

women of the United States would stop frittering and devote their time and talents to any one reform they could bring it about without any difficulty. The trouble is, they all try to do too many things; the energy is wasted on being scattered. "Concentrate on one thing at a time and keep at it until it is done," said this woman who is without doubt the ablest woman in the state. She, too, was most warmly received and applauded, but will her strong words be heeded? Will the women of Nebraska stand together for a single day on any subject? Take the pure food, for example; every one is vitally interested in that subject, but will the clubs take it up seriously? This paper is only too glad to give the women the best parts of the Federation and to help in any direction if women mean business. We have been in just this attitude for six years and have suggested a hundred reforms in that time which women may just as well as not bring about. Nothing could resist the influence of 4,000 good women. No evil could stand against it for a day, but how few are ready to take up the cudgel and go after anything systematically, patiently and thoroughly? Take the reform in the schools, by which the youngsters may be taught to spell simple words of the English language; it is easy if 4,000 women wish to do it. Instead of that they permit the schools to be run by men who don't know or care whether the superintendent of the schools is a teacher or whether he is a drayman. If he is a good ward politician it does not matter whether the graduate can spell or not.

Mrs. H. M. Bushnell, president of the Lincoln club, gave a most cordial welcome to the delegates. It was not flowery nor fulsome, but it was like the woman who delivered it, sincere through and through, and made all feel at home at once and in sympathy with the club work, because the speaker had said it was a good thing to be interested in.

The program on Wednesday afternoon was devoted entirely to music. Mrs. Wagner Thomas of Omaha, sang delightfully, and Miss Corinne Paulson played a difficult piano solo as only an artist might play it, giving all pleasure, but Mrs. Will Owen Jones was the finest pianist who appeared, by all odds. Miss Lora Holmes has a magnificent and unusual voice and sings beautifully, while the string quartette which closed the program is composed of professionals, who rendered the music according to their reputation.

The paper prepared by Mrs. Baetens was omitted because Mrs. H. P. Eames, of Lincoln, took all her own time, all of Mrs. Baetens' and about fifteen minutes over to tell about the music of the Negro and Indian. After the convention had voted to keep all speakers within the time designated in the program it was somewhat provoking, and Mrs. Apperson was forced to request her to desist, because the chairman of the afternoon, Mrs. Barbour, failed in her duty as time keeper. It was too bad all around and such things should not be permitted. The woman who has the nerve to keep on talking for more than double her time does not deserve much consideration, yet it is very hard for one who is not in charge of the program to call her down. Mrs. Apperson probably consoled herself with the

thought that as she had been the recipient of some honor, she must also be willing to do a few disagreeable things.

Chancellor Andrews is a logical believer in woman suffrage, and while he did not say so, he talked about advanced women in such a manner as to leave no doubt in the minds of his auditors that he is of the opinion that sex does not necessarily determine one's adaptability to do things. He believes that the time is coming when all that will be asked by the world is, "Can the person do the work better than some other person?" He said it is long in coming because that is the only way great changes can come, but it is inevitable. His short speech certainly pleased his hearers, who were mostly women, although a man sat in the audience, here and there. There is a clause in the state law, under which the University is operated, which says something about women, but Mrs. Apperson concluded from the Chancellor's remarks that it would always be ignored while Professor Andrews is at its head, as it always has been under his predecessors.

The Omaha delegation was the most harmonious and unanimous of any at the Federation. Everyone wanted to do what everyone wanted her to do, and there was not one woman in the whole delegation who wished to be elected to an office. Two from Omaha were elected, but they were not delegates.

Mrs. Apperson charmed all by her sweetness and self control, and her declination of the presidency disappointed many of her friends, who believe that the officers should hold for two terms.

Thursday morning was devoted to the consideration of domestic science, and every word written and said was to the point and on time. Miss Bouton of the University of Nebraska, talked in the direct and straightforward manner which has endeared her to all women who have had aught to do with the preparation of programs in Nebraska. She has something to say and she says it in a pleasing style, which proclaims her to be a successful instructor of the young. The women of Nebraska are indeed fortunate in having such a competent woman, who has the subject so well in hand, at the head of this department in the State University. She will do more for the real forwarding of this idea of better home making than a thousand theorists could do.

Mrs. Paul of St. Paul, Mrs. Steele of Fairbury, Mrs. Durland of Norfolk, and Doctor Grothman of St. Paul, all gave delightful papers and talks. Each had a different phase of this all-embracing question and each showed that she is in earnest and has capabilities to give to others of what she herself has demonstrated.

The discussion on food adulteration was general and many bright and sensible speeches were made, all inside of three minutes. This paper has urged that the members of the Federation be permitted to discuss the topics which are presented. Mrs. Pugh was the only chairman who arranged for discussion, and all the women declared it was the most enjoyable feature of the meeting.

After the noon adjournment a meeting was held in the church auditorium, at which the State Household Economic Association was reorganized.

In the afternoon the school problems were taken up. Mrs. Wheeler of Lincoln, presented a very exhaustive resume of the laws, and Mrs. Towne talked for five minutes on the school board as it is, and gave the cheap politician some good hits. Miss Haskell gave an exhaustive report of the educational section of the Biennial. No report could be fuller or more interesting. Miss Haskell seemed to hit by instinct on the fine bits in each speech made by prominent educators and gave them to

us in splendid style.

