

Or General Grant to plan his victorious campaigns.

The degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph. D.) was conferred this year by our American universities on 253 candidates. We mention the names of the following few Ph. D. recipients with the titles of their essays as examples of what the American learned class of the future are now interesting themselves in:

Victor John Chambers: A Further Investigation of the Action of Phenols and Alcohols on the Chlorides of Paranitroorthosulphobenzoic Acid.

William Chambers Coker: Observations on the Gametophyte and Embryo of Taxodium Distichum.

Edwin Bidwell Wilson: The Decomposition of the General Collineation in Space into three Skew Reflections.

William Findlay: The Slow Subgroups of the Symmetric Group on K Letters.

Virgil Everett McCaskill: The Metamerism of Hirudo Medicinalis.

Grace Andrews: The Primitive Double Minimal Surface of the Seventh Class and Its Conjugate.

Caroline Burling Thompson: Zygeupolia Litoralis: A New Herterone-mertean.

Charles William McGowan Black: The Parametric Representation of the Neighborhood of a Singular Point of an Analytic Surface.

Thomas Harvey Haines: The Temporal Relations of Mental Processes: An Experimental Study of Objective and Subjective Simultaneity—Science.

The future practical usefulness of these Ph. D's. may reasonably be questioned. No wonder the Independent printed the list in its "funny" column!

CLUBS.

One often hears the question asked, To what purpose is all this work of club women? Is any real good accomplished or is it solely to give the women an "outing" one afternoon each week?

Louisville, in Cass county, is a pretty little village, boasting of a population of some seven hundred law-abiding citizens. Something like a year since, the women—a few of them—in this little town decided to organize a woman's club.

In spite of adverse criticism the organization was effected and today it is no small factor for good in the community, and its members have answered the question, "To what purpose is all this club work?"

Not long after this little club had joined the state federation, the members began to look about for some practical work.

They decided to open a free reading room and start a public library. Each member of the club pledged the sum of one dollar and a committee was appointed to canvass the town with a subscription paper.

One hundred dollars was in their club treasury as a result of their efforts, and early in the spring they opened their little library room. Printed circulars were distributed inviting everyone to attend the library opening.

The invitation was so unique that I have kept a copy. It reads:

Come
With me
And drink tea,
Friday at eight
(Be sure not to be late).
'Tis March 29th; we hope to see you all
With your friends at the Workman hall.
We'll have music and speaking, too,

Just to show what good literature will do,
When properly used, to make us less blue.
The library is started for all,
So we ask you to come at our call.
'Tis the great need of our town that makes us
Ask you a book to give as you enter the door;
If the spirit moves, you may give many more
By Order of

THE LIBRARY BOARD.
P.S.—If you can't come to our party that day
Please send a book anyway.

A few days since I received a letter from one of the members of the Louisville club. "Our library," she writes, "is doing well. We have bought seventy-five dollars' worth of books and over fifty books have been donated. We have just started out with a subscription book for small sums to be given weekly or monthly and collected from the business men, enough to pay our running expenses each month. We expect to make a house to house canvass also, and think we will have no trouble in keeping our library open. There are more than sixty people taking our books. Don't you think that is pretty good for us?"

All honor to these women who have planned and worked for this little library. I do not believe it is possible for us to estimate the influence which that small collection of books will have on the community, neither do these club women realize that they are laying the foundations, on expanding lines, for a larger library which may be built up out of this, their humble effort. May other clubs go and do likewise.

Belle M. Stoutenborough,
Librarian N. F. W. C.

Lincoln Woman's Club.

Mrs. Bushnell, president.

There is a vigorous movement among the club circles, and those who were appointed on the different committees have returned from their summer outings and are looking after that part of the club work entrusted to their care.

The woman's club holds the first meeting of the year October 14th, and it is hoped a large membership will be present to give their names for the new year book that will be printed early in the year.

Some of the charter members who have not been active for some time will be with us, and an effort is being made to secure all the charter members now resident in the city as active members, with perhaps an honorary list of those away.

The plans for the ensuing year are nearly complete, and a review of the programs as they have been handed to the president to be passed on to the year book committee show a most careful preparation on the part of the leaders of the several departments, and, particularly from a practical standpoint, merit much approval. Few, perhaps, realize the amount of labor it requires on the part of the leaders to prepare the year's program and see that it is properly executed, and they are deserving of much encouragement in the way of more helpers and more good listeners.

A few changes have been made, the child study and the household economics combining to make the home department, and the club is to be congratulated that Mrs. A. J. Sawyer has consented to take the leadership with Mrs. Louisa Ricketts as assistant.

