

from plowing and reaping, and yet had an equal share with his fellows. At length, when the peasants began to take music as a matter of course, and forgot to tell the piper every morning what a gifted fellow he was, he decided that they did not appreciate a good artist, and didn't know one when they heard one. So he went away to Paris and began to play very different music from that which he had played for the hay-makers, music that did not give pleasure or delight except in a dry, barren way, but people went to hear him because it gave them an opportunity of saying clever things and writing articles. Now these people who got the music were not really the people who paid the musician, for they produced nothing and did no work, but wrung their money from the peasants and with it bought jewels and music. So the hay-makers still paid for the music, though now they heard none of it. This, Count Tolstoi claims, is the present status of art.



While Miss Addams was talking I could not help thinking of the letter that Turgeneff wrote Tolstoi from his death bed, urging him, begging him to abandon his philanthropic madness and give himself again to the great art which he had once enriched. When Count Tolstoi lived in the world and was, as he assures me, a very bad man, he wrote some of the greatest novels in the world's literature. Now that he lives like a serf and spends his strength for his convictions, he writes fables for heavy-browed peasants. The comparison is a poor argument for godly living. But the gist of the whole matter is this, in these times a man cannot live away from the stress of the battle. A weak man or a vicious man who in the long run makes for good is more useful than a saint who hides in the cloister.

Count Tolstoi argues that art has grown too far away from the people. No, it is the people who have grown, and art with them. He argues that no greater poetry has been written than the "Iliad" which came almost directly from the people. But verses from the people of today would be very different stuff. The life of the peasant today is less independently personal, more complex than that of the Argive kings. The life and fortunes of the humblest laborer today are influenced by telegraph reports, stock markets, questions of transportation. So, the art that expresses life today must be more complex than the art of the Homeric Greeks.

As to Tolstoi's theory of labor, of one man's doing several kinds of labor and of throwing the disagreeable work wholly upon no one class, its absurdity is plain enough. If Tennyson had gone

every day into his tulip bed and sent his tulip gardener in to work at "Maude," I fancy neither "Maude" nor the tulips would have prospered. It seems unfair enough that some should be doomed as the bad carriers of the world, but even Count Tolstoi cannot unmake and refashion God's universal. Nature did not mean all things to be equally beautiful or equally happy. She made the skylark and she made the toad, and not all the passion of our prayers could give the reptile wings. There is no means among all the resources of science whereby we may communicate to an oyster the beauty of a synchophy.

## CLUBS.

[LOUISA L. RICKETS.]

### CALENDAR OF NEBRASKA CLUBS.

March.		
17.	Woman's c., Child Study.....	Lincoln
17.	Woman's c., French.....	Lincoln
17.	History and Art c., Effects of the Crusades--Gothic in architecture.....	Seward
17.	Fin de Siecle c., Brook Farm--Hawthorne.....	Seward
17.	Woman's c., Household economics.....	North Bend
17.	Zetetic c., Parliamentary practice.....	Weeping Water
19.	Frances M. Ford c., Children's hour.....	Stromsburg
19.	Woman's c., Business meeting.....	Omaha
19.	Woman's c., Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War, Representative men of the U. S., Central City.....	Lincoln
19.	Woman's c., Household economics.....	Lincoln
19.	Sorosis, "All's Well That Ends Well".....	Stanton
19.	Matinee Musical, Open meeting.....	Lincoln
20.	Woman's c., French conversation.....	Omaha
20.	Woman's c., Ethics and Philosophy.....	Omaha
20.	Woman's c., Business meeting.....	Fairbury
20.	History and Art c., Political Ireland Scott, Ingelow and Kingsley.....	Albion
20.	Woman's c., "Merchant of Venice".....	Stanton
20.	Woman's c., Parliamentary practice.....	Lincoln
20.	Fortnightly c., Russian music.....	Lincoln
21.	Cozy c., Frederick the Great and his court--Comparison of Maria Theresa and Catherine the Great.....	Tecumseh
21.	Woman's c., Oratory.....	Omaha
21.	Mary Barnes c., American revolution--Events of 1777-1778.....	Fullerton
21.	Woman's c., Lecture.....	Ashland
21.	Woman's c., Household economics.....	Omaha
22.	Woman's c., English literature.....	Omaha
22.	Woman's c., Education.....	Omaha
22.	Chivalry and Knights Templar.....	Dundee
22.	Woman's c., Art.....	Lincoln
22.	Woman's c., Literature department.....	Lincoln
22.	Fortnightly c., Maritime discoveries of the age--Raphael.....	Wymore
23.	Self-Culture c., The Austrian war--Career of Napoleon--Nutritive value of foods.....	St. Paul
23.	Woman's c., Current topics--Ecclesiastical history.....	Plattsmouth
23.	Woman's c., Music.....	Lincoln
24.	Woman's c., English History.....	Stromsburg
24.	New Review and Art c., Titian, Tintoretto.....	York
24.	History and Art c., Writers of the middle ages--The servant question.....	Seward
24.	Woman's c., Music.....	Lincoln
24.	Woman's c., The Crusades.....	North Bend
24.	Fin de Siecle c., Alcott, Ripley, Ossoli.....	Seward
24.	Woman's c., Colonial expansion.....	Syracuse

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The club movement of the United States is confronted with the most momentous question which has arisen since its conception, viz: the reorganization proposition, which originated in Massachusetts. At the council meeting in June a committee was appointed to consider the question. This committee has just printed a majority and minority report.

