

Monday morning one-third are drunk and laid off for that cause. The many fearful mine accidents come from drink and drunken persons not discovered among the thousands going to work until they get in the mines.

7. The dynamite monopoly is a great financial burden, not on account of price alone as that the grade is very low, and hence many useless and sudden explosions.

8. The coal monopoly on coal dug not ten miles away from the mines is an outrage. The freight charged is from six to twenty four cents a ton per mile, where in England or America it would be half a cent. Objecting to this prohibitory rate on coal, the miners of the coal built a railroad to the coal mines, when the volksraad passed a law prohibiting the road. Then they brought coal in ox-carts; they prohibited this also.

The thousands of Americans and English and others having thus their rights trampled upon, petitioned time and again, and in 1894 formed the Transvaal National Union, sending to the volksraad a petition for these rights:

1. A constitution guarded from sudden changes.
2. Equitable franchise law and representation in Johannesburg, where nearly all are Uitlanders.
3. Equality of Dutch and English languages (only Dutch is used).
4. Heads of government departments, such as mining, to be responsible to legislature direct.
5. Removal of all religious disability.
6. Courts to be independent.
7. Education to be free and liberal.
8. Free trade with other parts of the country.

This petition, with forty thousand names, was received with sneers and jeers in the volksraad, and the reply to it was: "If you want these come and fight for them." The people then appealed to England to intervene for their rights, for succor and protection, for free speech, privilege of meeting together and sanctity of home.

It is in answer to the direct appeal of these Americans and English, as well as others who outnumber and outpay the Boers, and for the sake of humanity, that England has for this last time again undertaken to exhaust every peaceful means to bring a lasting, but radical reform. The war came by a forty-eight-hour ultimatum from Paul Kruger, who would not wait, because he knew it would be a month before England could send any troops, and he could cause more bloodshed by beginning earlier, but not alter the ultimate result.

England stands for education, civilization and free religion. The Boer neither asks for nor will have or allow any of these, hence he must not stand in the way of the world's advance, or under the great wheels of progress he will be crushed.

THE POET.

The poet must know the sum of life—
He must listen and learn
of the chirping wren,
And catch the sweep
of the eagle's flight,
If he find the scope
of his dream struck pen.

The poet must know the sum of life—
He must walk with saints
and those who fall;
He must tread a rose-path
strewn with thorns,
And find his sweet
in a cup of gall.

The poet must know the sum of life—
He must tread in the path
where the toilers plod,
And must climb the crag heights,
stained with blood
From the doors of hell
to the Gates of God.

—William Reed Dunroy.

CLUBS.

[LOUISA L. RICKETTS.]

CALENDAR OF NEBRASKA CLUBS.

February.

