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Suggestions on the Co-ordination of Federation.

The following letter has been sent to every state president of the National Federation of Women's Clubs. To every president of the general federation must come the thought that a closer relation between the state and the general federation is absolutely necessary if the work of each is to increase in efficiency.

The general federation has the following standing committees: Art, child labor, civics, civil service reform, education, forestry, household economics, industrial, legislative, library extension, literature, pure food, reciprocity. The forestry and legislative committees consist of members from each state, and are therefore, in a measure, working under the proposed plan. The industrial and child labor committees could be similarly organized.

The suggestion I make, therefore, is that the state federations shall harmonize their committees with those of the general federation, adding of course such local committees as may be necessary under certain conditions; but the general plan to follow the mother organization. I would go even further. I would ask that the state federations suggest that each club formulate its year's programs as far as possible upon those topics, thus gradually conforming to a certain standard, into a harmonious whole, like city, state and nation.

Current Topics By the Club Women.

Again has one of our citizens paid the penalty of being "new" and progressive. The theory of rotation in office in the state board of health seems to apply only to the office of secretary. Do you suppose that trying to keep the said board immune from the attack of the microbe politicians has anything to do with that reduction in salary? We fear that the state board received too heavy a dose of the toxin of professional skill and purity of purpose at the hands of the retiring secretary.

Our school board is to be commended on its action in refusing to allow our school children to be exploited. There is altogether too much of that sort of thing going on as it is. While to some families carrying an extra lunch is no burden, to many a mother it would mean a sacrifice in her own family. One child waits to eat at school, another to eat at home. It is mortified if he cannot maintain the same standard of generosity, and we should encourage our school board to keep on in its good work in this direction.

The Sacajawea Statue Of High Artistic Merit.

The artistic merits of the Sacajawea statue having been called into question, rather than the guarantee that when the statue would arrive it would be a work of art and a credit to the city having learned the work as it progresses, the association thought best to publish the following letters. It will be a satisfaction to those subscribing to know that those in charge hedged themselves about with every position, and as far as can be learned, the work as it progresses proves the wisdom of choosing Miss Cooper to do it.

Women's Colleges Need Larger Endowments.

In view of the fine branch of the College Alumnae association just formed in Portland, and as no definite line of work has yet been inaugurated, the suggestions made by President C. C. Carey, Thomas of Bryn Mawr at a luncheon given in her honor by the Boston Bryn Mawr club may be apropos and worth the consideration of the Portland club. She said in part:

"If we care anything at all for progress we must, I think, either like or dislike intensely the college education of women. We all know more or less what educated men can accomplish, but we cannot possibly predict, even yet, what it will be like in 20 years' time, when the girls now in college form one third of all the college-bred people in the United States, or in 30 years' time when there will probably be as many women as men alive who have been to college.

The Forestry Club Retains Same Official Board.

The annual meeting of the Forestry club was held at the home of the president, Mrs. A. H. Breyman, last Tuesday. Two important amendments were made to the constitution, namely: Changing the day of meeting from the second Tuesday of the month to the second Monday. This change was made to accommodate several women who are anxious to join, but who attend other meetings on Tuesdays.

Items of Interest From W. C. T. U. Sources.

The state mid-year executive meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held in Portland, Oregon, at the headquarters of the state association. Reports of the work planned and in active operation were full of interest and enthusiasm. For the first time in the history of the W. C. T. U. state headquarters will be permanent in Portland.

Associations That Are Helping Womankind.

While the public is not hearing very much about the work its committees are by no means idle. The press committee is hard at work making up lists of all the papers in the northwest, and an appeal has been prepared to send to all the editors. An experienced Traveler's Aid worker is to be sent out by the national committee.

Progress Club Enjoys Musical Treat.

A club musicale furnished the entertainment for the Progress club at its regular meeting this week and was held at the home of Mrs. E. E. Young, whose home was exquisitely decorated in the club colors—yellow and white—for the occasion.

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At last a national bureau of information has been established for club work, and in the next issue of the Federation Bulletin will make its bow to the public. It is in charge of Mrs. Mary I. Wood, chairman of the committee, with headquarters in Portsmouth.

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Statistics That Prove College Education Desirable.

Miss M. Carey Thomas, president of Bryn Mawr, relieved many anxious minds when she told the largest audience that assembled at the first annual biennial that college girls had the same chance of matrimony and motherhood as that of other women of their class in this country.

House Without Kitchen Not Attractive to English.

Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman, who will be in Portland to attend the National Suffrage convention and who will stay over to lecture at the Chautauque assembly, will give a lecture on "House Without Kitchen." From England she goes to the continent for a series of 13 lectures, beginning at Amsterdam, and going on to Vienna and a "Bude" in Berlin.

Club Headquarters But Not in Fraternal Building.

An adjourned meeting of the federated clubs of the city was held at the home of Mrs. Samuels on Thursday to consider a proposition to take a room in the Fraternal building at the fair.

Amateur Society Holds Interesting Meeting.

The Portland Amateur society held its regular monthly meeting at St. Helen's hall Friday at 8 o'clock. Miss Helen M. Stafford was chairman of the day and an unusually fine program was rendered.

Mrs. Duniway's Book Attracts Wide Attention.

Mrs. Abigail Scott Duniway of Portland, Ore., is about to publish through A. C. McClurg & Co. a novel entitled "From the West to the West." It contains an account of the life of a woman in the west, and is a most interesting and realistic picture of the perils, hardships, and romantic incidents of her own pioneer travels across the plains 50 years ago.

Work Progressing Quietly But Effectively.

Miss Mary Chase, club organizer for the N. E. A., is doing her work most effectively, and so quietly that it was startling to come across the following item in a Boston paper:

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GOSSIP OF SOME CURRENT BOOKS

"For the White Christ"

A thrilling and vivid account is given of the massacre of the Franks in the Roncesvalles pass, when their leader, Roland, was slain and Olvir miraculously escaped. This is particularly interesting on account of the theme it has furnished for many patriotic songs and readings.

"The Book of Tea"

The Book of Tea; an interpretation of Japanese life.—By Okakura Kakuzo. This volume treats especially of the idea of tea and tea-jem in its relation to the religion of Japanese aestheticism. He believes in the importance of tea and tea drinking to oriental life and humanity at large, and traces the development of the tea ceremony from its earliest conception in the Tang dynasty, and from Lutwi, the father of tea, down to the present time.

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