

folk, chairman, who will further as far as possible this work. A letter containing the hopes and desires of this committee will soon be sent to every club, federated and unfederated, in this state that can be reached. It has been decided since the meeting, not to print a new year book, but to add a supplement to the old one, which will contain all changes in reports and such other additions or subtractions as will make the book complete.

It gave each member of the board a great pleasure to have the privilege of endorsing the revised compulsory education bill now before our legislative body, and they stand ready to give it any further aid in their power.

Members of the library committee are to be congratulated upon the fact that their appropriation bill for the traveling library is meeting with hearty endorsement, and will undoubtedly become a law.

Miss Fairbrother has made the very generous offer of devoting the seventh birthday of her Woman's Weekly to state federation news. It seems an especially fitting thing to do, as her paper had its origin in the birth of the federation. It will contain much of interest, and will scatter information we are anxious to distribute. If one can depend at all upon hearsay, it will probably be the last issue in Omaha of the Woman's Weekly, as Miss Fairbrother expects to remove to California soon on account of the health of her mother.

One very important thing which we did do at the board meeting was to accept unanimously the invitation from Wayne to entertain the state federation next October, and we hope our decision will meet the approval and generous effort of all the clubs in the state.

The president, Mrs. Draper Smith, wishes me to say that she received your message, and that we will be glad to give you all the matters of interest that we get for publication.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

## ART.

- Mrs. F. M. Hall, Lincoln.
- " Elizabeth Langworthy, Seward.
- " Anna R. Morey, Hastings.

## HOUSEHOLD ECONOMICS.

- Mrs. W. D. Baker, Norfolk.
- " Sullivan, Columbus.
- " Sarah Welle Phelps, Schuyler.

## INDUSTRIAL.

- Mrs. A. M. Edwards, Milford.
- " Nellie Cady, St. Paul.
- " Etta R. Holmes, Kearney.

## LIBRARY.

- Mrs. B. M. Stoutenborough, Plattsmouth.
- " L. L. Ricketts, Lincoln.
- " H. S. Towne, Omaha.

## CONSTITUTION.

- Mrs. A. K. Gault, Omaha.
- " Draper Smith, Omaha.
- " Stoutenborough, Plattsmouth.

## MUSIC.

- Mrs. Lily R. Burton, Fremont.
- " S. E. Sedgwick, York.
- Miss Mary A. Smith, University Place.

## EDUCATIONAL.

- Mrs. Anna L. Apperson, Tecumseh.
- " G. M. Wheeler, Lincoln.
- Miss Cory Berryman, Central City.

## CREDENTIALS.

- Mrs. John Erhardt, Stanton.
- " Brainard Dearborn, Wakefield.
- " E. M. Smith, Wayne.

## PROGRAM.

- Mrs. C. S. Lobingier, Omaha.
- " Hainer, Aurora.
- " Stoutenborough, Plattsmouth.

## TRANSPORTATION.

- Mrs. H. D. Neely, Omaha.
- " E. V. Herford, Omaha.

## RECIPROCIITY.

- Mrs. Archibald Scott, Lincoln.

The National Council of Women of Canada through their representatives, Mesdames Willoughby-Cummings and Jarvis, have appealed to the Hon. Mr.

Stratton, Provincial Secretary, in regard to better care and protection for women of feeble intellect. Mr. Stratton promised investigation as to this class in Great Britain and the United States.

The Lincoln Woman's club will meet next Monday afternoon at three o'clock in the club rooms. The French department will have charge of the afternoon and it has prepared a program interesting and amusing.

The Century club met in interesting and social conference on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Hays. Mrs. Milton Scott read a paper on Ethiopian Invasion, Karnak and Luxor.

Sociosis met Tuesday with Mrs. E. L. Hinman. Mrs. Munger discussed the germ theory of disease.

New York and Boston clubs are continually agitating the questions of "sweat-shops." Fortunately this perplexing problem is not one Nebraska has to solve, but it is one of vital interest to all parts of the country from a humane and sanitary point of view. The Consumers League in New York and Massachusetts has done much to alleviate conditions. Massachusetts represents a more encouraging state of affairs in this regard. In nineteen months 20,000 licenses for home work have been issued in New York City and in the state of Massachusetts only 1,500. As the most of the homes to which work is taken in New York are in a most unsanitary condition, the garments made are necessarily unhygienic and often the cause of serious results to the wearer. Massachusetts has honest factory inspectors and the home work permitted there is generally acceptable.

The ninth annual midwinter conference of the Maine federation of Women's clubs was a recent occurrence. A discussion as to the forming of a New England federation took place. This question resulted in the adoption of a resolution denying such an idea on the part of the federation. The state superintendent of education spoke of the public school conditions and needs.

Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker gave two large musicales in Denver last week.

The Denver Woman's club was largely attended on last Saturday. The program consisted of stereopticon black and white illustrations by famous artists.

One of the most thoughtful phases which modern charity has taken, is that recently begun by the Woman's Auxiliary to the Guild for Crippled Children. Many children, badly crippled, were prevented from attending kindergarten and school, owing to the inability of their parents to afford a carriage, go-cart or even push cart for them. The Guild a short time ago bought a wagonette, upholstered with comfortable seats and cushions and made with special reference to bumps and jars. With what pleasure the children now look forward to their to and fro journeyings is expressed by a small boy who on getting out of the wagonette exclaimed: "After all being a limpy has some fun to it."