3.	XIX Century c., Albrecht Durer.....	Seward
3.	Zetetic c., Shakspeare.....	Weeping Water
3.	Woman's c., Miscellaneous Literature.....	North Bend
3.	Fin de Siecle c., Edgar Allen Poe.....	Seward
3.	History and Art c., Welr, Mitchell.....	Seward
3.	Pansy c., Wescott and Field.....	Tecumseh
3.	Woman's c., Child Study.....	Lincoln
3.	Woman's c., French.....	Lincoln
5.	K. P. E. O. Chapter, Book Review.....	Lincoln
5.	Woman's c., Education.....	Omaha
5.	Sorosis, Annual Banquet.....	Stanton
5.	Woman's c., Newspaper Reading—Its Uses and Abuses.....	Central City
5.	Frances M. Ford c., Delft—Laces and Tapestries of Holland.....	Stromsburg
6.	Fortnightly c., Turgeneff.....	Lincoln
6.	Acme c., Russian Literature.....	Wayne
6.	Woman's c., Parliamentary Practice.....	Lincoln
6.	Woman's c., Current Events.....	Fairbury
6.	History and Art c., Current Events—Merchants of Venice.....	Albion
6.	Woman's c., Ethics and Philosophy.....	Omaha
6.	Woman's c., French Conversation.....	Omaha
7.	Cozy c., German Literature.....	Tecumseh
7.	Mary Barnes Literary c., Evening Meeting.....	Fullerton
7.	Friends in Council, American Writers.....	Tecumseh
7.	Woman's c., Ruskin.....	Ashland
7.	Woman's c., Oratory.....	Omaha
7.	New Book Review c., Book Review.....	Lincoln
8.	Woman's c., Household Economics.....	Omaha
8.	Woman's c., English Literature.....	Omaha
8.	Woman's c., Education.....	Omaha
8.	Woman's c., Art.....	Lincoln
8.	Woman's c., The Choir Invisible.....	Lincoln
9.	Woman's c., Eminent Men in United States History.....	Plattsmouth
9.	W. R. P. C., Current Events.....	Lincoln
10.	Woman's c., Child Study.....	North Bend
10.	Woman's c., French.....	Lincoln
10.	Woman's c., English History.....	Stromsburg
10.	Woman's c., Victoria's Reign.....	Syracuse
10.	Review and Art c., Andrea del Sarto.....	York
10.	Fin de Siecle c., Ralph Waldo Emerson.....	Seward
10.	History and Art c., Papal Influence—Progress of Germany in the Arts.....	Seward

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Message from the President.

I wish to thank the clubs of the state for the hearty and prompt response (I wish all club women would learn to answer all club correspondence by return mail) to the request for their year books. More than thirty have already been received, but still there are more to hear from. I would like very much to have the year book or written program, with full list of new officers, from every club in the state. A club directory is much more easily compiled from the year book than from letters. It is necessary that the year book should be sent immediately if the names of the new officers are to go in the new year book of the state federation, which will be issued this month. Also, it seems advisable that the delegates elected by each club to represent it at the annual meeting should have adequate time to prepare their reports. Therefore, I recommend that such election take place at the mid-winter meeting, or not later than the business meeting in June—not that a larger report may be made, but that the delegate may have ample time to note all the salient points in the life of her club for the year, thus making her report clear and condensed, giving only that which is best and most characteristic. These reports are of the utmost importance, and in order to give each club an equal opportunity, the time limit of three minutes will be rigidly enforced. We all want to know just what the clubs are doing, and how they

are doing it, but it must be condensed into three minutes.

ANNA L. APPERSON,
President N. F. W. C.

The child study department of the Lincoln woman's club held a meeting Saturday, January 20th, and listened to a careful study of "The Growth and Use of the Nervous System," by Mrs. Edith Hall, and "Biography and History," by Miss Mary Wolf. Mrs. Winchester talked to the mothers on the need of moral surroundings during the adolescent period. The downfall of so many of our boys and girls begins then. A meeting will be held today to discuss poetry and literature for children. The lecture will be given by the leader, Mrs. Katherine Abel. Religious training for children will be discussed by Rev. Fletcher Wharton. Mothers who do not feel able to join the woman's club will be admitted to this department on payment of twenty-five cents.

The Acme club of Wayne has held most interesting weekly meetings during the season. On January 23d it met with Mrs. Britton. After a short business session, Mrs. Myers conducted a very interesting lesson on Scandinavian literature, as outlined in the last lesson of book V., of university extension. At the close of the program, light refreshments were served, and a very pleasant innovation were the two minute talks by five members upon subjects assigned by the hostesses. These meetings of the club are indeed bright spots in the life of the busy home-keepers.

It is evident that Tolstoi is not the only crank among Russian writers. Last year Little, Brown & Co. of Boston made the announcement that they were soon to publish a new novel by the author of "Quo Vadis," to be called "The Knights of the Cross." But one day Sienkiewicz, having his story partly written, decided that he needed a vacation. So, laying aside his pen and taking up his gun, he started for the big woods where game was supposed to be plentiful. When his mood changed he returned to his studio and took up his work where he left off. He has worked so faithfully since his return that his publishers have renewed hopes that he may finish it before another divertisement tempts him. They have already published the first part; possibly it might add to the demand for the book should the last half be delayed two or three years. However, this is not probable, as a large portion of the second part has already been received by the publishers, and they also have the assurance that Sienkiewicz is hard at work. Still we cannot but feel that it must be rather wearing upon the nerves of a publisher to have on hand an intermittent author like the talented Pole.

