CLUB NOTES

THE WEEK'S REVIEW

The literature department of the Woman's club met on Tuesday.

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The Round Table met Monday evening with Reverend F. L. Wharton. Mr. R. E. Moore talked on "Railroad Taxation."

Mr. H. W. Brown entertained the Laymen's club Tuesday evening. Mr. G. L. Laws talked on "Acquisitive Impulses." * * *

The Lotos club met on Thursday with

Mrs. C. H. Gere. Miss Conkling read an interesting paper on "Glimpses of Life in Spain." * * * Miss Anna Tibbets talked on "Physi-

ology as Taught in the Schools," at the meeting of the home department of the Woman's club on Thursday. * * *

Miss Heywood, a former president of the Chicago Woman's club, prophesied at a recent meeting that the club of the future will be one for men and women both.

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At the meeting of the Illinois Federation of clubs to be held next autumn in Cairo, a novel feature will be a completely equipped kitchen, and a model dining room. It is through the efforts of Mrs. P. S. Peterson, chairman of the household economic department that this is to be accomplished. Mrs. Peterson says:

"The tendency of the club is toward the real, the actual things of life and the woman's club should be the home of advanced kitchen thought as well as of the other subjects that engross the club woman's mind today."

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Chapter K, P. E. O., met Monday evening with Mrs. Hager, Thirteenth and R streets, with a good attendance. In honor of Washington's birthday the hostess had arranged a tree, to the branches of which candied cherries were attached. The ladies were blindfolded, and required to cut the cherries off, using but one hand. A box of the cherries was awarded, as a prize for cutting the most cherries, to Mrs. Thompson of Central City. who is president of the chapter in that place. The club will meet next with Mrs. Matthews, when the election of officers will occur.

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The program at the Woman's club on Monday will be given by the current topics department, Mrs. F. M. Gibson, leader. The house will be divided into two parts with Mrs. A. W. Field and Mrs. H. M. Bushnell as leaders, the object being to see which side will give the most current events.

Mrs. Gibson has suggested the following subjects as being of present inter-Latest news from Venezuela, the coal situation, national legislation in statehood bill, anti-trust bills and naval bills, wireless telegraphy, inter-oceanic new methods of heating and lighting, the Humbert swindle, great discoveries of the age, antidote for blood poison, Dr. Lorenz, Dr. Finsen, literary notes, theatrical notes. She asks all members to bring items of interest, and as many as possible.

The musicale numbers will be Sonate E minor, op. 7 (Grieg), Miss Lucy Hay-"Eyes of Blue" (Chaminade). "Twas April" (Nevin), Mrs. D. M. Butler.

Sorosis met with Mrs. E. L. Hinman on Tuesday. In the absence of Mrs. M. D. Welch, the leader for the afternoon, who was detained in Omaha by illness in her family, Mrs. Dahl Laws, a friend of Mrs. E. A. Burnett, kindly consented to talk to the club upon the subject. "The American Girl in the Home." She was listened to with the closest attention for an hour, after which a half hour was given for general discussion.

She thought the plain, simple things of life were the most important and were usually neglected in the home and school

training.

She strongly advocated the teaching of the fundamental principles of domestic science, ventilation and sanitation in the rural schools, and the graded schools of cities, beginning with the kindergarten, as children cannot begin too early to absorb such useful information.

She spoke with great earnestness as this is her life work. Three months of the year she spends in a normal school at Aberdeen, South Dakota, fitting others to teach these things in an acceptable manner in the common schools. The rest of the year she travels from state to state addressing farmers' institutes and kindred organizations, urging the necessity of this kind of instruction for both boys and girls as a foundation for other branches of study.

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A program of modern music by French composers was given Monday afternoon at the meeting of the Matinee Musicale, and was enjoyable throughout. Mrs. Carrie Raymond was accompanist. The following numbers were presented:

PART I.

Two Arias from "Samson and Delilah". Saint-Saens (a) Spring Song. (b) O Love of Thy Might. Miss Grace Cutter.

Serenade Pierne
Andante Religioso Thome
Mazurka de Concert Musin
Miss Elizabeth Michener.
Miss Mary Smith.

PART II.

Miss Anne Stuart.

In the absence of the president, the vice-president, Mrs. H. B. Ward, presided. Mrs. D. M. Butler, in a few words, spoke of the ability and worth of Miss Marcia Arnold, an active member of the club, whose death occurred last week. This is the first death which has occurred among the active members of the club since its organization eight and a half years ago.

