

WILLY AND THE LADY.

Leave the lady, Willy;  
let the racket rip.  
She is going to fool you;  
you have lost your grip.  
Your head is in a muddle,  
and your heart is in a whirl;  
Come along with me, Willy;  
never mind the girl!  
Come and have a Man Talk.  
Come to those who can talk;  
Light your pipe and listen,  
the boys will pull you through.  
Love is only chatter,  
Friends are all that matter.  
Come and talk the Man Talk;  
that's the cure for you!

Leave the lady, Willy;  
let the letter wait;  
You'll forget your troubles  
when you get it straight;  
The world is full of women,  
and the women full of wile.  
Come along with me, Willy;  
we can make you smile!  
Come and have a Man Talk,  
A rousing black and tan talk!  
There are plenty there to teach you,  
and a lot for you to do.  
Your head must stop its whirling  
Before you go a-girling.  
Come and talk the Man Talk,  
that's the cure for you!

Leave the lady, Willy;  
the night is good and long.  
There's time for beer and baccy,  
time to have a song;  
Where the smoke is swirling,  
sorrow if you can!  
Come along with me, Willy;  
come and be a man!  
Come and have a Man Talk,  
Come and hear the Clan talk!  
We've all of us been through the mill,  
and we've been broken, too.  
We'll advise you confidently,  
And break it to you gently.  
Come and talk the Man Talk;  
that's the cure for you!

Leave the lady, Willy;  
you are rather young.  
When the tales are over,  
when the songs are sung,  
When the men have made you,  
try the girl again!  
Come along with me, Willy;  
you'll be better then.  
Come and have a Man Talk;  
Forget your Girl-Divan Talk!  
You've got to get acquainted  
with a higher point of view!  
Girls are bound to fool you;  
We're the ones to school you.  
Come and talk the Man Talk;  
that's the cure for you!

—Gelett Burgess, in The Criterion.

THE GHILD AND BUTTERFLY.

Snare not the golden butterfly  
That flutters where the June-day breezes  
sigh,  
Nor near, nor far, Sweetheart,  
Strive thou to hold,

For see! The endless sky  
Shall keep it beautiful, while thou and I  
Might dim or mar, Sweetheart,  
It's dainty gold.  
—Albert W. Barker, in June Lippencott.

Radbourne—What will you do with  
that deaf and dumb pickpocket?  
Wardle—Give him a hearing, I sup-  
pose.

"How is Stanzer getting on with his  
poetry writing?" asked Spykes.  
"Verse and verse," replied Katzen-  
stein.

Mistress—So you have two lovers?  
Servant—Yes'm. One's a regular and  
the other a volunteer.

CLUBS.

[LOUISA L. RICKETTS.]

CALENDAR OF NEBRASKA CLUBS.

May.

26.	Woman's c., English history....	Stromsburg
26.	Zetetic c., Comparison of men and women as story writers.....	Weeping Water
		Self Culture c., Definite establish- ment of the French republic....
28.	Woman's c., Annual meeting.....	Omaha
28.	Sorosis, American forestry--Amer- ican sphere.....	Stanton
		History and Art c., Annual pie- nic.....
29.	Woman's c., French conversation....	Omaha
29.	Woman's c., Ethics and Philosophy....	Omaha
30.	Woman's c., Oratory.....	Omaha
30.	Matinee Musical--Memorial music....	Lincoln
30.	Friends in Council, Annual meeting.....	Tecumseh
		Woman's c., English literature.....
31.	Woman's c., Household econ- omy.....	Omaha
		Woman's c., Annual meeting.....
31.	Cozy c., German literature.....	Tecumseh

June 1.

1.	Ladies' Philomathian c., Amer- ican women.....	Shickley
2.	Self-culture c., Pot Pourri.....	St. Paul

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To the Delegates to the Milwaukee Bi-  
ennial:

Particular attention should be paid  
to the following statement and every  
detail carefully followed.

The reduction of fares is in all cases  
upon certificate plan; receipts for fares  
paid will not be accepted in lieu of cer-  
tificates.

Certificates may be obtained from  
ticket agent at starting point, and will  
show the payment of full first-class fare  
through to place of meeting. In the  
case of small agencies where the local  
station is not supplied with certificates  
and through tickets to Milwaukee, the  
agent will furnish information as to the  
nearest point where such ticket can be  
obtained, and a local ticket should be  
purchased to that point where the  
through ticket and certificate can be  
taken up.

These certificates will be signed in  
Milwaukee by the chairman of the  
transportation committee of the biennial  
local board, and vised by the joint agent  
at the Alhambra theater, during June  
6th and following days of the conven-  
tion, and upon presentation to the Mil-  
waukee ticket agent, the holder will be  
entitled to the authorized reduction in  
fare for return trip.

Certificates are not transferable, and  
no reduction will be made by any road  
to anyone not holding the certificate  
properly filled out and signed.

L. L. RICKETTS,

State Chairman Correspondence for  
Nebraska.

Certain adjustments are always neces-  
sary in any organization that has de-  
veloped as rapidly as the G. F. W. C.  
Radical changes, however, should al-  
ways be discouraged. The selection of  
the word "reorganization" to express  
changes necessary to the well-being of  
the national work of women's clubs was  
unfortunate, but the points insisted  
upon by the minority report of the com-  
mittee means reorganization.

They are (1) the exclusion of individ-  
ual clubs from the General Federation;  
(2) best means of raising revenue; (3) the  
abolition of the office of state chairman  
of correspondence; (4) triennial instead  
of biennial meetings.

