

WOMEN'S CLUBS AND WORK

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The Art of Being a Good Loser.

One of the lessons that woman will have to learn, and learn probably in the bitter school of experience, is the art of being a good loser. Humiliating as the confession is, women as a rule have not reached the stature of man in this respect. It is a matter of frequent observation that men will quarrel bitterly, one will win and the other lose, and both will remain apparently good friends, while women under similar circumstances will let the whole world know of their hurt feelings and will wonder why the dear public doesn't sympathize more heartily with them. Now this is not because men are more forgiving or more strongly fortified with the Christian graces, but because they have made a practical application of Mrs. Wilson's axiom, "Laugh and the world laughs with you; weep and the world laughs at you." They know the world has no use for a whiner and the man that's knocked down and comes up laughing is a jolly good fellow that everybody is going to sympathize with in the next inning. Under this, however, is a deeper thought, a more penetrating intelligence than just the laugh that wins the crowd. It is the knowledge that to be a successful winner you must be a graceful loser. Every man who has made a success politically has learned this—he had to learn it or no party would have tolerated him within its ranks.

The woman who would be a successful politician must first learn this principle, for every time she departs from it she injures her party or her cause, and ere long she will become an outcast. It is an inevitable fact that the loser who howls and shrieks maledictions upon the head of the victor will stir the roily depths of her own puddle or will start the bones to rattling in her own closet in attending to take down somebody else's skeleton, and do irreparable injury to her cause. Unfortunately, it is not the disturber that loses, quite the contrary, she gets a little notoriety that is honey to her soul and her aim is attained, while perhaps a great principle has been sacrificed to personal vanity. The woman who is not a good loser also shows herself unfit for larger obligations, for she has not yet learned the rudiments of organization—the submission to majority rule. Majorities, to be sure, are not always right, but right or wrong, a vindictive outcry against them but more firmly entrenches them in the position they have acquired. All great reforms have come by conscientious service to a principle, and not by making it vulnerable to the attack of the enemy by exposing the real or imaginary weaknesses of its leaders. The loser that does this never becomes the leader.

And in the last analysis, the loser that sits by the wayside and throws stones can be pretty certain she is soiling her own hands far more than impeding the procession that is passing by. When women learn to be good losers the art of winning will be easy.

Council of Jewish Women Makes Magnificent Report.

The Council of Jewish Women is the natural result of the best work of the Jewish women and probably the best work of organized women in the state of Oregon. The Portland section's membership is about 300. It has not swerved from the original plan of work, and in its monthly program and study classes the subjects have been entirely along Jewish lines. Thus far the work has been done entirely by our own members. We do not consider this a work of provincialism, but rather the outcome of greater personal interest, a deeper earnestness and willingness to gain and give the knowledge that will be helpful to us all.

EARNEST PRAYER AVAILS NOT TO SAVE THIS ANCIENT ABBEY



Selby Abbey Before the Fire.

(Special Service.) London, Nov. 17.—While there is little doubt that Selby abbey, which was completely gutted by fire recently, will be restored in course of time, it is acknowledged that much of the damage done is irreparable. The £250,000 of more which will be needed to reconstruct the fabric, of which little more than the charred skeleton walls now remain standing, cannot replace its historic treasures and ancient architecture. New masonry can never inspire the same enthusiasm as the hoary, weather-worn stones. No such ecclesiastical calamity has occurred in the British Isles since the great fire which devastated the minster at York three quarters of a century ago.

Founded by the Conqueror, Selby abbey was one of the finest specimens of Norman architecture in the kingdom. It was founded in 1069 by William the Conqueror. William and his queen visited Selby the year following with the intention of arranging the endowments, and here, tradition affirms, their youngest son, afterward Henry I of England, was born. Various successive kings added great privileges to the abbey and adorned it with splendid buildings, until it became one of the most famous ecclesiastical foundations of the north. Its great cruciform church was built by Hugh, sheriff of Yorkshire, in the twelfth century. It continued to grow in prosperity until

suggestion may be helpful to other sections. Our subject for this year will be "The Jew in America."