Miss Charlotte M. White, who has been teacher and who has run for office several times, has been defeated and elected and knows a lot about her subject, gave a talk, without notes, straight from the shoulder—or the heart—which was applauded so vigorously that she was compelled to take up the subject for another five minutes and if she had talked all the afternoon the women would have been satisfied to sit and listen she was so original, so in earnest and so forcible in her remarks.

On Saturday afternoon, October 13th, the Weeping Water Zetetic club met with Mrs. George Ashmun. The beauty of the day together with the general expectations of good things from delegate and visitors to the sixth annual meeting at Lincoln, called out a good attendance. Responses to roll call bore reference to the life of Chaucer and to the Canterbury Tales. The report of Mrs. Woodford, delegate to the meeting at Lincoln was given, so brightly and graphically that the stay-at-homes thought that most of the mountain had been brought to them. Mrs. Dunham presented a resume of the life and times of Chaucer and Mrs. Nellie Sackett presented his character and personality.

The Fairbury Woman's club met in the club room on Tuesday, October 16th and was called to order by the president, Mrs. J. B. McDowell.

Mrs. D. B. Cropsey as hostess, received, and Mrs. Ed Laet, leader of the literary department, presided after the business meeting.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the report of the annual meeting of the State Federation of clubs as given by Mrs. J. C. Kesterson.

At the next meeting, Tuesday, October 23rd, the following program was given:

Business.
Response—Quotations from Ruskin.
Music.
Sketch of Art from Early Egyptian Art until the Renaissance—Miss Minnie Pease.
Talk on the Madonnas—Mrs. J. B. McDowell.
Music.
Mrs. Joseph Sarbach as hostess, and Mrs. E. R. Allen as chairman, presided.

The National Woman Suffrage Association has been making elaborate preparations for the national suffrage bazar that is to be held in Madison Square Garden, New York, December 3rd to the 8th. The bazar has a three-fold object.

"First, to advertise the suffrage cause throughout the nation by a well organized and successful business enterprise; second, to give opportunity to individual believers not heretofore open adherents of the cause to contribute to its support and thereby establish more firmly their interest in it; third, through the work of the organized Suffrage Association in connection with the larger body of sympathizing but inactive adherents to fill the treasury in order to give an impetus to the beginning of the work of the new century."

The Bazar Committee has arranged the space so that each state may have the amount it desires. The committee will provide each state with a booth, a table and will drape the rear of each booth so that critics may be suspended therefrom. States not sending enough material to fill one booth will be united with some other state or states according to the number of articles necessary to fill and make an attractive booth. Most the booths will be decorated in such a manner as to illustrate some characteristic peculiar to the state that they represent. Louisiana will use sugar cane and Maine pine cones for

decoration. The Ohio booth will be draped with curtains made from buckeyes. No goods will be received that cannot be sold on commission, liquors or tobacco will not be allowed, also lottery devices and chances on different articles will be prohibited. Transportation of all articles must be paid to New York by the states sending, but after reaching New York cartage and any other expenses will be paid by the bazar fund. There will be interesting programs afternoon and evening. Local arrangements are in charge of the Central Committee: Carrie Chapman Catt, Mrs. Priscilla D. Hackstaff and Mrs. Mariaca Chapman.

On Thursday afternoon a meeting was held by the patrons of the Capital School. Mrs. Wheeler, the president, presided. Doctor Bailey spoke on a "Few Thoughts of Childhood," and Doctor Wharton on, "A Father and His Baby."

The regular meeting of the Woman's club was held on Monday in the Salisbury block. The subject for the afternoon was "Music of Norway," by Mr. Henry Purmort Eames. Mr. Eames has made a wide reputation for himself by these explanatory recitals if it is permissible so to speak of them. Mr. Eames by his remarks puts his audience in sympathy with the country whose music he is to illustrate. Mr. Eames expresses himself in a happy manner and in such a fashion as to bring out the shades, shadows and sunlight of the people whose music is representative of their characteristics. Mr. Eames began his talk with a short history of folk songs and then of Norwegian music. He spoke of each composer and their composition before each number of the following program:

MUSIC OF NORWAY.
Two Dances, Six Folksongs, Halling, harmonized by Edward Grieg.
Halling, Vermland.
Tuppa, Uppland.
Cow-Keeper's Tune and Country Dance, harmonized by Edward Grieg.
Cradle Song, Halfdan, Kjerulf.
Laengeel, op. 24, No. 2, Johann S. Svendsen.
Humoreske, Serenade, Ole Olson.
March of the Dwarfs, op. 54, Edward Grieg.
Marguerite Cradle Song, She Is So White, The Princess, A Father's Cradle Song, (songs) Edward Grieg.
Funeral March, (a minor) Edward Grieg.
Sunrise, Ase Death, Anita's Dance Troll Dance, (from Peer Gynt, suite No. 1) Edward Grieg.
Study in F, op. 24, Serenade, op. 33, War Rhapsody, op. 35, Christian Sieling.

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