

WOMEN'S CLUBS AND WORK

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FEBRUARY 23 has been chosen by the educational loan fund committee of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs upon which to give a large benefit card party to replenish its treasury which is about exhausted, and upon which many demands are being made. Much has been written and said about this club work of the state organization but the benefit which is being arranged will be upon such an extensive scale that more or less inquiry will be made regarding the work, its object, its benefits and its necessities, that this seems a peculiarly fitting time to again present it to the public.

First, then, regarding the necessity for the work. As every one who is familiar with our public and private schools, or our state institutions, or in fact, educational work in any line, each institution has its limitations and the pupils who expect to take special work must take special training. This is from the lowest to the highest grade of work. One illustration which might come between the lower grade and the higher is the class of scientific training, will illustrate the point. A young girl—and there are many of these—who is able to earn her living by helping with housework in a restaurant or some place of that kind, and thereby enable herself to go through high school with the view of becoming a teacher, but she finds she is not equipped to do the best work she can do. Here the state educational loan fund steps in and says: "We will advance you the money; we ask no security but your own earnest desire to make yourself better prepared to teach our children."

When you and through, pay it back to us in installments as your salary justifies, so that we may have the money to loan to some other girl. We are not doing a philanthropic deed for we expect the principal returned; neither are we endeavoring to make money, therefore we loan it to you without interest. This is the only advantage, except your own time, in which to pay it back, we give you, over the bank. It is wholly a business transaction, without the loss of dignity or independence on either side.

So far the benefits of the fund have been extended to five young women of the state. The largest sum loaned to any one, so far, has been \$150, the smallest \$25. In this latter case this small sum will be sufficient to keep this most deserving young woman at one of the best institutions in the state from January to June of this year, and give her advantages, that she, as the eldest of the family, who had no other help to support, has been deprived of. Of course this small sum of money would not have accomplished all this, but one of the most beautiful features of the work is the opportunity it gives the committee to assist deserving girls in other ways. Several of the girls who have had loans have been assisted by the committee to getting help in the way of tuition, some light work or other help from the educational institution, thereby making the loan a small portion of the service the committee has rendered.

In all about \$500 is so loaned out, and there are now several deserving young women who are waiting to see if they can get a loan. The committee is almost at the limit of its resources and the good work can only go forward as the federated clubs of the state see fit to keep the treasury of the committee supplied with the necessary funds.

And it is for this fund this card party will be given on the 23d of February. It will be an afternoon party and will probably be the first social function given in the magnificent audience room and parlors of the new Masonic temple. Further details have not been worked out, but the announcement comes in time for every good clubwoman to save the afternoon.

WORKING along the lines as laid out by the art committee of the General Federation of Women's clubs, the art department of the Portland Woman's club is making rapid progress and building up under its able leader, Mrs. Alice Weister, one of the largest and most interesting departments of the club. It meets in the art rooms of the public library the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 2 p. m.

At the meeting last Tuesday about 40 members were present. Under the practical topic of arts and crafts two very entertaining and instructive pa-

pers were given, Miss Sharp taking for her subject the printing, binding and illustrating of books, and Mrs. Weister spoke of the origin of forestry, in discussing the technique of painting. Mrs. Weister led, as she always does, this part of the lesson. "Lights and Shades" was the particular feature of the work Tuesday and the subjects used in the discussion were Correggio, Leonardo, Corot and Rembrandt.

Each member of the class has been given some famous picture for study, and each day one of these pictures will be explained, or made subject for part of the lesson, the one having it to give a sketch of the artist and a few elements entering into the picture to make it great or beautiful.

February the travel study class will begin under the direction of Weister, with stereoscopic illustrations once a month. This will be an opportunity every member of the club should take advantage of, for it is rare, as every one who knows Mrs. Weister's extensive foreign travels will admit, Mrs. Weister has spent a great deal of time studying and painting in the art centers of Europe and is familiar with the most famous galleries of the world, and only the most unselfish devotion to her would induce her to give her valuable time to the members of the club.

ALL successful leaders in the equal suffrage movement understand the importance of avoiding giving offense to voters, especially at a time like the present when men, through their own initiative petitions, have re-launched our constitutional amendment campaign.