In the study class we have followed the same line of thought; the papers being the efforts of our own members, supplemented and corrected by our former leader, Dr. Stephen S. Wise. This year the study class will consider Jewish poets, philosophers and exegesis, with special reference to Jewish life in the middle ages. The philanthropic work is naturally the center around which most of the interest revolves. The Portland section owns its settlement house, this section being incorporated according to the laws of the state of Oregon. The house does not represent the gift of any one person, but is the result of united effort on the part of every member of the section. In the house are conducted the various activities common to industrial and educational work, all strictly non-sectarian; we know neither class nor creed. The sewing school was our first effort, and we builded better than we knew, for our activities have increased and multiplied, and we know not where they may end. The average attendance at the cooking school is 70, and while the instruction is the very best teachers are surely benefited by the work, however short the duration. Our first graduate was a colored girl, whose gratitude is shown by the dainty garments she is able to fashion for the little one who has blessed her with the name mother. Following this was the domestic science school, now a cooking school, where 25 girls are profiting by the instruction of the very best teachers in the city can give them.

In the class succession came the manual training school for boys, who until this time had received but scant attention, and the gymnasium for both boys and girls whose work does credit to their most able instructors.

Within the last year a kindergarten has been established with an average attendance of 35 and a happiness in the children's faces is but a proof of the love and interest on the part of their teachers.

Our latest venture has been the establishment of night classes of English for the benefit of those whose recent arrival in our country has made an acquaintance with our mother tongue imperative. From the most humble beginning the class has continued to grow until it now numbers 45, and the volunteer workers, a noble band of men and women, are more than repaid by the rapid progress of their various pupils.

We cannot and must not forget our well-equipped free library, soon to be augmented by our baths at the disposal of all children who choose to profit by what we offer.

It is most encouraging to note the growing number of women interested in this part of our work, and to mention that no service has been asked in vain. The Portland section receives the attention and consideration of the best element in our city who are interested in preventive philanthropic work and in all movements for the betterment of the community. It is an important factor in cooperation with the juvenile court, some of its members being volunteer probation officers.

In making others helpful and self-reliant, do find our greatest joy. (MRS. E. J. TILLIE SELLING.)

Lyle Tuesday Musicals Does Good Permanent Work.

The Lyle Tuesday Musicals club of La Grande has added nine new members and lost but five during the year, having at present 47 members on the roll. During the year they have held 11 regular meetings, the programs being conducted by the members. Beside these four open meetings have been given when guests are entertained, and there has also been a number of social afternoons.

The study has been the story of "Das

Hinsgold" and was conducted by Mrs. Lyle. One of the most successful features of the club is a large guitar and mandolin department. In all the club feels it has accomplished some work that will be of great benefit in future years.

The clubrooms have been enlarged and rearranged, making it possible to take up work that the club has never been able to do before. The club is always ready to assist in entertaining all guests of the city by furnishing the musical numbers.

LILLIAN McCALL, Secretary.

Cottage Grove Club Shows Good Work Done.

The club was organized in 1902 and has 15 members, three departments and has held since organization meetings. The departments have been for study, civics and philanthropy. The year's study has been on literature and art. Under civics the members have placed waste paper receptacles in public places where needed; secured seeds from the government and distributed them to the school children; held a flower show and awarded prizes to the winners. Meetings were held every two weeks during the summer months; one reception, one party and one picnic were given.

The officers are: Mrs. Jennie Woods, president; Mrs. Addie Job, vice-president; Mrs. Mabel Chambers, recording secretary; Mrs. Margaret Johnson, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Anna Wood, treasurer; chairman civica committee, Mrs. Addie Job; philanthropy, Mrs. Anna Wood.

Club colors, lavender and white; motto, "Burnish thy mind that therein may reflect the image of thy creator."

First Published List Of National Committee Chaired.

For the benefit of the clubs of the state we are appending the first public announcement of the chairman of standing committees of the General Federation. The clubs of the state who are studying or working along the lines of any of these committees will do well to write to the chairman of the committee, who have all been selected for their expert knowledge of the work and will be able to give the individual clubs information and assistance which will carry forward their work in more systematic and satisfactory manner.

Chairmen of standing committees, 1906-1907.

Art.—Mrs. John B. Sherwood, 580 Monroe street, Chicago, Illinois.

Civics.—Miss Mary Knox Garvin, 1930 Wallace street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Civil Service Reform.—Miss Anna L. Clark, Booneville, Missouri.

Education.—Miss Mary M. Abbott, Watertown, Connecticut.

Forestry.—Mrs. E. B. Peterson, corner of Lincoln and Peterson streets, Chicago, Illinois.

Household Economics.—Mrs. Margaret J. Blair, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Industrial and Child Labor.—Mrs. Clarence Burns, New York City.

