

Women's Clubs and Work

Edited by Mrs. Sarah A. Evans.

Eugene Fortnightly Club Makes Loan Fund Assured.

It is with great pride and pleasure the state federation is enabled to announce that the scholarship and loan fund, which was indorsed at the state convention at its recent session in Portland, is an assured fact.

The Eugene Fortnightly club has the honor of putting the matter beyond question by the handsome donation of \$100, which was received from them this week. If never another cent is contributed by the club, the state will be guaranteed, for this \$100 will be used over and over again, bringing interest and compound interest in the education of girls of the state.

The chairman of the loan fund committee, Miss Helen Spalding, whom every one recognizes as one of the leading educators of the state, has been making investigations, and has been in correspondence with a number of our institutions of learning, and finds there are many girls whose best efforts fall short because they cannot do the school work and earn the necessary funds to pay their expenses. It will be to these girls this loan fund will be extended, but only as a loan under just the same business arrangement they might make with a bank, except that it will be loaned without interest and can be returned in installments when the girl becomes a wage earner.

The Annual Report Of Tuesday Afternoon Club.

It is a pleasant duty to make the annual report to the state federation of which we are privileged to be members. We are not a philanthropic club, but we engage in legislative work of any kind, although we are deeply interested in all the great issues of the day. The ladies who organized the Tuesday Afternoon club became conscious that they were allowing their material interests to engross their time and thoughts that mental development was being retarded, in consequence of which this club was organized. We have a limited membership, vacancies being filled from our waiting list. We meet every Tuesday from October to June, excepting those during the holidays. Our average attendance is four fifths of our membership. We devote three years to French and German history, and literature, and for two years studied Greek mythology, antiquity and lore, traveled with the Syrians from India to Europe, and with the Celts and Gauls, read carefully the settlement of England, learned of its political, ecclesiastical and social progress through years of strife, warfare and insurrection, and the discovery of the new world, lived and loved English history and literature with Chaucer, Beaumont and Fletcher, Shakespeare and noted historians of the sixteenth century. We have a list of past years brings me now to the special object of this report—our last year's work. We began with the making of the Anglo-Saxon race, which was divided into the Celtic and English. We learned of the nature of the country at the time the Druids were conquered by the Romans, which in turn gave place to the Anglo-Saxon conquest, saw the return of the Catholics, which was supplanted by Protestantism. One of the most important conditions during this period was the reign of Arthur, from which many of our celebrated poets have drawn the inspiration for their most delightful songs.

We exited in the advancement of England during the reign of the Tudors, which reached its height under Elizabeth. Our coming year's work is to be a continuation of the study of English. Although the study of the Tuesday Afternoon club is a heavy one, we find it an advantage to devote a part of each session to social features, which by invitation of the hostess, is given to conversation and refreshments, the nature of which is at the pleasure of the hostess. We have been told that this club excels in dining. If this be the fact, and perhaps it may be, we have demonstrated that clubwomen are the best housewives the world has ever produced. Our social features, which we tendered our husbands a banquet, which was the crowning achievement of the social glories of the Tuesday Afternoon club. A delightful afternoon was spent in the social features, and invited guests in an automobile ride, of which our president, Mrs. White, was the charming hostess. The delegates from the various clubs will be supplied with the copy of our yearbook. This will give a better idea of the way we conduct our study.

NEILLIE M. MILES.

Illinois Study Club Honors State and City.

As delegate to this convention I have the honor of presenting to the State Federation of Women's Clubs a brief report of the first year's work of the Illinois Study club. The club was originally the auxiliary of the Illinois State society, and at the close of the Lewis and Clark fair became a permanent club, affiliating with both state and city federations. It had been the intention of the club, at its closing meeting last year, to open in the fall as a department club, not confining its membership to residents of Illinois, which would necessitate a change in the name of the club. At a special meeting, called by the president October 2, it was decided that in view of the unavoidable absence of our president this winter the department work would not be taken up at this time, but held in abeyance until another year. In the meantime the work of departments will be made a study to enable the members to be better prepared for the actual work. It was also deemed advisable to change the name of the club in order to broaden out and take in new members. The name "Portland Study club" was the unanimous choice, which is a combination of the names of the city and country. The program of the first year embraced the study of the history of the state of

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Illinois, including papers written by the members. Some of the topics were: "The War Record of Illinois," "The Blackhawk War," "Some of Illinois' Great Men," "An Illinois Thanksgiving," "Christmas in Illinois," "Slavery Days of Illinois," "Abraham Lincoln Day," "Some Medical Women of Illinois," "Musical Composers of Illinois," "Eugene Field Day," "Frances Willard Day," "Some Women Lawyers of Illinois," "Betsy Brubaker," "Abraham Lincoln's Stepmother." The social part of the program included a delightful afternoon with our president, a musical evening with Miss Soule, and a boat excursion and picnic to the Cascade locks.