This reminder to women who assail and "assassinate" our voters who have aspirations of their own, was called out at the recent Women's club meeting, Friday by request of excited women suffragists who called my attention to a letter in Mrs. Evans' column in The Sunday Journal of January 19. "Clubwoman" is evidently a new recruit in Oregon, or she would know that the eminent voters she has slapped in the face have one and all assented the movement whenever, by so doing, they would not impair their own political aspirations. Quite recently they have helped to finance, sign and circulate the petitions; but they could not be expected to vote for our enfranchisement at the polls if such an assault from women claiming to be suffragists should be allowed to go unchallenged.

If "Clubwoman" does not know that Senator Fulton was the first man in the world to open the door to the suffrage amendment to the voters of the state, and that he never failed to favor us in his majority and extended the elective franchise to their wives, mothers, sisters and daughters the irresponsible annoyance of anonymous writers could really assist our progress, she ought to read the Oregon history of the movement or avoid rushing into print to assail its promoters.

It is true that Mr. Fulton did, at one time, cast his vote in the legislature against reopening our case, and it was when the senatorial bee was buzzing in his bonnet, and as we would have gained nothing by his vote, while he would have had everything to lose, he was wise enough to choose the greater power and thus become our champion in the senate of the United States.

As I close I wish to say to the voters of the state of Oregon that political aspirants used to be annoyed by just such anonymous attacks from individual women in the four states where women now vote. But when men arose in their majesty and extended the elective franchise to their wives, mothers, sisters and daughters the irresponsible annoyance of anonymous writers ceased. And so we confidently believe will it be in Oregon when women vote.

With AFFECTIONATE SISTER DUNNWAY,
President Oregon State Equal Suffrage Association.

AS the year-books of the women's clubs of the country come to hand at this season, they afford an index to the range of activities and interests of the modern organization. In many states such clubs furnish the chief influence in matters relating to the improvement of town and city government, and to the development of civic pride. For 10 years, a lively club issue in the middle western states was the establishment of public and traveling libraries, and the creation of state commissions to carry on the work. One pressure exerted by the clubwomen, and the growth of libraries under the direction of state authorities has been remarkable. Clubwomen of these western states have been less vitally interested in the child labor question, which

for three years has resulted in a general club movement for reform in the east. This problem has now been taken up for scientific investigation by those especially fitted to deal with it, and so now the subject is less generally dealt with on the club programs.

Forestry questions make the greatest appeal to clubwomen of the whole country, and in the coming year they will have an important part in club work. This subject has been brought before state federations and local clubs in a well-organized and systematized manner, and well-defined results are aimed at by those in charge of forestry committees.

Every year shows the advantage of securing executive capacity for the chairmanship of a general federation committee. To present a subject which has been thought of nearly a million clubwomen needs careful planning, and the preparation of unlimited practical suggestions and aims for keeping interest alive and promoting definite results.

Domestic economy is another subject which will attract general attention of clubwomen.

Southern organizations make education, libraries and scholarships, their chief aim, thereby reflecting the great need of that section. In the large supplement of clubs, as a rule, endeavor to the most effective of municipal officers in civic affairs.

The Chicago Woman's club is probably the most effective and influential organization of the sort in the country. The Cincinnati Woman's club, the Ezra C. New Orleans, the California club bodies, New York and Boston have more large clubs than any of the other has any individual club that occupies the position of these western and southern organizations.—Exchange.

A PLEASANT aftermath of the holiday season and reminder of the new year has been received in the form of a dainty little booklet entitled "Lux Lucret in Tenets," by Mrs. Lucia Faxon Addison, who was president of the state W. C. T. U. for three years. The booklet contains five little essays on five subjects vital to life in its mental, physical and spiritual condition. They are given under the following captions: "The Need for Personal Health," "Personal Touch," "Services" and "Social Health." The book is full of original thought and interspersed with couplets and original sonnets by the author. Mrs. Addison is a strong and forceful writer, and her little souvenir book will be much valued by her friends all over the state, who are legion.

