

unsentimental form of recreation. Under the proposed conditions the dance might be harmful. But the young men and women of Lincoln who earn their own small livings have social rights that are entirely ignored. They like to see and talk with each other but there is no place where they can innocently meet, and enjoy in groups the pleasures of society, pleasures which cannot be enjoyed where they are segregated in couples. There are social successes among the humbler members of Lincoln society who will never have an opportunity to exhibit their tact and special gregarious talent for making a number of people happy all at once. If Madame Recamier had had no salon, if she had been a blanchiseuse, she would have died with a terrible, unsatisfied longing for she knew not what. She had a genius for society and she was born into a family which enabled her to exercise it. There are probably not many Recamiers in Lincoln, but there are hundreds of girls pining to exploit their innocent fascinations "in society." And simplicity would satisfy them. They want to be admired. Graceful dancers wish their set to see them dance. Every girl has some special beauty or grace which she naturally wishes her friends to admire. It is not an unworthy or shameful instinct and every girl in May-time should have place, time and opportunity for her frolics, to choose and to be chosen.

The Next President.

The most astute politician does not dare, for his reputation's sake to prophesy ahead more than six months. The rules adopted by prophets as far back as Moses are that in making a prophecy it is safe to place the date of accomplishment so far ahead that the prophet himself and all of his friends will be dead when the time comes for his triumph or defeat, or else locate it so near that the prophet needs only the brains of an ordinary grain speculator to foretell exactly what will happen within the given time.

Not in the spirit of prophecy, but of calm deliberation on political prejudices and events it is pertinent to consider the effect of the nomination to the presidency of Senator Hanna by the republican national convention of 1904.

Although Senator Hanna is an honorable man, a perfect type of the hard headed, de-sentimentalized, keen, American, business man, his nomination to the presidency would be unfortunate, not so much for what he is as for what the people think he is. To many Americans he is a bugbear and the embodiment of greed. It would require an unusually active campaign to convince a very large number of people—enough to elect him—that in a controversy between the people and a corporation Senator Hanna would be on the side of the former. Justly or unjustly charged with a contempt for every thing but practical politics, it is inexpedient for a great party to accept a candidate who will immediately place orators and campaign managers in a defensive attitude. When Blaine was nominated, and defeated, the party managers were kept busy all summer explaining things. Senator Hanna has demonstrated in Nebraska his contempt for idealism in politics. The American people desire a knight sans reproach. Blaine's strong hold upon the affections and enthusiasms of the voters was the possession of a sort of fairy-tale unworldliness. He had enthusiasms and could communicate them. He was credulous and very human. Senator Hanna's business sense is his chief characteristic.

The American people are getting somewhat afraid of too keen and sleepless a business talent. Among them there is a growing temper to modify the severities of business by paternalistic platforms. Paternalism is enervating and unhealthful, but not as much as the propaganda seems to be growing it is unnecessarily defiant to nominate a man for the presidency who represents the extreme of what the socialists say they object to.

CLUBS.

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Mrs. Belle M. Stoutenborough, librarian of the Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs, has recently added the following books to the traveling library: Four volumes Biographical Series of Great Artists, by Jennie Ellis Keysor.

Volume I.—Raphael, Rubens, Murillo, Durer.

Volume II.—Van Dyck, Rembrandt, Reynolds, Bonheur.

Volume III.—Angelo, DeVinci, Titian, Corregio.

Volume IV.—Turner, Corot, Millais, Leighton.

In the preface of volume I. we catch the keynote of the whole, in one simple paragraph: "Above all, work to cultivate a love for good pictures, not to fill young minds with uninspiring facts." Another addition to the library: two volumes "Sketches of American Writers;" the last were gifts from the author, Jennie Ellis Keysor. The six new books are a valuable addition and the patrons of the library are sure to appreciate these "helps" to study in the coming year. Mrs. Frank M. Hall of Lincoln has promised to furnish a list of reference books on art, and the librarian expects to add at least six new books from her list. Mrs. Stoutenborough will attend the twenty-third general meeting of the American Library association, which will be held at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 3-11. She will speak on morning of the 10th on "What women's clubs can do to further the work of the library."

The Lincoln Y.W.C.A. will start a Woman's Exchange in the near future. May its prosperity be as great as that of the New York city Woman's Exchange! Twenty-three years ago the work was started in New York in one small room where thirteen pieces of fancy work and a few cakes and pies were exhibited. Today it owns the building at 334 Madison avenue, and has recently received gifts of several thousand dollars which will be applied to the building of a two-story annex to contain sales rooms and a dining hall. The work received at the exchange in addition to food is embroidery, painted china, menu cards, picture frames and lace.

The Omaha Salvation Army has secured the use of Elmwood park for a "fresh air camp" during the months of July, August and September. Poor families in relays of ten will be taken out and cared for by the army.

The Plattsmouth library board will serve ice cream and cake in the library building once a month during the summer. The proceeds will be used in paying the remaining indebtedness on the building. The first entertainment was given last Thursday evening, resulting in a profit of \$15.

