

In addition to other subjects, the Boston and Detroit branches have taken up domestic science, the Milwaukee branch has instituted a traveling library, the New York branch has given assistance to a needy student, and two or three others have been active in social settlement and college settlement work. Nearly every branch has a committee on legislation whose duty is to inquire into the school laws and their enforcement, and where ever possible to secure improvements in the laws.

Whether this organization with its sister, the general Woman's club is the fad of the day merely, and will give place to some other fad, remains to be seen. It has not yet turned its attention in the spirit of inquiry to a subject that is not of the utmost importance. The success already attained in certain directions, and the influence exerted for good promise a long and useful career. It is to be hoped at least, that a body of such intense earnestness and high ideals, with so large a field for service, will be displaced only by a more efficient force.—Mary Tremaine, President Nebraska State University Chapter.

Mrs. Laura M. Woodford of Weeping Water, is responsible for the excellent suggestion of a special program commemorating the life of King Alfred the Great, to be given by the clubs throughout the state simultaneously some day in November. Much has been recorded in history concerning the greatness of King Alfred—of his advanced ideas in the face of little encouragement, and it will be a grateful acknowledgement of his contributions to the world's progress to unite with England on the thousandth anniversary of his death.

Mrs. Apperson of Tecumseh, chairman of the committee on education of the N. F. W. C., writes this department in regard to the Wayne educational program that it will be of exceptional value to mothers and teachers. Mrs. Apperson has furnished study outlines throughout the year to those clubs which have applied for them. A number of these letters have requested outlines on child study. The efforts of the educational committee were of great influence in securing the passage of the compulsory education law through both houses of the legislature. Mrs. Apperson is anxious that the clubs of the state should know that the education committee is ready and anxious to assist in making up club outlines or to furnish any information in regard to the construction of club outlines.

The Zetetic club during the present year is deriving much benefit from the study of the History of English Literature. In returning to the curriculum of their school days, the Zetetics find themselves in touch with their sons and daughters of the high school. In the Chaucerian period the zest of study was increased by finding that the children were also excavating in the same region. The Canterbury Tales, when the "big" boy was also reading them from his school text book, was far more interesting and also increased the sympathy between mother and child. Every mother who has freshened her memory by this study will find herself in better condition to assist and sympathize with her child as he ventures along new paths. The Literature of the Restoration and the eighteenth century tendencies in literature were discussed in the club with great freedom, everyone being privileged to participate, the leader asking just enough questions to keep the interest from flagging. At an early date the club will consider where woman first begins to be of importance as a writer. When Miss Burney, Jane Austen, Hannah More and others are analyzed; the male writers who have so

long held the attention of the club will for the time be relegated to the back ground. A recent pleasant affair of the club was a five o'clock tea in honor of a former member who was in Weeping Water visiting among old friends, who was also the wife of a former pastor of the Congregational church, Reverend George Hindley, now of Elk River, Minnesota.

College and Club

The college woman needs the club and the club needs the college woman. When a woman leaves the scholastic atmosphere, she finds herself confronted with new, strange conditions. The world, society, life and life's duties all conspire to tempt her from scholarly things. 'Tis here that the club performs its greatest service. It is the graduate school for the busy housewife whose college diploma is forgotten but whose intellectual life goes on broadening and deepening in the inspiring, stimulating atmosphere of club life.

Then the college woman does not prepare superficial papers for her club; or if by chance she should do such a thing it is a reflection upon her college training and not the fault of the club. There are many papers and discussions prepared for clubs that, while not so technical or intensive as a college thesis yet they represent as much labor and investigation.

Then the college woman needs the club because here she meets women without such special training and discovers that everything is not learned from books. She discovers that strength of intellect, clearness of expression, ability to think and reason are quite as likely to belong to the club woman without special training as to the college bred woman. This is very beneficial to the woman who might be inclined to feel the superiority of her advantages but who discovers that she must earn her laurels in the club and cannot rest upon the magic letters that appear after her name in the college catalogue. This may be rather humiliating at times but on the whole it is beneficial and wholesome.

Then the college woman especially needs the social side of club life. The tendency of the very intellectual woman is to become self centered and absorbed in the atmosphere of books and learning. She needs then the social atmosphere of the club and the altruistic tendency of its present development to correct this tendency and to bring her into broader, fuller touch with life and the world.

Then the club needs the college woman because she can bring to its mutual councils the trained mind, the sane judgment, the wisdom of books that should be her inheritance from her college training. We do not say that the college woman invariably possesses these requirements but it is safe to say that if her training is such as it should have been she will not be found wanting in breadth of judgment, strength of intellect and a mental poise that will be helpful in club councils and make her a useful member in the development of club life.—Mrs. H. H. Wilson.

The Church and the Club.

The gladness and beauty of Easter arise from a spiritual source. The World (spelled with a capital W) laughs over Easter bonnets and gowns, and even our Easter music, but in the presence of a bereaved mother's sorrow, of a child's pure faith, or of the mighty inspiration of a Phillips Brooks, the World suddenly quiets, and within its own heart feels stirring a sudden hope and love. At such a moment the church may come before our eyes again in her ideal grace and strength, and we may feel the charm and the force of her demand for better service. Through

the centuries she has been the society and the club for all kinds and conditions of men. By her constitution she is not to be an exclusive club, but her doors are open to the rich and the poor, to hearts overflowing with gladness and thanksgiving and to hearts that are sad and are longing for some hope; the generous and the needy, the strong and the weak, the lonely and the friendly, all meet within her walls. By the constitution of this club the universal spirit of membership is one of mutual helpfulness. "Loving and being loved, serving and being served," her most loyal members have always felt that neither in time nor in eternity could any other club give equal opportunities or right to service. What other club gives so warm a welcome to the stranger and to the friendless? What other club shows such sympathy and kindness towards the sick and the suffering, and towards those who are struggling with poverty? What other club offers so many avenues for the exercise of every gift and talent that any one may possess? What other club sets apart a leader who has the privilege of entering into the deepest sorrows and the sweetest joys of its members? What other club gives the same opportunity for inspiring and uplifting human lives intellectually, morally and spiritually?

