

WOMEN'S CLUBS AND WORK

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Appeals to Nation For Nation's Children.

As the air begins to vibrate with the more patriotic orations that will be inducted upon tired women and impatient children next Thursday, it might not be amiss to consider for a moment what true patriotism is and prepare ourselves to receive in a spirit of investigation, rather than in one of vain-glory, all that will be said about our being the most enlightened and the most advanced people on the globe, and a nation that cares for and educates her children as no other nation does.

Next to a love of country comes the willingness to acknowledge conditions as they really exist, and criticize them with a spirit of patriotism and a desire to ameliorate them rather than to find fault, without suggesting a remedy. If some of our Fourth of July orators would give the real educational facts and statistics of America, while it might not be such pleasant information, it might awaken a truer spirit of patriotism and better prepare the coming generation to meet some of the stupendous problems that are now pending, while gathering strength to precipitate themselves upon the nation.

What are these problems and how are we preparing to meet them? There may be a diversity of opinion as to what they are, but there is but one opinion as to how they shall be met, and that is through the education of the masses. But we hear the Fourth of July orator tell us every child in the United States has the opportunity to get an education; there is no excuse for ignorance, and there is none existent; we are the most enlightened nation on the earth, our public school system is the best, etc.

and are not able, though many of them fully realize the conditions, to remedy them, the national government has not yet awakened to the importance of the matter, and the expense of maintaining these isolated schools is so great that private efforts can make but slow progress. But the work has been taken up by the Southern Industrial Educational association, with Mrs. Martha S. Glew as president-general.

The Dallas Club Alive and Active.

It is with pleasure I report for The Dallas Sorosis a live, harmonious year's work. Our club suffered in the resignation of our president, Mrs. Inez C. Fillion, before the opening of the year's work, but notwithstanding this handicap, we have continued to prosper, and I feel today that we are on a firm foundation, with prospects for a more active work for the coming year.

tion, and at the city election to be held next month, the question of levying a tax to maintain a library, whereby an appropriation of \$10,000 might be secured, will be submitted to the voters. Our educational committee has made many plans that have not materialized, but the efforts of its members have put forth will not be in vain.

The New President Of Washington's Federation.

Any state is proud of a daughter who goes forth and makes a place and a name for herself in a sister state, and today Oregon has just cause to feel proud of Mrs. H. W. Allen, who is taking such a prominent part in the affairs of Washington and who has lately been elected president of the State Federation of clubs.

Astoria Woman's Club Doing Fine Civic Work.

Broader than human needs, the Woman's club of Astoria has taken up the cause of the animals as well and are doing valiant services for the ill-treated horses and other animals of the city. For this work they have a special officer who reports to the club every month. Signs have been printed regarding the treatment of horses and will be placed in every stable and at the foot of hills and other places where they will be of value.

La Grande Club Holds Novel Banquet.

The Neighborhood club has been giving much attention to civic improvement the past year and organized a department of village improvement which would be open to non-club members or any one who wished to join it. Some work has been accomplished in the matter of depot improvement, but the main effort has been to have the public dumping-grounds fenced from view and to raise money for this novel entertainment was just in the quiet of states.

Baker City Club Closes Prosperous Year.

For the first time in its history the Alpha club has studied in departments the past year. The Shakespeare class held its meetings Saturday afternoons, studying Henry III and "As You Like It"; another class studying Italian art met every Tuesday evening and took up the lives and works of the old Italian masters; the third class, studying domestic science, met every week, while the regular meetings of the club were held as usual on alternate Mondays.

A Model Playground At Jamestown Exposition.

Through the generosity of "a friend of the children," a novel model playground, accommodating 600 little folks, will be opened at Jamestown July 1 by the American Playground Association of America. This playground will be out of the ordinary in that it will be entirely home-made and contain not a single piece of patented apparatus.

societies, particularly in the south, the great profit in opening playgrounds. To further this the association hopes to be able to furnish those officially concerned with complete plans and specifications of its Jamestown plant for duplication elsewhere.

Jewish Women The First Suffragists.

The London Jewish World suggests that the first suffragists recorded in history were the daughters of Zolophhad, and adds that it is unfortunate that Mr. Dickenson's bill could not be referred to the secret arbitration of Urim and Thummim. The same journal mentions that one of the pioneers of the woman suffrage movement in America was a Jewess, Mrs. Ernestine L. Rose, who addressed meetings as early as 1825.

Early Reservations Necessary for Biennial.

The General Federation local committee for the Boston biennial of June, 1908, has set an example for preparedness in the circular of information and special map which it has sent to club this week. The circular gives specific information of the seating accommodation of the convention hall. A list of halls and rooms available for state headquarters is given. The map shows the location of 20 hotels in convenient distance of the convention hall, and the circular gives full details as to price and terms of reservation for rooms. Attention is called to the fact that the convention will meet during the week of commencement at Harvard and other New England colleges, necessitating an early securing of accommodations.

Literary Material For Walt Whitman Day.

During the coming year the literary people of the county are preparing to celebrate the Walt Whitman centennial, and as many clubs have been sending to the bureau of information for material preparatory to having a Whitman day, the council at Jamestown requested the literary committee of the General Federation to prepare an outline for a Walt Whitman day, and it has been recommended that the literary clubs of the county have a Whitman day. It concentrates the thoughts of the club and emphasizes the life and works of a person by giving this special recognition to them.

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