The others leaders are: Current topics, Mrs. W. M. Morning; French, Mrs. A. B. Pirie with Mrs. Fling as teacher; history, Mrs. Brackett; literature, Miss Harriett Towne; parliamentary, Mrs. Eli Plummer; music, Miss Nelly Lally; art, Miss Sara Hayden. Many of the members have expressed a desire to take advantage of the parliamentary drill, and instead of having a separate session, it was decided that fifteen minutes at each open meeting be devoted to a drill, giving the entire club the advantage of parliamentary law.

Following is the schedule for this part of the work:

- Parliamentary Practice—Leader, Mrs. Eli Plummer, fifteen minutes talk during business hour
- Oct. 21—Organization.
 - Nov. 4—Officers' qualifications, rights and duties; members' rights and duties.
 - Nov. 18—Conduct of business.
 - Dec. 2—Amendments.
 - Dec. 16—Parliamentary practice.
 - Dec. 30—Privileged motions.
 - Jan. 13—Incidental motions.
 - Jan. 27—Subsidiary motions.
 - Feb. 10—Miscellaneous motions.
 - Feb. 21—Committees, committee reports.
 - March 10—Undebatable questions.
 - March 24—Parliamentary practice.
 - April 9—Questions requiring more than a majority vote.

The following synopsis of the subjects to be considered by the current topics department has been prepared by Mrs. W. M. Morning:

- The evolution of the new woman.
1. Social and educational development.
 2. What has the Christian church done for woman?
 3. Woman before the law for two hundred years.
 4. Origin and elimination of emotionalism in woman.
 5. Women as writers and artists.
 6. Women in the professions.
 7. Women's history as voter and law-maker.
 8. The legal status of woman in Nebraska.

Following are the art programs prepared by Miss Hayden, director of the art department:

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 reference 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, bisque 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.

The program of the coming meeting of the Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs is completed, and was printed and sent out to the various clubs this week.

The meeting will be held at Wayne October 8-11 by invitation of the Wayne Town Federation. The First Presbyterian church has been chosen as the meeting place, the lecture room of which will be reserved for the exhibit of photographs and china by the art committee and other exhibits that may be decided upon.

Lodging and breakfast will be furnished delegates by the hospitable Wayne women. Other meals may be secured reasonably at the Boyd hotel which will be the Federation headquarters. On Wednesday evening, October 9th, a reception will be given at the home of Mrs. J. T. Breesler, president of the Wayne federation.

The art, educational, household economics, industrial and musical programs will be fully up to the high standard of previous years, and will include representatives from all sections of the state. Reverend C. S. Harrison of York, president of the Nebraska Park and

Forest association, will speak on "The Practical and Esthetic Value of Forestry," followed by a series of stereopticon views illustrative of the subject. State Superintendent W. R. Fowler will give an address, and Miss Margaret McCarthy, well known in educational and club work, will speak on "How to Study." Mr. Jules Lombard will sing, and Mrs. Blake, the harpiat, will give several selections.

The meeting promises to be an attractive one and a large attendance of visitors and delegates is expected.

An Old Folks' concert was given at the opera house by the Hooper Woman's club last Wednesday evening. The program was interesting and the concert was well attended.

A flourishing club of American women is reported from Shanghai, China. A club composed mainly of Americans, but with a few Philippine members, is called the Women's Peace League of Manila.

Mrs. Mary Alden Ward has recently been chosen president of the Massachusetts federation. Mrs. Ward is one of the best club lecturers in the country, and is a member of the education committee of the G. F. W. C.

The board meeting of the Iowa state federation will be held at Des Moines on October third and fourth. Forty-one members are expected to be present, and plans for social as well as business meetings have been made by the Des Moines club women.

Twelve responsible positions in the Royal Trust Company of Chicago are held by young women. The savings department is in the sole charge of women, the four tellers, three bookkeepers, advertising manager, two stenographers and the New York letter writer all being young women of unusual ability and business experience.

Club women in all parts of the country are interested in the preparations the California women are making to entertain the general federation next spring at Los Angeles, and the change in the date from April 24 to May 1 is generally acceptable. In most of the local organizations April is the month of annual elections, which made the former date an awkward one for Chicago club women, says the Record-Herald. In addition to this, many women here, as elsewhere, desire to attend the gathering of the Daughters of the American Revolution, to be held in Denver the last week in April, and the change will enable them to be present at both conventions. The Simpson auditorium in Hope street will be an admirable place for the big convention.

An agricultural college for women, located at Reading, is due to the efforts of the Countess of Warwick. This institution is low self-supporting, and from the beginning has been a success in every department. The course of instruction is so popular that a larger building has become necessary to accommodate the students who apply for admission. "I don't see," said Lady Warwick, "why women should be debarred from the work of cultivating the soil. They give far too much time to needlework and music. Farming is done in the open air and breeds the open air virtues. If a woman marries after having tried it she is more likely to transmit health to her offspring."

Most club women have taken a real vacation this summer and have relegated their clubs to the background. But there are other women, not so few, either, that had to struggle with the problem of making up the outlines for