Legislative.—Mrs. George C. Avery, 1321 Third avenue, Louisville, Kentucky.

Library Extension.—Mrs. A. F. Bromhall, Troy, Ohio.

Literature.—Miss Mary Poppenheim, 31 Meeting street, Charleston, South Carolina.

Music.—Mrs. T. J. Fletcher, Marshalltown, Iowa.

Pure Food.—Mrs. Walter McNaught Miller, Columbia, Missouri.

Reciprocity.—Mrs. Herbert M. Bushnell, 1415 South Seventh street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Chairmen of board and special committees:

Biennial Committee.—Mrs. Philip N. Moore, 3125 Lafayette avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Program.—Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, 2606 Whittis avenue, Austin, Texas.

Press.—Mrs. Sarah A. Evans, Portland, Oregon.

Resolutions.—Mrs. J. W. Johnston, Topeka, Kansas.

Revision.—Mrs. John D. Sherman, Chicago, Illinois.

Transportation.—Mrs. Edward L. Johnson, Providence, Rhode Island.

International Federation Committee.—Mrs. May Alden Ward, Boston, Massachusetts.

Southern Oregon Club Takes Bay View Course.

The Ashland Study Club is purely a literary club and has never taken up any other work. It takes the Bay View reading course, and feels that in order to do justice to the work it should give it the greatest part of its time.

The club limits its membership to 20 and is never without a full list.

The members are all much interested in their work and are anticipating a pleasant winter's study.

MA. BURRILL, Secretary.

A Good Report From Pendleton Club.

The Current Literature club of Pendleton was organized in 1903. It joined the General Federation of Women's Clubs in 1905 and the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs in 1906.

The first meeting of the club for the year 1906-7 was held October 3, 1906, that being the Tuesday immediately after our regular club day for the year being the first and third Tuesdays of each month. We opened with a full membership, which is 25 active and four honorary members.

During the club year five resignations were tendered and accepted with regrets. Three of the number leaving the city, and the other two, for excellent reasons, were unable to continue with the club work. As there is always a waiting list four club being limited to 25 their places were immediately filled.

Mrs. James A. Fee was appointed president of this club by state president, as chairman of club extension committee of the O. F. W. C. and we are very proud to report 25 clubs organized under her efficient and unifying efforts, but only one club so far has joined the state federation, though Mrs. Fee is expecting very soon to hear from others.

Our work for the year was the study of United States history, literature, art and music. The history study was taken up from the discovery (1492) and carried through the year 1849, was so thoroughly enjoyed that it was voted upon to continue it for the work of the year 1906-7. The roll call was taken up by current events from our own country.



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Good Club Work By Union Club Women.

The Women's club of Union was organized in 1899, and is now in its eighth year.

The meetings are held on alternate Thursdays, beginning at 2 p. m., at the homes of the members. The membership is unlimited, but has never gone beyond 30. Last year there were 24 on the rolls, and opened this year with the same number, but several new names had been added since opening.

The club was not represented at the state federation last year, but a report of our work was sent.

Last year the course of study adopted was modern literature, music, art and civic improvement, but the program was often supplemented with talks on household economics, current events and drills in parliamentary law, which many of the members felt the need of. Mrs. Lillian Cole-Bethel's book being the authority adopted. The Women's club bought property in 1902 and incurred a debt amounting to \$100, which is now being paid by installments, and have now decreased about \$200 of the debt.

One of the pet hobbies was to establish a free reading-room for the young people and for as many of the elders as wished to patronize it. Not being able to do it alone while paying for its property, the ladies of the W. C. T. U. joined in the project, and together they have now several hundred volumes of their own and are receiving shipments of books from the state library at Salem, and the little free library and reading-room is something the women are proud of.

The property bought is bringing in a small rental, and in this way is helping to pay the debt. The club motto is, "Burnish thy mind that therein may be reflected the goodness and wisdom of thy Creator."

The officers last year proved efficient and the members were all willing to do the work required of them. The attendance was good, and the Women's club is recognized as an organization of standing in the city of Union.

ESTHER E. PUSEL, Delegate.

Artistic Needleworkers Make Bright Report.

We are not a study club neither are we drones. As our object is stated in our by-laws we are banded together for social intercourse, the exchange of ideas upon needlework and civic improvement. We meet every Thursday at the home of our members in alphabetical order. After an hour and a half of needlework we have our business meeting when all requests for aid from people, city council or any one interested in the public welfare is considered. Business being concluded, luncheon is served and I must give our ladies credit for being experts along this line as well as being good needlewomen.