To clubs of ten taking *The Courier* the annual subscription price is seventy five cents (75 cents). Regular subscription price—one dollar per year.

Mrs. W. H. Thomas, wife of the Rev. Dr. Thomas of the People's church, Chicago, has just been ordained "a liberal and independent minister," and has assumed the duties of an assistant to her husband. Mrs. Thomas occupied her husband's pulpit and preached her first sermon the day of her ordination. Her theme was "Cost the Right." It is an interesting fact that on the occasion of her ordination the "the laying on of hands" was done by the present pastor of the M. E. church from which Dr. Thomas was excluded twenty years ago.

Twenty five years ago the appearance of a woman preacher in the pulpit of an orthodox church would have created a sensation. Today no one sees anything

out of the way or unusual in it. Christmas week three Chicago pulpits were filled by women. Mrs. J. H. O. Smith preached a Christmas sermon on "Mary, the Mother of Christ," to her husband's congregation in the Union Christian church. In Sinai Temple—Dr. Emil Hirsch's church—Miss Sadie American occupied the pulpit. These are long steps since the ecclesiastical ordination of Rev. Antoinette Brown Blackwell in 1852. Mrs. Blackwell was the first woman ordained in the Universalist denomination. The first woman to receive the title in the First Congregational church was Rev. Augusta J. Chapin in 1863. Since the ordination of these women nearly one hundred have been ordained in the various denominations.

Wouldst thou fashion for thyself a seemly life?

Then fret not over what is past and gone;
And 'spite of all thou mayest have left behind,

Yet act as if life were just begun;
What each day wills the day itself will tell!
Do thine own task, and be therewith content;

What others do, that shalt thou fairly judge;
Be sure that thou no brother mortal hate,
Then all besides leave to the master Power.
—Goethe.

At a recent meeting of the Chicago woman's club, Mrs. Herroin, ex-president of the G. F. W. C., read a paper on the subject of "Society." In the course of this paper she said some very foolish things which are being referred to in the newspaper world with more or less concealed sarcasm. Among other things, she said: "Society in America nowadays is womanish and over-feminine, and like the theory of co-education, excellent—with doubts. I often wonder what a man and woman educated in the same college, can find of interest to say to each other when married and left entirely alone."

The parliamentary drill of the Plattsmouth woman's club, held January 26th, was led by Mrs. Aea Sleeth, subject, "Amendments." Miss Gass, leader for the evening, presented the subject of American literature under the following heads: "American and English Humorists Compared," "Selections from Our Best Humorists."

Mrs. Westover Alden, club editor of the New York Tribune, recently gave an address before the convention of the state federation of women's clubs of New York, which has given rise to much discussion and criticism. Mrs. Alden claims that women do not succeed in business life because of lack of training in assuming responsibilities from girlhood; that positions of executive responsibility in large establishments are not open to women; that there must be a man-manager at telephone headquarters; a male principal and superintendent of schools; the floor-walkers in the big stores and superintendents of large factories must be men, because "conscience and logic are the two elements that go to make up justice. Both are neglected in the training of girls. Hard as it is to get a man who will treat a hundred girls fairly and get the best work out of them, it is ten times harder to find a woman who will do the same thing. In fact, the latter job is so difficult that business men give it up in despair. They cannot waste their time hunting for prodigies. They must have a system, and that system must involve male superintendence of female labor.

"In conclusion, I want to leave with you just one thought. Women as a rule, do not succeed in business for themselves. Most of you have dealings with business women, and your own experience will answer the question Where you find one reliable in every