An open meeting of the club will be held in two weeks.

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Traveling art galleries are a feature of work of the Illinois State Federation of clubs. Of this the Boston Herald says:

"Interest in the traveling art galleries instituted by the Illinois federation is extending to other states, and letters have reached the committee in charge asking if the galleries could not be sent out of the state. Two very important galleries have been added this year. The first contains thirty-three original water colors, loaned by well-known artists, and twenty-two etchings. The second gallery illustrates art as applied to the home. and is in two divisions. The first consists of a portfolio of wall papers, color schemes for rooms, and examples of rugs and textiles. The second contains five portfolies on these subjects: 'Architecture,' 'Sculpture,' 'Technique,' 'Dutch Art,' and 'French Art.' The last-named ortfolio was a gift from the Klio club. The galleries are sent to any club that asks for them, the only expense to the borrowing club being the express charges one way. A certain number of books are packed with each gallery for study of the subject matter and the pictures, and the committee has published in pamphlet form an outline course of study on art subjects. The fourth annual directory of the Chicago women's clubs, just issued, shows a total of ninety-five clubs in that city, the first issue, published four years ago, showing but sixtysix. Nearly all of the clubs mentioned in the first directory are alive and prospering."

Women in every part of the civilized world are rapidly making their way into occupations formerly regarded as belonging exclusively to men, says Leslie's Weekly. Nowhere is this more evident than in the cities of the United States, where women are employed in almost all kinds of business establishments. The feminine invasion has not in the northern latitudes as yet extended to the actual operation of street cars. In Valparaiso, Chili, however, women have entered into even this field. That South American city is well provided with horsecar lines, but while the drivers are all men, every conductor on the many

hundreds of cars is a woman. The cars are double decked structures, and are often crowded. But nobody except the conductor is allowed to stand on the rear platform. This the woman fare taker has all to herself, and besides she is not obliged to stand all the time when passengers are few, as there is a comfortable seat placed there for her use.

The conductors of Valparaiso wear a sort of uniform, consisting of a navy blue gown, with a white apron and white plastron. They have proved themselves efficient, and are treated by the travelling public with respect. Women were first employed in this line of work during the war several years ago between Chili and Peru, when men went into the army in such numbers that there was a shortage of them for peaceful pursuits. By the time the war had ended the women had firmly established themselves in this new branch of labor. They work for lower wages than the men would demand, and there has been no attempt to oust them. Whatever conservative people may think of the innovation, it cannot be denied that there are many women engaged in callings whose duties are far less agreeable than those of a street car conductor.

At this time, when the Woman's club is making plans for the work of another year, some extracts from an address made by Doctor John B. De Motte, before the Indiana Federation of Women's clubs, will be of interest as it contains many wise suggestions. In the first place he advises all women who have time for it-and from the tone of his article I think he believes that they have a right to the time,-to belong to two clubs. He says:

"Let me call the first of the two clubs to which I have referred, a Personal Preference club. If I could talk with you for thirty minutes, I will agree, by the luster of your eye, the cast of your countenance, the taper of your finger, the definition of your gesture, your figures of speech, and especially the adjectives you use, to tell you what one thing you like better than anything else in this world. It might be art, or music, or literature, or some special author in the great field of literature, or poetry, or some great philanthropy, but there is something you enjoy the doing of better than anything else, and you owe it to yourself and others to join hands with a few congenial souls, who, too, have a fondness in your special direction, to study deep and long, and to call into your midst on occasions those who can inspire you to the choice development along the line of your personal preferences."

The second Doctor De Motte called a Civic Duty club, and in his remarks he enumerated several important objects of work for this club. The first mentioned is "the place that intercollegiate athletics enjoy in modern education."

"There is no denying the fact that athletics have gone beyond the control of the average educational board. What was intended at first to be only secondary has become in many institutions the chief business among the students and faculty. Intercollegiate athletics are a moral waste of valuable time. The same amount of energy would master a language, put an art at one's finger tips, enable one to specialize in some line, almost to fit one's self for a profession. As now conducted, athletic sports are not intended for a physical development of students in general. If your son is under size, or lacking in physical vigor, he has no hope of a place upon any intercollegiate team, but if he is already unusually robust, pressure is brought to bear to induce him, often against his will, to increase his already abundant physical strength to the detriment of his mental

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