Life draws its nourishment through two great roots—the love of self and the love of others. Each kind of love at its wisest and best is constantly passing over into the other. Our smaller clubs and our social circles are delightful ways in which we look out for the good of ourselves, but is there any organization in the world which offers an equal opportunity of helping others? Every church has set before it the possibility of being the centre of the interests and forces that uplift a community. For this purpose it needs a circle of men and women who give their chief thought and care to the welfare of their church. Such a body guard is needed even more by the down town city church than by any other, for its members are scattered over a wide area and are never brought together in any large number except through the church. Such a church must have constant supporters of every line of its work who have the power unitedly to attract into the channels of the church the right share of the spiritual earnestness, moral force, intellectual, financial and social support of all those who meet within its walls.

We are sometimes told that the women's clubs are drawing away from the church those who would otherwise be devoting their gifts to the church. If this is true, a double harm is being done. And yet the club is certainly not a bad thing, and the church is not a bad thing. The clash comes because the two interests are not considered in their relations with one another. There is no clear general public opinion of the place which each ought to hold with reference to the other. But let any one dwell on the immense influence of the church through the past centuries, and gain some insight into its possession of yet greater power for the progress of the human race in the centuries to come, and he must wish that the church might receive more help from every source.

The clubs are certainly able to help the churches very greatly. They develop in their members readiness in writing and speaking. They give the timid confidence. They draw out the recluse. They give women practice in organizing, and they combine social pleasure with other interests. Whatever the church needs to have done can be done all the better for the training of the clubs. The church naturally looks to the club women for much of its service, and the woman who can give some

share of her time to both has more than double the reward.

Many of the club women of Lincoln are giving largely of themselves to the churches of the city. With a little forethought in planning the year this number might become much larger. Here lies an Easter opportunity that will last the year, an opportunity for the resurrection into power of the better part of our own lives, and an opportunity of sharing Easter message with others.—Alice Hamlin Hinman.

The Lincoln Woman's club met Monday afternoon with a good attendance. The program was a musicale and the numbers chosen were particularly appropriate to the warm afternoon, to the revival of spring life and spring sounds that are evident now in the out-of-door atmosphere. The program was as follows:

"Daffodils" King Hall
Mrs. E.S. Williams, Mrs. H.P. Eames,
Miss Hammond
Ballade—No. 3, op. 47 Chopin
Mrs. Fisher
(a) "I Envy the Bird" (from the Serenade) Victor Herbert
(b) "A Nymph and a Shepherd" Purcell
(c) "Tell Me, Pray" (from the Ameer) Victor Herbert
Mrs. Mark Woods
Theme and Variations Rollinson
Mr. Wehn
"Lullaby" (from a "Midsummer Night's Dream" Act. II) Mendelssohn
Mesdames Eames, Williams, Fisher,
Easterday, Lucas; Misses Hammond, Young, Kettering and Lally

The first number, "Daffodils" sung by a trio was much appreciated as also the chorus in the Midsummer Night's Dream. The choice of soloists, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Fisher and Mr. Wehn, was fortunate as each is known for charm and individuality of work.

A business meeting precluded the musical program. The plan of nominating officers by informal ballot has been found to be too awkward for use and in consequence the previous method of receiving nominations from the floor was adopted. The secretary was instructed to prepare a ticket to be balloted upon at the next meeting, April 22nd, from the following nominations:

President, Mrs. H. M. Bushnell; first vice pres., Mrs. M. D. Welch; second vice pres., Mrs. Mary Phillips; rec. sec., Mrs. W. H. Bagnell; corr. sec., Mrs. Arthur Jackson; treas., Miss Jeannette Green and Mrs. H. P. Eames; auditor, Mrs. W. C. Henry.

All of the present officers with the exception of second vice president and treasurer whose terms have expired, were renominated.

The following ladies were named delegates to the state federation meeting to be held at Wayne, Nebraska, in October with the understanding if they were unable to attend, they should notify the secretary in time to procure substitutes before the election: Mes James F. E. Lahr, A. A. Scott, S. H. Atwood, C. F. Harpham, A. B. Pirie, F. P. Laurence, Piper and Callen Thompson.

CALENDAR OF NEBRASKA CLUBS

April		
15. W's. c. Art.....	Omaha	
15. History & Art c. Book Review.....	Seward	
15. Monday c. Mirabeau.....	Wayne	
15. W's. c. Natural Growth.....	Norfolk	
16. Sorosis. Trust Problems.....	Lincoln	
16. Century c. Egypt.....	Lincoln	
16. W's. c. Art.....	Wakefield	
17. W's. c. Elizabethan Age.....	Dundee	
17. W's. c. Annual Meeting.....	Ashland	
17. New Book Review.....	Lincoln	
18. Lotos c.....	Lincoln	
19. Self Culture c. Our Colleges.....	St. Paul	
20. W's. c. Economics.....	North Bend	
20. W's. c. Miscellaneous.....	Fremont	
20. Round Table. Browning.....	Crete	
20. Fin de Siecle c. Miscellaneous.....	Seward	

The Boys' History Club of Plattsmouth.

The Boys' History club of Plattsmouth is one of unique organization and unusual individuality. It has now become a permanent institution having been organized six years ago. The club life has been so closely connected with