All meetings were held at the homes of members. After a general discussion of the topic of the day and a musical program, the social hour followed, during which light refreshments were served by the hostess. We closed our first year with a registered membership of 35. If the enthusiasm which prevailed at our first meeting, continued, we will have a more fruitful than the first, and we will be prepared to begin our department work in earnest. J. DAYTON.

Much Good Work Shown by Portland Woman's Club.

It is with great pleasure and a little pride that I report to you of the work and prosperity of the Portland Woman's Club for the past year. It has not only grown financially and numerically, but the club spirit which is so essential to the substantial and permanent growth of every club has gained in strength and progressiveness. Only one who has been a member of this club from the beginning can realize how its members have broadened, arguments favoring woman's clubs, and the need of presentation at this day and age. The metaphor is as profound and true today as when first uttered, "Iron sharpeneth iron, so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend." We women are too prone to think that our own pet ideas are the only ones of importance. If a club by bringing us under the influence of other, wiser women, thus ourselves teaches us that they, too, have ideas demanding consideration, and that we must listen as well as utter, it has taken the longest and most difficult step toward culture and breadth of view, for culture is tolerance, and education that has not given us the ability to see and understand the thoughts as well as needs of those around us has failed. It has been my special privilege to attend the biennial at Los Angeles and St. Paul, to meet with and listen to the great men and women who come to these conventions to tell us of their efforts toward the uplifting of mankind, and to urge upon the clubs to aid in this great and noble work. The harvest is ripe and it is bounteous, but there is much need of laborers, men having the time and energy to do this work, and how can they do it better than through the clubs and federations, for there is always strength in united effort. We feel that the Woman's club of Portland has not only been a benefit to its members, but an uplifting factor in the community. It has 14 active departments, all doing good work. The educational department took the initiative in working for the establishment of a public playground in Portland, and their efforts have been nearly crowned with success. I fully believe that before another summer has passed they will see the fruits of their labor ripen into perfect success. The investigation of high school fra-

ternities was given into their charge and faithfully investigated. The club has been asked by the state federation to aid in raising a fund to establish a university scholarship for girls, which doubtless will be arranged for during the coming year. In response to calls for help from those made destitute by calamity or persecution, the club has willingly drawn from its small treasury such sum as it was able to give. The Jewish people suffering in the hands of the Russians were voted \$25. To stricken San Francisco the club not only gave \$50, but 120 more was raised by subscription from club members, many others helping with willing hands to mend and distribute clothing to the refugees who came to our city for safety.

We gave \$25 to the Open Air sanitarium and \$25 to the suffrage cause. The club has for four years paid the expenses of a scholarship in the Y. M. C. A. for a boy, and has responded many times to the call for books to aid in establishing public libraries in small towns, and without being able to own a home of its own has helped to swell the fund of many clubs who were working to build a clubhouse. From its ranks a market inspector has been called, and a good one, too. In appreciation of this fact the club voted her their hearty cooperation and support.

The club has been honored by the placing of one of its members, Mrs. S. A. Evans, on the National Federation board. Mrs. Evans is also our honored state president. Another of our members, Mrs. C. E. Litton, serving one term as school director, was unanimously re-elected, no one being willing to run against her. The club feeling that an effort should be made to stem the tide of commercialism that threatens to inundate the nation at the sacrifice of love for native beauty, soon a protest to Washington against the destruction of Niagara Falls. Senator Fulton answered, saying he would use all his influence in that direction. Applying the same principle nearer home, we have tried to preserve the beautiful falls and scenic rocks of the Columbia. The social side of the club has not been neglected. During the fair months the club gave two beautiful receptions, one of the handsome rooms of the Commercial club to the National Woman's Suffrage convention, and one in the beautiful Oregon building to the hosts and hostesses of other state buildings. Both were largely attended and we have good reason to believe bore fruits many fold in good will and kindly feeling and in the uplifting of the club.

Many of the departments meet at the homes of the members. After the study hour they discuss their work over the good things the hostess has prepared for them, and the club meetings seldom close without a social hour with a cup of tea. As a celebration of our club anniversary, we inaugurated this year a banquet, which was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed, and we hope will become a yearly event. This year has been a banner year for increased membership, 59 members having been enrolled, and we have had a small average of resignations. As a charter member of this club, in looking back over the ten years of the club life, I see great changes for the better and great possibilities for the future. Respectfully submitted, P. A. BREYMAN, Past President Portland Woman's Club.

