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CLUB NOTES

THE WEEK'S REVIEW

The ninety-eighth afternoon concert of the Matinee Musicale was given Monday afternoon at the club rooms. The second division, Mrs. R. A. Holyoke and Miss Lucy Haywood leaders, gave the program, which was made up of compositions by the composers of "Our Own Country." The Matinee Musicale has always been loyal to American composers and nearly every year since its organization has a program been devoted to their works. That of Monday showed that the club need no longer fear that such a program would not be popular for every number was attractive. The program:

"Our Own Country."

Vocal Quartet, Three Flower Songs, Mrs. H. H. A. Beach, a The Clover; b The Yellow Daisy; c The Bluebell. Mrs. Doane, Mrs. Ward, Miss Robinson, Miss Trigg.

Songs, a "Before the Daybreak," Nevin; b "Good Night, Beloved," MacDowell.

Miss Robinson.

Piano, Three Poems, MacDowell; a "Light and Silvery Cloudlets Hover," b "The Eagle;" c "The Brook."

Miss Haywood.

Songs, a Rhapsody, Rogers; b Ghosts, Margaret Lang; c Alone, Coombs; d Allah, Chadwick; e A Maid Sings Light, MacDowell.

Mrs. Holyoke.

Trio, Op. 5 in C minor, Arthur Foote; Allegro con brio, Adagio molto, Allegro vivace. Miss Ensign, violin, Miss Eiche, cello, Miss Haywood, piano.

The audience was unusually large as each member was privileged to take a guest. The music hall was decorated with large American flags. The refreshment room was in red and green. A star formed of holly and red candles was on the table and bows of red ribbon were on the corners. The lights were shaded with red. Mrs. E. Lewis Baker and Mrs. Willard Kimball poured coffee. Their assistants were the Misses Sydney Murphy, Eleanor Raymond, Katherine Agnew and Charlotte Hullhorst.

During the last three months nearly all of the state federations have held an annual meeting. In all of the sessions there was a spirit of earnestness and of striving toward a practical benefit to be secured through the club movement which is a decided contrast to the sentiment of club women of even five years ago. While possibly no less earnest in their work than now, club women then studied history and literature and art as separate and isolated subjects, expecting to gain nothing more than the culture resulting from an acquaintance with any educational branch. Today the club woman has a broader outlook. No subject claims her attention for itself alone; her instinctive response to the law of correlation compels her to study each subject in its relation to other subjects, and most of all in its capacity of adding beauty and dignity to her every-day life. Practicality is the key note of all modern club work. Whether club association is rendering women more practical, or whether the tendency of all life is toward increased practicality and finds its natural reflection in club organizations, is an open question. Certain it is that the home department is one of the most popular in the Lincoln club, while the subjects of greatest interest in both local and state club meetings are those which directly concern the homes of the present and the future.

On November 11 and 12 the board of directors of the General Federation of Women's Clubs held a meeting in New York City. With the exception of one member the entire board was present, together with the state officers. The

date of the opening of the sixth biennial at Los Angeles was fixed on Thursday, May 1, 1902, and most of the time of the meeting was devoted to the discussion of details of the program for the California meeting. The club women of Los Angeles have long been planning for the entertainment of the national federation, and their enthusiasm is now shared by the other city organizations. The Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association have decided to hold the "Fiesta de las Flores" during the week of the biennial convention, and the visiting club women will thus be enabled to enjoy a festival which in its magnificent oriental splendor cannot be reproduced in any other section of the United States.

Resolutions adopted by the executive boards of the Massachusetts and Georgia federations regarding the admission of clubs of colored women were presented to the board of the General Federation and these two states were appointed a committee to propose to the sixth biennial some amendment to the by-laws of the General Federation which shall harmonize the conflicting ideas on the color question and at the same time preserve the integrity of the General Federation.

The Zetetic club, of Weeping Water, met November 23 with Mrs. Shannon. Nine members were present. Mrs. Rouse, the leader of the meeting, read a short review of the beautiful life of Mrs. Browning. The club then studied Browning's poem "Count Gesmond." The leader read the poem, and then asked questions upon it. It was a very interesting meeting, and the ladies all felt that they would not soon forget "Count Gesmond."

December 14, the club met with Mrs. Hungate, eleven members being present and one visitor, Miss Cowles, favored the meeting with a piano solo. Mrs. Dunham was the leader of the day; subject, "The Two Arnolds." She told of Thomas Arnold, and his presidency of Rugby college. Mrs. Nellie Sackett read of the "Making of Rugby," telling how Arnold changed the face of the public schools of England, and that he was fifty years ahead of his time. Mrs. Ashmun read a text of Arnold's. Mrs. Feegarden read the last chapter from "Tom Brown's School Days," showing the great sorrow of the boys at Arnold's death. Miss Cowles played again, which was much enjoyed. The leader then took up the story of Matthew Arnold, reading parts of that fine poem, "Sohrab and Rustun." Then different members asked questions on it.

The hostess served hot coffee, wafers and cream of maize kisses, which were much enjoyed, as the mercury out of doors was below zero.

An unusually attractive program will be enjoyed by the members of the state teachers' association the first week in January. Lectures will be delivered by Dr. William Beardshear, president of the national association; Dr. Arnold Tompkins, president of the Chicago normal, and President Jesse of the Missouri state university. These lectures will be delivered in the auditorium on the evenings of January first, second and third. The day sessions will be held in university chapel. A special meeting of county superintendents and superintendents-elect will be held in the senate chamber at the state house, Tuesday afternoon and evening, December 31, and Wednesday morning.

The W. R. P. C. met Friday, the 13th, with Mrs. Violet and Mrs. Cruikshank. Mrs. Cole, of Omaha, president of the national auxiliary, talked to the club. Mrs. Pickens was the leader for the afternoon. Mrs. Baker read a paper on the Newfoundland fisheries, and Mrs. Beach sketched the life of Cham-

plain. The club will give a New Year's reception. The next regular meeting will be held with Mrs. Pickens, 1420 D street. Quotations from Shakspeare.

The New Book Review club met on Wednesday with Miss Howland. A program of unusual interest was given under the direction of Mrs. Rehlender and Mrs. Nelson. The subject was "Magazines," and papers were given on magazine publication and circulation. Each member produced a copy of her favorite magazine and stated why it was her favorite. Two instrumental solos were rendered by Mrs. Baker. Refreshments were served at the close of the program.

The Fortnightly club met on Tuesday with Mrs. W. G. L. Taylor. The program was in the form of a symposium: "Does Colonization Pay?" by Mesdames Gere, Lambertson, Lewis and Sawyer. The next meeting will be held on January fourteenth, when the subject will be "Transformations in European Colonies in the Western Hemisphere," led by Mrs. A. S. Raymond.

The regular meeting of the City Improvement Society was held on Thursday morning. Owing to the intense cold the attendance was small, and most of the time was used in discussing plans for the carnival to be given the last week in January. At the next regular meeting, on January 2, will occur the annual election of officers.

The new state year book is not out, but through the courtesy of Mrs. Ella S. Lobingier, of Omaha, we are able to give a complete list of Nebraska Women's clubs, with the names of the presidents.

The next meeting of the Lincoln Woman's club will be held on January sixth.

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Mamma—They do not have to, Elizabeth, darling; it is not expected of them.

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