

CLUBS.

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Proposed Program of the Art Department of the Lincoln Woman's Club.

- 1 American Art Schools—Art institute, Chicago; New York league; Academy of fine arts, Philadelphia; School of art, Boston.
- 2 Process of Reproduction—Etching; chalk plate; half tone; lithography; monotypes, etc. If possible will have examples of each process in plates and print.
- 3 American Illustrators—Examples of work with references to the particular process used.
- 4 Wood Carving and Pyrography—Old German and Swiss carving; famous work in European cathedrals; pyrography and old art revived.
- 5 Pottery and Porcelain—Examples showing different stages—clay, biscuit and glazed ware. Famous factories with mention of their distinctive qualities. Work in America.
- 6 American Women in Art—Examples and characteristics of work. Opportunities for women.
- 7 Famous Sculptures—Ancient and modern.
- 8 American Portrait Painters.
- 9 American Mural Decorators.
- 10 Pastel and Miniature Painting.
- 11 Decorative Design.
- 12 Reception and closing meeting.

This is the general plan of the work. It is intended that one person will have each meeting in charge and will be assisted by two or three others who will be ready to add their testimony. We think this will make the meetings more interesting and will encourage a more general expression of opinion than we have been able to get hitherto.

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The History and Art club of Seward held a meeting at the home of Mrs. D. C. McKillip May 25. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Langworthy, Mrs. Royce, the vice president, presided. After the usual business was transacted, a resolution was adopted to elect the president for a term of years instead of annually, and Mrs. Langworthy was unanimously re-elected for a term of five years. The other officers are: First vice pres., Mrs. Gustavus Babson; second vice pres., Mrs. F. A. Marsh; sec., Mrs. Thomas Telfer; treas., Mrs. D. C. McKillip. Mrs. McKillip was also elected delegate to the convention at Wayne. The annual picnic will be held at the home of Mrs. D. B. Palmer, four miles east of Seward, in the near future. The year just past has been very successful, and the members are looking forward with pleasure to the coming year's work under the efficient leadership of the president, Mrs. Langworthy.

An important extension of the system of self-government has been granted to the students of Vassar college. For seven years the college has experimented with partial self-government, with such success that the faculty decided to grant the additional privileges which were asked for by the students. The Vassar plan of self-government is simple, yet effective. The Students' Association, consisting of the entire student body, holds a mass meeting at which a president of the self-government committee is elected. Each class is represented in this committee, which is recognized as the governing power of the institution. A girl who refuses to obey the simple rules laid down by the committee is remonstrated with two or three times, if necessary; if she persists in the offence she is expelled from the Students' Association and is turned over to the mercy of the faculty. She

is deprived of many privileges which she enjoyed as a member of the Association, and is made to feel in various ways the disapproval of her fellow-students.

Under the new regime the students will have jurisdiction over all matters concerning their life on the campus. Questions of discipline, social considerations and all decisions outside of purely academic affairs will be made by the students themselves.

The Plattsmouth Woman's club closed the season's work with a picnic and supper at the home of Mrs. Henry Streight last week Friday. The husbands of the members and a few invited guests were also present. After the supper, which was served on the lawn, a song of welcome written by Mrs. Travis, the president-elect, was sung; the treasurer's report was read, showing a balance of \$12.84 in the treasury, after which Miss Olive Gass, in behalf of the club, presented a beautiful china set of nineteen pieces to the retiring president, Mrs. Fellows. An interesting history of the club from its organization in 1891 was read by Mrs. Travis, followed by a few short speeches from the gentlemen present. The officers for next year are: Pres., Mrs. Elizabeth Travis; vice pres., Mrs. Mary Herold, sec., Mrs. W. C. Smith; cor. sec., Mrs. Elizabeth Polk; treas., Mrs. Fannie Elson; aud., Mrs. Mary Rawls. The next meeting of the club will be held in October.

The evening of May ninth, closed the work of the art department of the Seward Woman's club. Mrs. Manning gave an excellent review of the secular paintings of James Tissot, after which Mrs. Nellie Anderson explained the artist's change from secular to religious subjects, dwelling particularly on the series comprising the life of Christ. Refreshments were served, and the members agreed that the year had been most profitably spent in the study of French art.

The household economics department closed the year with an informal reception at the home of Mrs. J. M. Dickinson on Saturday afternoon. The forty members of this department all took part in the program. Among the musical numbers were piano solos by Mrs. A. H. Totten and Miss Dunham, and a vocal solo by Mrs. Stoner. The humorous part of the entertainment was furnished by a farce with nine ladies in the cast. Ice cream and cake were served from a table decorated with vines and white lilacs. The parlors were decorated with purple lilacs and tulips.

To the Chicago Woman's club belongs the credit of instituting vacation schools and playgrounds. Through the efforts of this club three years ago ten thousand dollars were raised, and vacation schools managed by the club and its hired assistants were opened in different parts of the city. This experimental work was so successful that on the following year the city cooperated with the club in establishing other branches, and the usual increase of sixty per cent in juvenile arrests during the summer months, has in this way been prevented. Many other cities have followed the example of Chicago, and in all cases the work has been taken up by some department of the woman's club. In Brooklyn, in Philadelphia, in Boston, in Des Moines, in Lowell, in Haverhill and in St. Louis some kind of vacation school or playground has been successfully operated. On the opening day in St. Louis, last July, one hundred and seventy five children appeared ranging in age from eight to fifteen years. Foot ball, basket ball and vaulting bars were provided for the older boys, while the younger ones were made happy with marbles and sand piles, picture books and block games. The girls were sup-

plied with dolls, swings, soap bubble pipes, with materials for the simplest forms of needle work; play gradually merged into pleasant work, and the first principles of thrift and industry were unconsciously instilled.