The Troutdale Club Does Much Philanthropic Work.

It is with pleasure I report to the state federation that we have had a pleasant as well as a successful year's club work. During the year we have had a number of very good lectures for both our members and the public. Foremost among the speakers were Mrs. W. Johnson, Mrs. Sarah A. Evans and Mrs. Millie Trumbull. We also had Judge Fraser, who came and addressed the public school children on the work of the juvenile court. The same evening he addressed a large gathering in the town hall. He was assisted in his lecture by Mrs. Trumbull. Our committee on school work accomplished a great deal in having better sanitary conditions in and around our schools. The club also rendered much financial aid to the Troutdale library association for new books and other expenses. We also sent substantial aid to the San Francisco sufferers and rendered all possible help to those of our own town who were in distress. CLARA LARSON, President.

A Literary Program By Marshfield Club.

Mrs. Sengstacken in her report to the state convention, as president of the Progress club, said: "Early last June our club closed a very interesting and successful year's work, our program having been a miscellaneous one consisting of papers written on noted places and objects of Europe. On October 2 our annual luncheon was held at the home of the president, when a most delightful afternoon was spent by all present. The following week our actual club work began. "Our program for the coming year is English literature, beginning with the formation of the race and language and extending down to the period of Milton. Next year interpret education required from all members and excellent articles are usually the result. "We are looking forward with much interest to our coming year's work, feeling that we shall derive much benefit therefrom."

Good Educational Work By Portland Froebel Association.

The Portland Froebel association was organized October 7, 1904, at St. Helens hall, an invitation having been sent out by Miss Matthews to those interested in the study of the child. The meetings are held monthly at which a program is given pertaining to education—and we interpret education as development through the channel of the three L's—light, love, and the three H's—head, hand, heart. The association has also been able to do some work along philanthropic lines. During the Lewis and Clark fair a day nursery was maintained, and along civic lines much has been accomplished in enlisting cooperation between the home and the kindergarten toward "a place for every thing" and its companion, "everything in its place." Order is heaven's first law and cleanliness is next to godliness, if not first, so a great deal of attention has been paid to sanitation, such as individual drinking cups, individual napkins when pasting or using clay and clean, sweet glass given to each individual child—in fact, whatever the child works with is individual and sanitary. Several club afternoons have been given to subjects other than those pertaining to immediate work in the kindergarten. The association is interested in the formation of a children's national bureau at Washington, D. C.; also in

better legislation in Oregon, where the boards of education may have power to establish new lines of work, such as kindergartens in the public schools, and industrial education in the grades, following out the work commenced in the kindergarten. The Froebel association asks the cooperation of the state federation in establishing kindergartens for better citizenship, also for better school legislation in Oregon and for the establishment of a national children's bureau. ELIZABETH K. MATTHEWS, Pres.

The Newberg Club Using Bay View Course.

The Wednesday club is small, having but nine members, but all are interested in the study work, which has been confined the past year to the Bay View course. The club feels, while they have not done much for others, the work has been individually very profitable. Two social evenings were given last year, one of them being a reception to the Shakespeare club of Newberg. One evening Dr. Timms of Portland gave a very entertaining lecture on "Life in Vienna."

The Ontario Club Makes Good Beginning.

The Work and Win club was first organized last spring and the following officers elected: President, Effie Lawrence; vice-president, Emily Pogue; secretary, Ethel Blackaby; treasurer, Addie Lackey; auditor, Addie Brown. Three meetings have been held since the organization was completed. General literary work has been taken up, each meeting being devoted to some special line. Though the membership is small and the meetings so far have been few, the club is enthusiastic and hopes to accomplish a good work. The Annual Report Of the Forestry Club. The Forestry club meets monthly and has for its object the study and preservation of the trees. Its meetings are always held out of doors when practical. Owing to the unusual climatic conditions and the delicate health of our president, but six quorum meetings were held this year. In intensity of purpose and determination to carry out such a line of study these meetings were full of interest. In November Mrs. Walter I. Howard read a very interesting paper on "Oaks." At this meeting the French girl whose back was injured in the burning of a lodging-house at the Lewis and Clark fair, Mrs. Evans, in December the club asked its president, Mrs. A. H. Breyman, to write to the national committee on forestry for ideas that would help it in adopting a plan of study. In February the club asked for state laws on the subject of careless setting of fires by campers with a view to aiding in their enforcement. In April we held our annual meeting, and at this meeting Mrs. Evans was asked to write to Miss Myra Dock of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for information along lines of forestry study and to extend an invitation to her to come to the Chautauqua. The July meeting was held in the