AT THE president's conference held in Boston last week Miss G. A. Bacon, chairman of the local biennial board, reported that the scope of plans for the entertaining of the national organization might be judged by the fact that there were 1,100 women actively working on the various biennial committees of entertainment. This does not include the large committee of Providence clubwomen who have in charge the plans for the "play day."

Mrs. Decker, the president of the General Federation, and the members of the executive board, met in Chicago this week to complete final arrangements for the program. Their presence was the occasion of a half dozen special meetings arranged by Chicago clubs, and the greatest enthusiasm was shown in regard to the Boston meeting.

MEMBERS of several of the women's clubs of New York are much interested in the plan which has been suggested to take over a large apartment in the Waldorf-Astoria for club use. Opinion is divided whether to have several clubs combine and lease the rooms, or to form a new general club of members of clubs already in existence. In London the past week, the forty-fifth woman's clubhouse has been opened in desirable and expensive quarters of their own, and there is talk of several more clubs in the near future. The feature of the English woman's clubs is their cheapness, an annual fee of from \$10 to \$25 securing in most cases a list of conveniences and attractions in the way of a club that is amazing to an American. English women contend that club quarters are a necessity, owing to the difficulty of the seraglio problem and the distances of a large city population, but New York

suffers from both of these drawbacks to social life, and has but one club that bears any relation to the clubs of London women.

MISS MI IMURA, a young Japanese woman, a teacher in the state school for the deaf and dumb of Tokio, has come to this country on her own initiative, to study similar institutions here. In hours not given to preparing conversation books in the Japanese, Korean, Chinese and English languages, Miss Imura's mother was the first Christian in her district, and the daughter was brought up in the same faith. She says deaf and dumb children are born chiefly in rich Japanese families, where cousins intermarry in order to keep the money in the family. Blind children, on the other hand, are found mostly among the poorest people. These defective children are looked upon as disgraced and are unhappy at home, having nothing to do. Miss Imura wants to start an industrial school for the deaf, dumb and blind of Japan. She is now staying at 114 West Newton street, Boston.

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Weinstein. The Hall Street synagogue, where the ceremony was performed, was crowded to the doors with the friends and relatives. The bride was given away by her brother, Herman Heller of San Francisco. Rev. Mr. Heller performed the ceremony, while Dr. N. Moessohn and Rabbi Y. Bloch delivered the charges. The maid of honor was Miss Paula Heller and the bridesmaids were the Misses Esther Goldman, Annie Weinstein, Pearl Barde and Minnie Davidson. The groomsmen were Dave Falley, M. Moessohn, Max Davidson and Milton Goldsmith. After the ceremony the bride party and a number of friends drove to the bride's residence at 295 Jackson street, where reception was held during the afternoon. A wedding supper was served at 7 o'clock, at which Dave and Max Moessohn presided as toastmaster. Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Weinstein will be at home to their friends next Sunday, February 9, at 701 1/2 Hoyt street.

COMING EVENTS

The Women's Press club of Oregon hold their monthly meeting in room 81, Seiling-Hirsch building, tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. Members will give paragraphs on current topics. Two sides of an interesting subject will be presented by Miss Anna Shattuck, Miss and H. H. Bushnell, editor of the Oregon Statesman. The former gives "A Defense of Present Day Literature," while the latter makes "A Plea for Fewer Writers and Better." There will be an open discussion on the subject. Miss Hestie Guinean Stone's charge of the musical program. There will be a business session of the club from 7:30 to 8.

The A. S. club will give its second dramatic entertainment Wednesday evening, February 12, at Arion hall. The following members of the club will take part: Misses Jennie Rice, Carolyn Schilt, Bernice Bauer and Marion Feldman, Leo Krause, Emanuel Frank, Max Abrahamson, Jack Feldman, Abel Levy and Maurice Taylor. Dancing will follow the play. The proceeds will be given to the Sunday school of the Park street temple.

The D. of E. has issued a limited number of invitations for their Valentine party, to be given Monday evening, February 3, in the Woodmen hall, on Eleventh street, between Washington and Alder. The patronesses will be Mrs. James Foley, Mrs. T. C. Decker, Mrs. E. H. Deery and Mrs. L. Hodier.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Goldenberg announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Elisabeth to David Gross of San Francisco. They will be at home Sunday, March 1.

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