Some of the eastern clubs that have been so decided in their opinion and action in regard to the colored question as first opened at the Milwaukee biennial will see how far reaching the effect is already becoming by the recent refusal of the Woman's club of Richmond, Virginia to join the General Federation. Mrs. Lowe was present at the meeting and urged the club to unite with the national organization. The idea was received with favor until one of the members

mentioned the fact that one club in the federation admitted colored women. Mrs. Lowe met this statement with the argument that this was only one club and that it was exceedingly improbable as long as colored women had clubs of their own that they should ever wish to join clubs of white women. The motion, however was voted down.

"Undebatable Questions" will be the subject for the Parliamentary department of the Lincoln Woman's club on February 26.

Mrs. Morning, leader of the Current Events department of the Lincoln Woman's club furnishes the following report:

The next meeting of the Current Topics department of the Woman's club will occur on the 5th of March. The principal subject of discussion will be the Passion Play of Oberammergau. Miss Janette Green, who was a witness of the last rendition of the play, will be leader for the day. The subject of the succeeding meeting will be Bacteria discussed by Mrs. Munger. Russia will be taken up next and will occupy two meetings. We will be assisted by Mesdames Maria Rose, H. H. Wilson, Walter Lamb and Ricketts. The subject of the last meeting of the year will be City Lighting. A visit will be made to the gas and electric plants.

The Current Topics department of the Lincoln Woman's club met on Tuesday at the club rooms. Mrs. Frank Hall talked about the development of French art. She showed the opposition which artists encourage in their struggle to break away from the traditions of the Italian school. She explained the development of a characteristic French school of art. And the opposition of the French schools of today which was so strong a factor in the awarding of prizes at the recent exposition. Pictures were shown illustrating the points brought out in the talk.

The Literature department of the Lincoln Woman's club met on Thursday of this week and devoted its time to a study of Wordsworth. His "Ode to Immortality," "Ode to Duty" and "Daffodils" were discussed.

The Household Economics department of the Seward Woman's club, met with Mrs. Will Dickinson, at her home, on Saturday, February 2. The program consisted of a fifteen minute discussion on hygienic cooking of oat meal and other cereals, and the effects of improperly cooked food. Mrs. Tierney, who recently visited the School of Domestic Science of the State University of Nebraska, presented the club a very interesting and scientific series of tests of a small portion of flour. The first of these showed the amount of mineral matter such as potash, iron, lime and phosphoric acid obtained in the flour. In the next process the flour was burned with ether which left the oil. The third process evolved the starch containing the carbohydrates and the fourth test extracted the gluten and proteids. This subject was most ably handled by Mrs. Tierney, and will be given by her at the general meeting of the Woman's club.

Mrs. Gwartzney read a paper on the Process of Bread Making. Mesdames Holland, Diers, Suppiger, Dickinson, Moore and Gwartzney prepared dishes made of corn meal, whole wheat, graham etc. Mrs. Anderson served Grape Nuts manufactured by her. Mrs. Holland in the neat dress of the professional cook, mixed baking powder biscuits in the parlor, before the class and after they were baked, served them to the ladies with honey and butter. Mrs. Diers served coffee cake and Zweiback with coffee.

Mrs. Suppiger supplied the students with sandwiches made from whole wheat bread. Mrs. Moore prepared chocolate pudding, and also a minute gelatine pudding which was served with whipped cream. Delicious graham sandwiches made by Mrs. Dickinson were served with the dessert. No two articles of food are so illy prepared by many cooks as coffee and bread, and the Household Economics club demonstrated the scientifically proper way to prepare both. The annual banquet of the Seward Woman's club was held last week.

On last Saturday the western representatives of the Daughters of the American Revolution left Chicago about one hundred in number, for Washington to attend the tenth annual congress of the D. A. R.

The Pennsylvania Women's clubs are working eagerly for the passage of a Juvenile Court bill that will be presented during this session of the state legislature. The New Century club of Philadelphia and the Pennsylvania Congress of Mothers are putting forth particularly earnest efforts for the success of the bill.

The Woman's club of Hawaii has been studying the Transvaal War for the last four months and has now begun the study of China. The club has a membership of forty-eight, the members being mostly native Hawaiians, with a few Chinese. English is spoken entirely in the club, though a few songs are in Hawaiian. The club has at present two branches, one in Waimea, Kauai, and the other in Hilo, Hawaii.

A club whose name promotes immediate interest and curiosity, is that of the All Around Dickens club of Boston. At the last meeting letters were read from corresponding members in England and readings with charming impersonations. A report was read of the banquet given February 7, in honor of the anniversary of Dickens' birth. At this feast Prof. Blackwell of Cambridge was the speaker of honor, his subject being "The place of Dickens in literature at the beginning of the twentieth century."

Mrs. R. O. F. Chester of Brooklyn has written for one of the New York papers a scathing criticism of federations of women's clubs. Her thrusts are directed especially against the last meeting of the New York federation which occurred in Albany last fall. Her feeling is intense upon the subject and her view therefore is neither kindly, moderate nor logical. Some of her points,

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