions:

- 1.—That the G. F. W. C. consist of federations of women's clubs only, and include the state and territorial federations, and the federation of the District of Columbia.
- 2.—That a council be constituted to consist of not less than two or more than three delegates from each state federation, all of whom shall be the president, and that this council convene annually.
- 3.—That the General Federation apportion to each state its per capita dues for the support of the General Federation and assign the number of delegates dependent thereon, leaving each state to arrange the collection of the dues and the selection of the delegates.
- 4.—That the General Federation meet triennially.

The following extracts from a letter from the chairman of that committee will be of interest to those who are still debating this many-sided question:

"It may seem strange, as you say that the Omaha Club should adopt resolutions in reorganization directly opposed to those passed by the State Federation in October. Yet it is one of the curious facts connected with the present organization of the G. F. W. C. that it has a perfect right to do so. It is indeed an anomaly that we, a part of the State Federation, should be entirely independent of it as far as our relations to the G. F. W. C. are concerned.

"And that we should be also co-ordinate with it in power practically, since three more added to our membership will give us an equal number of delegates with the State Federation at the Milwaukee biennial

"I think I speak for the club and I am sure I do for my committee when I say that we should like to see this condition pass. We would prefer to speak through the State Federation only, on the conduct of General Federation affairs, but as it now is, independent judgment is expected of us, and it may or may not agree with that of the State Federation.

"When the Omaha Club must needs respond to the request of the reorganization committee for an opinion, our president desired that that opinion be carefully formulated so she set out to stir up thinking on the subject. She arranged to have the arguments for and against reorganization presented at a meeting prior to the one at which the subject was to be discussed, that the rank and file of the club might be clear as to the points, and she secured the time of an entire session for the matter. Her committee to make recommendations was composed of those who had attended at least one biennial meeting of the G. F. W. C. and some of them had attended two. It had upon it, a woman experienced in ecclesiastical organization another who has worked in the W. C. T. U. and a third who has assisted recently in planning the organization of the Congress of Mothers.

That committee read all the literature of the subject that it could find, it sought light by correspondence, from candles that are set in candlesticks, and after frequent meetings and much discussion it came to those conclusions that the club, having heard of the matter for no less than three consecutive sessions, has made, its own. I go into the matter thus fully that you may realize that we have not acted in Omaha, either hastily nor unintelligently. It might be a convenience if we all thought alike, but I foresee no very important objection to a difference of opinion. We have but answered a question of the reorganization committee. What we did in York or Omaha was only in the way of suggestion to that committee. It certainly is not officially binding, either upon organization or delegate.

"I hope that every club and federation will send women of balance, experience and open minds to Milwaukee and leave them free to use all three. In that case I am sure whatever is done will be for the best interests of Club, State, Federation and G. F. W. C. and those interests are what we all seek."
Frances M. Ford.

Mrs. E. Lewis Baker arranged a charming program for the regular meeting of the Lincoln Matinee Musical last Monday afternoon. The afternoon was devoted to the "songs of childhood," while some very delightful solos were rendered by members. The honors were won by a chorus of thirteen little girls which had been trained by Miss Mary Smith. "Tick Tock" and "The Ginger-Bread Man" were inimitably sung. Mrs. Charles G. Cone, soloist, and Miss Anna Stuart, pianist, new members of the club, made their first appearance on a program yesterday. Mrs. Cone's numbers showed depth of feeling and sympathy, while Miss Stuart rendered a solo depicting a romance of French life clearly and comprehensively. The question of conflicting with the woman's club was discussed and arranged. The next musicale, which is an artists' recital, will be given in the morning, in two weeks; then will follow an intermission of three weeks. The program was as follows:
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