The reorganization committee met in Philadelphia February 15th and 16th, the members present being Mrs. Horace Brock, chairman; Mrs. Rebecca Douglas Lowe, president G. F. W. C.; Mrs. F. M. Hanger, president Arkansas federation;

Mrs. Lucia Eames Blount, state chairman correspondence, District of Columbia federation; Mrs. Emma Van Vechten, ex president Iowa federation; Mrs. Dimies T. S. Denison, president Sorosis, New York; Mrs. C. A. Eldredge, state chairman of Colorado; Mrs. P. Lindsay Johnson, president of Georgia federation; Mrs. Penoyer L. Sherman, president Chicago woman's club; Mrs. May Alden Ward, vice president Massachusetts federation; Mrs. Emily E. Williams, president New Jersey federation, and Mrs. Selwyn Douglas, president federation of Oklahoma and Indian Territory.

The committee calculated that an annual income of five thousand five hundred dollars would meet the expenses of the general federation. This provides for a stenographer for the president and secretary, necessary postage, stationery, etc., and leaves five thousand dollars for biennial meetings. The Denver biennial cost about one thousand six hundred dollars, and three thousand dollars was paid by individuals for speakers, and the stenographical reports for the program committee cost three thousand dollars more. The club women desire the best speakers at the biennials, and these cannot be had for nothing.

#### MAJORITY REPORT OF THE RE-ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.

##### ARTICLE I.

Section 1. The General Federation shall consist of women's clubs, state federations, national societies and kindred organizations, the two latter to be admitted on the basis of individual clubs.

Section 2. The general officers of the federation shall be a president, two vice presidents, a recording secretary, a corresponding secretary, a treasurer and an auditor.

Section 3. The general officers of the federation and eight directors shall constitute a board of directors, who shall transact the business of the federation, subject to its direction, and make a full report at each biennial meeting, and to the council when it convenes. They shall meet at the call of the president. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. The board of directors, presidents of state federations, presidents of clubs and kindred societies shall constitute a council to consider and promote the interests of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. This council shall meet the day previous and the day following each biennial, also at the call of the board of directors. Twenty members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. The presidents of state federations and board of directors of the general federation shall form an advisory council, to meet at the call of the president.

Section 5 shall be called section 6, and read as follows:

The seven officers of the general federation and eight directors shall be elected at biennial meetings by ballot. One delegate from each state, chosen by the delegation of the state, shall form a nominating board, to offer a list of officers and directors for election. A majority vote of those present entitled to vote and voting shall constitute an election.

Section 6 shall be called section 7, and read as follows:

No member shall hold more than one office at a time, and no officer shall be eligible to the same general office for more than two terms consecutively. No two members of the board shall be from the same state. One-half of the board of directors shall be changed at each biennial meeting. Each officer shall hold office until the adjournment of the biennial meeting following that of her election. In case of a vacancy, the

board shall appoint a member to serve until her successor is elected.

Section 7 shall be called section 8.

Section 8 shall be called section 9, and read as follows:

Each federated club and national society or kindred organization shall be entitled to be represented at the biennial by one delegate.

Each state federation shall be entitled to be represented at the biennial by five delegates, one of whom shall be the state president.

Section 9 shall be called section 10.

##### ARTICLE II.

Section 1. Every organization desiring to join the general federation shall make application through its president to the president of the general federation.

They must show that no sectarian or political test is required for membership in their body, and must agree to the constitution and by-laws of the general federation.

Section 2. The president shall refer all applications for membership to the committee on membership appointed by the board of directors for its action upon the same.

The action of the committee on membership shall be in writing and a unanimous vote of the committee shall be required to elect. In case the committee fails to agree, the application shall be referred to the whole board, the written vote of two-thirds of which shall be necessary to elect to membership.

##### ARTICLE III.

Section 2. The board of directors and regularly accredited delegates only shall be entitled to vote at biennial meetings.

Section 6. Annual dues for clubs, national societies and kindred organizations shall be six dollars. The annual dues for state federations shall be fifteen dollars.

Dues shall be paid annually the first of May.

Note--The committee considers that this plan will provide sufficient income for the support of the general federation. (Signed.)

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#### MINORITY REPORT.

We, the undersigned, understanding it to be the duty of the committee on reorganization as expressed in the resolution unanimously adopted by the council of the G. F. W. C., to formulate a plan for reorganization which shall "do away with club representation, to-

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