The general organization was origin-  
ally a "Federation of Women's Clubs,"  
not a federation of state federations

It soon, however, extended its privil-  
eges to the state federations, which had  
sprung into existence. Now the propo-  
sition is to expel the individual clubs,  
the original homesteaders, and leave  
the late comers, the state federations,  
in sole control. This proposition cer-  
tainly does not appeal to a sense of jus-  
tice.

The principal reason given is that the  
organization is "unwieldy" and the bi-  
ennials "burdensome." The largest at-  
tendance yet reached was at Denver,  
when about seven hundred delegates  
assembled. It was the universal senti-  
ment of those who attended that biennial  
that it was the most inspiring conven-  
tion yet held. Denver women did  
not complain of its burdensomeness,  
but took just pride in the fact that it  
was the largest and most successful bi-  
ennial ever held by the G. F. W. C.  
The delegates generally participated in  
this pride. No small part of the enthu-  
siasm and success of this convention  
was due to the large attendance. It is  
safe to say that half the attendance  
could not have produced even half the  
inspiration. If seven hundred delegates  
constitute an "unwieldy and burden-  
some" body, what shall we say of the  
National Educational association, which,  
with 15,000 members, has never lacked  
for entertainment or complained of un-  
wieldiness? Its thirty-eighth annual  
convention, held last summer on the  
Pacific coast netted the association  
about \$30,000. Hence, instead of finan-  
cial embarrassments, this organization  
is seeking good investments. If num-  
bers will solve the troublesome question  
of finance, this furnishes a good sugges-  
tion for the G. F. W. C., which would  
eventually do away with club or per  
capita taxation.

The third point, the abolition of state  
chairmen of correspondence, is of little  
importance. There are certain duties  
relegated to her which must be per-  
formed by someone. They should not  
be added to the many responsibilities of  
the president of the state federation.  
On the other hand, the proposed feder-  
ation committee of three would seem to  
multiply troubles, unless the chairman  
attended to all the correspondence,  
which resolves it back into its present  
condition. If fear of friction between  
state president and state chairman  
urges this point, it is possible that the  
chairman or president, or both, need to  
be abolished, which can be accomplished  
at the next election. I want to say for  
Nebraska that the state president and  
state chairman for the past two years  
have been of mutual assistance to each  
other, and the work is as satisfactorily  
done as could have been accomplished  
under any other arrangement.

Shall the G. F. W. C. meet biennially  
or triennially? By all means biennially.  
The biennials are a good thing, and we  
cannot have them too often. Club wo-  
men need the enthusiasm and encour-  
agement which is always found in a  
large gathering of those who think and  
work in the same channels. There is a  
something which emanates from these  
meetings, a feeling that one is flowing  
with the tide, that its mighty strength  
in part belongs to each, that is inspiring  
and broadening.

The biennials have come to mean a  
great deal to club women. Triennials  
mean so much less, and the whole cry  
of clubdom should be more and more.

I hope and trust that the biennial  
meeting at Milwaukee will not result in  
wholesale slaughter of the innocents,  
in the great and cruel wrong of saying  
to any woman's club in our broad free  
land, "You may no longer have a repre-  
sentative in the national council you  
created. You may not have direct con-  
nection with the fountainhead. You,  
who organized the federation, who sup-  
plied the life-giving principles, must go,  
while we, who were invited to partake

of your hospitality, will remain. Hagar  
sent forth to perish does not compare  
with this injustice.

The adoption of the minority report  
of the reorganization committee would  
not only work a great injustice to the  
individual clubs, but would result in  
absolute disorganization of the General  
Federation as it now exists.

A calm, conservative course would be  
more creditable to the club women of  
America than this rush for something of  
which they know nothing.

LOUISA L. RICKETTS.

National Federation of Music Clubs.

The benefits of the National Feder-  
ation of Music Clubs, organized at Chi-  
cago in 1898, are seen all over the land.  
The broad spirit of philanthropy is the  
underlying principle and its object is to  
bring music within the reach of those  
who love this expression of the divine.  
Unceasing reciprocity is the attitude of  
the federated clubs, and each one not  
only receives of the best of others, but  
gives the best of itself.

Through the "artist committee" clubs  
are enabled to engage talent otherwise  
beyond their reach, for all extra expense,  
such as fees and commission, is elimi-  
nated.

The "bureau of registry" arranges for  
recitals, thus giving opportunities for  
both musicians and audiences, and fur-  
nishing openings for talented and com-  
paratively unknown artists to show  
their worth, these artists receiving ex-  
penses or a small remuneration.

Through the "federation librarian"  
the music in the libraries of separate  
clubs may be secured at a nominal  
price to other clubs, and the year books  
and carefully arranged programs (the re-  
sult of much thought and study) are  
widely distributed. To smaller or more  
or less isolated clubs lacking opportuni-  
ties of contact with the best in the  
music world, the federation offers in-  
calculable advantages and to all clubs  
the benefits are far in excess of the  
small membership fee required. The  
division of the United States into four  
sections, each under the care of a sec-  
tional vice president and directors, sim-  
plifies and expedites any desired corre-  
spondence. Mrs. D. A. Campbell, Lin-  
coln, Nebraska, is vice president of the  
western section. A list of officers and  
further information may be obtained by  
application to Mrs. T. E. Ellison, press  
committee, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

There are clubs and clubs. Some one  
has said—of course, it must have been  
some crabbed old bachelor—that the  
"average club is composed mostly of  
sticks." But club women know that  
a good club is the very best kind of a  
training school and a winnowing that  
permits very little chaff to pass. It is  
said you must live with a person before  
you know them. The next best knowl-  
edge may be obtained by meeting with

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