

general officers of the organization being elected biennially. Upon invitation of the Woman's Literary club of Harri-man the next federation meeting will be held in that place April 24, 25 and 26, for which a most attractive program is being arranged. Officers elected last April to serve till 1902 are: Mesdames Perkins, Knoxville, president; Anderson, Memphis, vice P.; Salzkutter, Nashville, treas.; Young, Ripley, auditor; Misses Henry, Maryville, rec. sec.; Salmon, Lynchburg, corr. sec.

The next meeting of the Board of the General Federation will be held at the Arlington, Washington, February 27 and 28. At that time a decision will be reached concerning the place at which the next biennial meeting will be held. On good authority the statement is made that the club women of Atlantic City are the latest to offer biennial hospitality to the national society. Contrary to expectation, Mrs. Lowe, who has not at this writing yet gone abroad, may be present at Washington.

The sum of eight thousand dollars was realized from the bazar held by the National Suffrage Association in December at Madison Square Garden, New York. This money raised for the specific purpose of furthering the cause will be chiefly invested in efforts to secure equal suffrage in Arizona before that territory shall become a state. If this can be done the question, after Arizona has achieved statehood, will not need to go before the people, but can be settled by the legislature. Speakers have been secured to make addresses in the territory, and literature will be distributed. The president of the association, Mrs. Catt, will probably be one of the speakers in the campaign. The suffragists had hoped to secure voting rights for women in Oklahoma, but the saloon element arrayed itself so strongly against them, that all idea of success has been abandoned.

Club women will be interested in a Philadelphia society known as the Teachers' Aid and Annuity Association, when it is stated that it was established in the beginning largely through the efforts of the Philadelphia High School Alumnae, of which Mrs. George Kendrick, Jr., corresponding secretary of the General Federation, is president. The teachers' beneficial society now has a permanent fund amounting to \$185,000. The interest from this fund, with the dues of the thousands of members enrolled on its books and annual appropriations from the city and state of \$20,000, is devoted to paying annuities which amount every year, to \$45,000.

The work of the Legal Aid society of New York City resembles in certain phases that done by the Protective Agency for Women and Children of Chicago, except that it is without sex limitations. The society has been established nearly twenty-five years and in this time has recovered nearly \$800,000 for clients, who otherwise would have been defrauded. During the year 1899, 10,000 applications for legal assistance were received by the society. The cases are generally settled out of court by correspondence or personal interviews. The average amount involved in each case is eight dollars. A retainers fee of ten cents is charged. The society now has four branches of work, one of the most important is that for seamen. Mr. Arthur Von Briesen, the president, makes the estimate that \$5,000,000 are annually won from sea captains and sailors by fraudulent schemes. Another branch that is doing effective work in connection with the University settlement is the Woman's department which renders legal aid to women wage earners. The society has been in existence long

enough to furnish positive proof of the effectiveness of its work. Its results are not by any means altogether of a dollar and a cent value. Many of the clients are foreigners by birth, who have only a dim idea of law and imagine redress impossible for them; a luxury that belongs to the rich. This is the root of many anarchistic sentiments. The person wronged is embittered not only against the one who has defrauded him but against society in general. In this mood the theories of any agitator are welcome. Thus the evils grow and finally ripens into anarchy. It is this class of people that the society particularly aids. Mr. Von Briesen says of the organization: "We demonstrate that there is not only law in this country to redress wrongs and protect people from cheating and fraud, but that it is law for the poor as well as for the rich." In this way patriotism and love of law and order obtain many a recruit.

The next meeting of the D. A. R. will be with Miss Mary M. A. Stevens, 821 E street. The paper will be given by Mrs. A. S. Tibbetts, subject, "The German Settlers of Pennsylvania."

At the national convention of the D. A. R. which occurred last week in Washington, Mrs. Stephen B. Pound of Lincoln, was elected Nebraska regent. This is an honor to her chapter as state regents are members of the national executive board.

The February Monthly meeting of New York Sorosis occurred some few days ago. The committee on current events had charge of the program. Mrs. Dennison, president of the club, opened the meeting with a few appreciative words of Queen Victoria. She closed with the remark, "This is the lesson of her life—few can be great, but all can be kind." Shadows of some of the coming events, was the topic under consideration. The death of the Queen, the Nicaragua canal, Hawaii, Cuba and China were discussed under this heading by the leader, Mrs. Carpenter. The problem between the European nations and China, she said, reminded her of little Johnny and Mary who were sitting on an ottoman in rather close quarters, when Johnny politely said, "Mary, there would be more room for me on this hassock if one of us were to get off."

"One of the longest of the shadows," was the title of a paper giving a brief history of the Nicaragua canal movements. Another paper, "How to be a good stepmother," illustrated the relationship of the United States to Cuba and the Philippines. Mrs. Connor, a member of Sorosis, who has been absent during this time has traveled in many parts of the world, spoke on "Broken china and how to mend it." She said that *Grab* and not the missionary was the origin of the trouble. "Electricity, an article without a shadow" was the closing topic. The wonderful progress and prospect for the science brushed away all previous and foreboding shadows. A discussion as to the value of missionary work followed. Music completed the afternoon. A number of guests were present.