The new year book of the York Woman's club is an exceedingly dainty piece of work. This club was organized

in 1894 and consists of twenty-eight members, with the following officers: President, Mrs. Sarah N. Moore; vice president, Mrs. Lizzie Love; recording secretary, Mrs. Ella M. Worthington; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Lena Mead; treasurer, Mrs. Gertie Wood. The program committee, to whom great credit is due for the excellent programs laid down in the year book, is composed of Mesdames Runner, Worthington, Northrup, Wright and Snedeker. The subjects for study will be French history, literature, education and philanthropy, science, home and art.

The taxpayers of Exeter are taking sides in regard to the proposed establishment of a kindergarten with an extra teacher next year. The opposition is based solely upon lack of funds. It is also maintained that electric lights and water works would be of greater benefit than a kindergarten, since the Exeter schools are now in a flourishing condition.

Last week Thursday the Syracuse Woman's club entertained seventy-five guests at a garden party at the home of Mrs. O. Thorne. The club colors, blue and white, and the federation color, yellow, were used in the decorations, which were beautiful and elaborate. Each guest was presented with a dainty rosette of club colors as a souvenir. A short program was given, consisting of a piano duet by Misses Lena and Reba West, address of welcome by the president, Mrs. Schneider, vocal solo by Mrs. Horne, address on "Clubs and Club Women" by Mrs. Draper Smith, piano duet by Misses Godding and Webber, remarks by Mrs. Stoutenborough of Plattsmouth, a talk by Mrs. Emma Page, member of the state club extension committee, and closing with the song, "Blest be the tie that binds," by the club. Punch, ice cream and wafers were served by the hostesses. Guests were present from Talmage, Unadilla, Berlin, Douglas, Burr and Palmyra.

The study of botany is rapidly increasing in favor with women. The opportunities for making practical use of this knowledge also are increasing. Teachers of botany are in great demand; women are employed in all the botanical gardens, and women botanists with literary or artistic ability find a wide field in the form of stories and text books for children, with illustrations, also in contributions and illustrations to the various magazines and garden journals. In the famous Kew gardens in England the women gardeners and assistants are obliged to wear men's attire when on duty, partly for their own convenience, and more particularly on account of the damage done to delicate shoots and sprouts by the skirts.

Miss Josephine Drexel recently purchased a brick dwelling with four stories and basement, and will furnish it as a home for poor students at the normal college of New York city.

A twelve story hotel, exclusively for women, will soon be erected at a cost of \$350,000 in New York city. The building will be of fire-proof material, and the front will be of Indiana limestone and terra cotta. It will be constructed and managed by the Woman's Hotel company, and will be conducted on the American and European plans. Only women guests will be admitted.

The annual poor children's picnic in Chicago was given by the Volunteers of America in Washington park last week Thursday. Twelve hundred urchins were gathered from all parts of the city and taken to the park on street cars which were furnished free of charge,

while several coaches and buses were filled with women and cripples. Twenty hundred lunches, in neat pasteboard boxes, were furnished by the children of the public schools. Ice cream and lemonade were provided in large quantities. Many of the boys threw away the bread and sandwiches in their boxes; these were carefully gathered up and carried away by old women with baskets. In the afternoon came the field sports under the direction of Brigadier General Fielding. The picnic was a success and unusually free from fights.

Miss Marie Herndi of Milwaukee is gaining wealth and fame as a designer of church windows. At the World's Fair she received a medal and diploma for a window seventeen by six feet in size. At present she is making a set of six windows for a church in San Francisco. These windows will depict scenes in the life of Christ, and will occupy two years from beginning till completion.

Lady Gladstone, sister-in-law of the great statesman, who died recently at Fasque House, was well known for her works of charity. She was the originator twenty-five years ago of a school for children, where besides an elementary education instruction in sewing, knitting, baking, carving and modeling was given. Warm dinners also were served to the children, many of whom came long distances.

A free public bath is one of the latest acquisitions of Kansas City. Nearly \$14,000 were raised through various entertainments, and the money was held in trust until a suitable location was decided upon, when it was turned over to the architects and the work was rapidly carried forward. The new bath house is not complete, as the plans were drawn with the idea of making extensive additions from time to time. A summer swimming school, with well equipped dressing rooms, check room and plunge and shower baths are among the features of the enterprise.

Mrs. Gertrude Saunders is serving her second term as postmistress of New Castle, Henry county, Kentucky. She is fighting hard for a third appointment, and her efforts are seconded by the citizens of New Castle and many prominent officials of the postoffice department at Washington. Opposed to her are Senator Deboe and the republican central committee of her county.

Miss Van Slyke of Detroit is building up a paying business in the cleaning of gravestones. While attending a funeral last winter she noticed the neglected condition of the gravestones, and decided to experiment in the work of cleaning them. Her knowledge of chemistry enabled her to put together the right ingredients for a cleaning mixture, and she has already restored several large monuments, with many contracts ahead.

Nearly twenty-five hundred women are employed at the Pan-American exposition, at salaries ranging from \$2.00 to \$60.00 a week. Of these nearly five hundred are doing work in the Midway.

Truly, though a man may die, his works live after him. Hundreds of families who are reaping the benefits of Pingree gardening will testify gratefully to this fact. In Chicago alone two forty acre tracts of land were secured from non-resident owners by the bureau of charities and divided into gardens of one-quarter of an acre each. The county agent's list of families who have received help during the last winter is inspected, the most deserving ones are picked out and the use of the free gardens offered them. A superintendent is