No doubt you have all heard of the Coos bay country, so much talked of in our papers. We take some of the credit

of bringing this about. Two years ago the city council sent a committee of three to ask the ladies of the A. U. W. to assist them in establishing a board of trade in our city. As money was needed and had to be solicited by public subscription I am proud indeed to tell you that the ladies headed that list with a subscription of \$100.

During the terrible disaster in San Francisco another committee from our city council waited upon us again for a donation, securing \$50 in cash and a pledge of 500 loaves of bread before 8 o'clock next morning. As this was at 2 p. m. you may readily imagine this meant all night at work, enough to tell you we were all there on the wharf next morning ready to fulfill our pledge.

We have made liberal donations to the public school library and also have done good work in improving the grounds of our school. These are examples of our work. No doubt the question presented itself as to where we get our money. We have edited a cook book called the A. U. W. Cook Book and realized \$250 from the sale. As the receipts were tried receipts of the ladies comprising our club this will surely bear me out in the assertion that I made at the beginning of our report.

We also give an annual ball and it is one of the social events of the season. We realized at our last one \$27 and for a little city of 2,000 inhabitants we think this a goodly sum. As we pride ourselves on our social life we would like to extend an invitation to the clubwomen of the state that if ever you visit our neighborhood to make yourselves known to the ladies of the A. U. W. club of Marshfield.

HATTIE E. McCORMAC, President A. U. W. Club, Marshfield.

Forest Grove Club Doing Systematic Work.

The Women's club of Forest Grove is the outgrowth of the Lewis and Clark

club. The year of 1905 and 1906 was studied colonial history and this was prominent in the program. At the annual election the following were chosen for the year 1906 and 1907: President, Mrs. Arthur Wood Johnson; vice-president, Mrs. John A. Abbott; recording secretary, Mrs. E. E. Williams; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. J. Cool; treasurer, Mrs. J. G. Shannon and Mrs. L. A. Watt and Mrs. A. G. Hoffman were elected extra members of the executive committee.

The topic of study and program for 1906 and 1907 is "The Revolutionary and Constructive Periods." Our program shows how these are treated. Four departments have been inaugurated this year. The general information department is under the able leadership of Mrs. Walter Hoge, with Mrs. John A. Abbott an enthusiastic assistant. The plan of work is to study the property laws with special regard to women, then after a few weeks devoted to this to take up the child labor laws, followed by pure food laws and domestic science.

The manual training department with physical culture has Mrs. George Hancock as superintendent and Mrs. A. G. Hoffman as assistant. The plan is to introduce carpentry and military drill in the public school. The Women's club is to maintain the department until the interest is sufficient to vote a tax to carry on the work. At the first meeting this year \$25 was voted as a beginning and the school is planning to give an entertainment early in November for the benefit of this department, the Women's club furnishing the music. Following this a souvenir calendar will probably be issued for further fund. The list of necessary tools has been obtained and an instructor secured. We have the hearty cooperation of the su-

perintendent and the school board. For the drill broomsticks will probably be used, these to be made perfectly smooth with sandpaper and prepared with round ends by the manual training pupils and to use these with appropriate music will make the physical culture exercises a pleasure and at the same time carry out the legal requirement of daily physical culture exercises in the public school.

Professor Mary F. Farnham is the able leader of the Shakespeare department, which began work 10 members. They meet fortnightly for study, on the first and third Tuesday afternoons, spending an hour and a half in reading and discussion of the play assigned for that meeting.

It is the purpose of the department to read the comedies this year, taking the works in the order of their presentation to show the development of Shakespeare's mind and its influence on his art. The play is outlined by the leader as to plot and motif; auxiliary notes and topics also are type written with the analysis and posted in the free reading room, where the department holds meetings. The topics are used as a syllabus for home work and the discussion is by assigned or general questions as circumstances demand.

The leading scenes are read by characters assigned. It is the purpose of the department to prepare a program in cooperation with the music department for an open meeting when scenes of representative plays will be presented and Shakespeare songs with instrumental music from Shakespearean themes will be rendered.

Mrs. Charles Ruckle was appointed secretary so that Mrs. E. E. Williams could take the management of the music department. The outline of this department is: First, "The Lives of the Masters With Music"; second, "History of Music"; third, "Current Musical

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