A lecture upon Greek nation was given before the universal history class department of the Woman's club of Platts-mouth, Friday evening, February 22, by Prof. W. C. Smith. A number of visitors were present. A cornet solo was given by Mr. Hajek, accompanied by Miss Hajek. Owing to the fact that the club was forced to find another place of meeting, other than the regular rooms, a motion prevailed by a unanimous rising vote that the Knights of Pythias hall be abandoned by the club. The house and homes committee was instructed to find another room in which

to hold the club meetings. The current topics and literature departments met March 1, subject, "For Love of Country," was given by Mrs. Windham.

The parliamentary department met on Monday with the subject, Debate Questions. The election of officers for the coming year also occurred. Mrs. Eli Plummer was elected leader; Mrs. R. P. Herron, assistant; Mrs. John Klinker, secretary.

At the meeting of the art department of the Lincoln Woman's club Monday, February 18, Miss Hayden was re-elected leader. Mrs. Paul Holm was made assistant, and Mrs. John Klinker, secretary. The paper was on Ancient German art and given by Mrs. Widener, who gave a very clear idea of the growth and attainments of German art.

The program given by the French department of the Lincoln Woman's club on Monday afternoon was heard by an appreciative audience. Many a listener received latent knowledge of the language of rolling rs and nasal sounds.

The English lesson between Princess Katherine and Lady Alice, King Henry Fifth, Shakspeare, by Mrs. E. S. Williams and Miss Julia Haskell was given with artistic unconsciousness and feeling and quite carried the audience away. Mrs. Simpkins read Beranger's poem *Le Roi d'Yvetot*, with an accent francais. The soloists of the afternoon were Mrs. Lewis Baker, contralto, and Miss Agnew, soprano. Mrs. Baker sang first a Spanish song and then the chanson, *Quand l'Oiseau Chante*. Miss Agnew gave, *Over the Hill*, by Coleridge, and *A Gypsy Maiden*, I, by Parker. After this intermezzo of song, Dr. Fling spoke of French character as shown in the national language and literature. Dr. Fling has made such exhaustive and scholarly study of French character and French history that his subject was briefly and forcibly put to the great gain of the listener.

The Self Culture club of St. Paul last Friday evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Fletcher, gave a Washington's birthday party. Each of the ladies delivered a critique of Washington. Old fashioned songs were sung. Prof. Spear of Grand Island sang. This is the first club meeting to which men were admitted; heretofore they had been invited to partake of banquets spread in their honor. The men's responses were brief but they said: "When ten measures of talk were handed down from heaven the ladies took nine." A New England supper was served around tables decorated with national colors.

The midwinter meeting of the Massachusetts state federation at Brockton, was attended by 1200 delegates and club women.

At the last meeting of the Women's Educational club of West Newton, resolutions which are to be sent to President McKinlay, were adopted protesting against the license of vice in the Philippines. The West Newton club has also decided to espouse the cause of the Woman's Era club and a protest of the section of the Milwaukee biennial will be sent to the directors of the National Federation.

The New Jersey state federation has a membership of eighty-eight clubs. Nebraska has ninety-one, according to year book 1899 1900. The Iowa improvement department is particularly effective. It has done good work for the preservation of the Palisades. Through its instigation the legislature appointed a Palisades Commission on which two members of the federation served. Later this resulted in the appointment of a

permanent commission that works in connection with a like commission appointed by the governor of New York. A circular lately prepared by the department asks the following imperative questions:

"Are you interested in play grounds, vacation schools, work rooms, employment bureaus? Are you investigating tenements? Are you bettering the condition of women in the stores and factories, alms-houses, asylums and jails? Also, are you working for the enforcement of the law preventing expectoration in street cars and other public places; the sale of lottery packages and brandy drops to children? Are you preventing street litter? Do you solicit the aid of store keepers, housekeepers and children? To what extent are you interested in grading, paving, sweeping, sprinkling, street lighting, street signs, water supply, drinking fountains and sewerage system?"

A very odd phase of the work and one that is a startling revelation of the real depth of the club movement, is a club of children "The Little Women" under the patronage of the Vineland Woman's club. This children's club has regular programs and business meetings where special attention is paid to parliamentary rulings. The purpose of the club is to educate girls in the science of clubdom so that when they are ready to enter real club life they are well prepared. The federation holds an annual conference each year. In addition a spring meeting of a single session is held in order to increase acquaintance and fellow feeling.

Another club that has recently celebrated its silver birthday is the Rhode Island Woman's club. A gavel made from Porto Rican wood presented to one of the members was christened on the anniversary day owing to the fact it was inlaid with silver pesos.

Much interest has centered in the recent convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington. There has been speculation manifold as to the new president. Satisfaction seems evident in the election of Mrs. Fairbanks of Indiana. Mrs. Donald MacLean and Mrs. Roebing were the two other candidates. Mrs. Roebing was not well enough known and Mrs. MacLean too much of a politician to appeal strongly to the voters.

Monday morning at ten o'clock in the Grand Opera House, the congress convened. The gallery was occupied by men and prominent visitors. Mrs. Manning called the meeting to order. After prayer and the singing of the National hymn, Mrs. Manning read a strong and spirited address. She spoke of the recognition of the D. A. R. at the Paris ex-

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