City park, where we took our lunch. At this meeting it was voted to ask the school board of Portland to have the children encouraged to study more of the native flowers of Oregon and to have these flowers when possible transplanted to the school grounds. In August, Judge Fraser of the juvenile court wrote the Forestry club, asking its assistance in securing names and addresses of girls who might be benefited by an outing at the sea coast and who were not in circumstances to incur the expense. The club not being in session and the president and a number of the members being absent, those who were at home responded, placing in his hands the names of 43 deserving little girls. A formal acknowledgment of the services of the club and a report of the number of girls he had been able to provide for has not as yet been received by the club. At the October meeting the club was instructed to make a study of a philanthropic organization, such appeals would in future be declined. A social hour has always been had at the close of the meeting, but it has been decided to have the entire time hereafter to study and to do away with refreshments. MARY ALICE OGDEN.

Pendleton Club Shows Best Record in Its History.

The last year's work can be counted among the very best ever accomplished by the Thursday Afternoon club, old and conservative as is this club, it developed, for a rather new, up-to-date line of activity. Among other things, the domestic science department carried on a most successful cooking school, with Mrs. Miller of Portland as instructor. A Shakespeare club was another delightful line of work originated by the club, while perhaps the largest undertaking was the Elson picture exhibit, given by the public schools and the town clubs, with the Thursday Afternoon club taking the initiative. This work netted the substantial sum of \$275, which was used in decorating schoolrooms. The board of directors of public schools gave the privilege of selecting a room to be fitted up as a model schoolroom, and eight large pictures were purchased for that purpose. The subjects are on American history and literature. Among the pictures selected are: "Battle of Lexington," "Cape Cod Bridge," "The Constitution," "Mount Vernon," "Courtship of Miles Standish" and portraits of Longfellow and Washington. A large bust of Lincoln has been promised and the club expects donations of two more casts before the room is complete. One charming musical given was the rendition of the song cycle "Maud," arranged from Tennyson. The thirtieth yearly banquet of the club was a notable occasion. Among the many pleasant anniversaries of the club it was despite the unlucky "13" one of the most enjoyable. The club holds its regular meetings on alternate Thursdays, beginning the first Thursday in September and continuing until May 5, 1907. There are standing committees on education, schoolroom decoration, library, domestic science, annual banquet, yearbook and forestry. The club supports five departments, namely, Shakespeare, German, history, civics and rest room. The yearbook is of a miscellaneous character, each hostess choosing her own subject. Several social days introduced the pleasurable side of club life. This year has opened auspiciously. We have had the pleasure of listening to a delightful Scotch entertainment, which also netted us a neat sum.

During the recent Eastern Oregon District fair we maintained two ladies' rest rooms, which were so well patronized that we feel our efforts were appreciated. We hope to have the rest rooms permanent. Among the plans for the coming year is a sewing class for public school children, which will be supported by the club and conducted by the domestic science committee. Our civic committee is at present working upon plans for a park for Pendleton. A great deal of interest is now manifested in the history department, which consists of about 14 members. The study will be the Bay View course in the history, art and literature of France. Our yearbooks were formerly dainty affairs, bearing club colors and tied with pretty ribbons, but this year our yearbook is a business-like folder. We are past the age of ribbons. MRS. A. J. FEE, President of Pendleton Thursday Afternoon Club.

Tuesday Afternoon Club Holds Instructive Meeting.

The Tuesday Afternoon club held a delightful meeting this week with Mrs. L. M. Davis as hostess. Roll call was answered by incidents in Scotch history. The program was opened by an excellent paper on "The Reign of James II," by Mrs. George Boynton; "Popish Plots and Bishop's Trials" was very interestingly given by Mrs. A. J. Stiles; Mrs. Merwin Fugh talked very entertainingly on "Rebel, Lion," and "Foreign Relations," furnished an instructive theme for Mrs. H. J. Jackson. Mrs. J. D. Hayes gave an interesting article on "The London Fire," and Mrs. A. A. Bailey a very good talk on "The Plague." At the close of the program delightful refreshments were served. Mrs. Lee Storehouse, a prominent clubwoman of Pendleton, who is visiting Mrs. G. M. Gilnes, was the guest of honor. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Florence Stallings, 1235 Clinton street.

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