In Alabama there are twelve hundred children under twelve years of age who work in the mills twelve hours out of every twenty-four. The club women of that state have been united during the past winter in a most praiseworthy campaign against child labor in factories. A bill was introduced in the late legislature by the clubs for the purpose of restricting child labor in the state, but was defeated by the capitalists. Several other organizations are now interested in the movement; a committee, of which Reverend E. G. Murphy is chairman, has been formed at Montgomery, and a crusade will be vigorously conducted against this great injustice to the children.

Mrs. O. E. Eames and Miss Harriet E. Sayre have been appointed to the positions of assistant marshal and captain of a newly-organized fire company in Mount Clare, a suburb of Chicago.

The Arctic Circle is the name of a flourishing woman's club at Nome, Alaska. This club has fifteen members, gathered together from all parts of the United States, and bears the distinction of being the farthest north of all women's clubs in the world. The president is Mrs. E. S. Ingraham of Seattle, Washington; vice pres., Mrs. Minor Bruce of Chicago; sec., Mrs. W. V. Rinehart, Jr., of Seattle; treas., Mrs. C. S. Hannum of Portland, Oregon.

Two years ago the Denver Woman's club took up the work of Pingree gardening. The club obtained permission from the city and the various owners to use vacant lots in the poor districts throughout the city, then interested the dwellers in tenements to use these vacant lots for the cultivation of vegetables and flowers. The results of the first year were so satisfactory that Pingree gardening became an established part of the work of the woman's club.

The new club directory for 1901 gives a membership of thirty seven state federations, seven foreign clubs and six hundred and twenty-two home clubs.

Michigan has recently admitted eight new clubs to membership in the state federation, making a total of 131 federated clubs, with a membership of nearly 10,000. The annual meeting of the state federation will be held in Ann Arbor October 29, 30 and 31.

Miss Cara Kimball of Moultrie, Ga., is the only woman member of the Southeastern Bill Posters' association. Miss Kimball was a kindergarten teacher who was obliged to change her occupation on account of failing eyesight.

The Woman's Congress will be held on August 9 and 10 at Onset, Mass. The speakers will be Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt of New York, Mrs. Lucy C. McGee of Philadelphia, Mrs. Esther F. Boland and Mrs. Kate R. Stiles of Boston.

The National Woman Suffrage convention began its session in Minneapolis May 30 and closed June 4. In a brief address Susan B. Anthony declared that the women of today are on a higher moral plane than they were forty years ago, because, being less restricted by conventionalities and being educated on broader ideas, they are better able to cope with the difficulties of life. Miss Anthony feels greatly encouraged because, in twenty-five towns in New York state, by virtue of a law recently signed

by Governor Odell, women are allowed to vote on all questions of raising or disbursing public moneys.

The National League of Women Workers will hold its fourth national convention at the Pan-American exposition August 27-30. There will be three morning meetings and one public evening meeting. The rest of the time may be spent at the exposition. One day will also be spent at Niagara.

Graves of army nurses in Massachusetts were decorated with flags on Memorial day by the Massachusetts Army Nurse association.

The Wellesley college club at Fitchburg, Mass., is a new organization composed of fourteen former Wellesley students. This club will give an amateur circus today for the purpose of raising money to send deserving Fitchburg women through Wellesley college. A street parade will be given, and all the attractions of the regular circus will be offered, furnished by local talent exclusively. There will be a main tent with a seating capacity of 600, and another for the usual side shows will accommodate 300. The head clown will be J. M. Edmunds, physical director of the Y. M. C. A., and a young society man will be ring master. The object of the Wellesley club is to establish a scholarship, although they do not expect to raise the necessary \$5,000 this year.

The Denver Woman's club closed a successful year with a meeting Saturday afternoon. A spicy report of the year's work was given by Mrs. L. M. Goddard, after which Mrs. Annie Whitmore, the re-elected president, spoke briefly of the work of the president. The treasurer's report shows a balance of \$177.50.

The board of directors of the Des Moines City Federation of Women's clubs and the presidents of the clubs belonging to the federation gave a luncheon at the Iliad last week Tuesday. Mrs. P. B. Durley presided and gave her report of the state federation, and Miss Adams of the Utility club spoke of the workings of the social settlement. On the opening day at Chatauqua, July 23, a woman's club picnic will be given; at the woman's hour, which will be in charge of the city federation, addresses will be made by Loreda Taft and Miss Jane Addams of Chicago. The Woman's Musical Guild and the North Side club were admitted to membership in the city federation.

The Chauncey Depew club of Des Moines has enjoyed three years of successful existence. Since its organization Mrs. Fletcher Howard has been its president, and every year has given a banquet to the club at her home in East Grand avenue. The banquet of 1901 occurred last Wednesday evening. Mrs. Howard was assisted in receiving by Mrs. John Briar and Misses Smith and Carpon; Reverend Marie Jenney was toastmistress, and called for the following responses: "Our President," Dr. Fuchs; "The Chauncey Depew from an Inside View," Mrs. L. K. Wynn; "Our Navy," Mrs. Garton; "It," Mrs. Smith; "What is the Matter with Iowa?" Mrs. Ballard; "The City Federation," Mrs. Bailey; "Clubs and Other Clubs," Mrs. Marsh; "Cuba," Dr. Fosnes; "Our Schools," Mrs. Lyons; "The Chauncey Depew from an Outside View," Mrs. Spinney.

The T. V. Reading Circle of Des Moines closed a profitable year's study last week Monday, when the following officers were elected: Mrs. A. C. Ross, pres.; Mrs. Henry Sabin, vice pres.; Mrs. A. G. Rawlins, sec. and treas. A picnic was given by the Circle at Union park last Monday.