

WOMEN'S CLUBS

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IN THE EARLY DAYS of the club movement, women's clubs organized for "anyway." It certainly was a cry that repelled: "For the purpose of acquiring superficial knowledge and unloading it on others, with very little personal absorption by anyone." In that long ago he might not have been wrong about all the clubs, and he may even be correct in his estimate of a few today; but down in Kentucky they certainly can repudiate the entire charge, as will be seen by the following report on their work, which has just been published in The Federation Bulletin—the official organ of the General Federation.

The Kentucky State Federation of Women's Clubs has just closed a two years' campaign in behalf of education. Mrs. Debra Brockbridge delivered an address before the State Press association, in order that the newspapers could bring the results before the public. Three thousand dollars was raised by the federation by means of rural excursions. The federation offered \$300 last year as a prize for the rural school which would do the most to make of itself a model institution. Some of the requirements were that there should be at least two teachers, manual instruction in manual and agricultural training, and a school garden and playground. Consolidation of school districts was urged. The prize was won by the Buckhorn school in Owsley county, which is five miles from a trolley or trolley car connection and on a dirt road. Three districts have been consolidated for this school, and a new house is under way. In the basement are a room for manual training and two playrooms for the boys which bring the pupils to school has been built. In addition to the district tax, \$600 has been subscribed. Those who could not give money gave work. A supply of coal, in kind adjoining the school, has been donated for its use. The institution is to be called the "Federation school," and the federation committee of the Federation of Women's Clubs asks \$5000 from the state legislature to continue its work of organization. The committeemen have been made eligible to the office of school trustees, and have been appointed on the legislative committee for the revision of the state school laws, and they now desire that such responsibilities should be supplemented by school franchise, if their services are to be used to the best advantage. The Kentucky state federation is composed of 9000 clubwomen, who have declared there shall be no peace in the state until their educational reforms are carried out.

MANY clubs throughout the state are sending in inquiries and requests for the new year books, which shows a greater interest in the work than ever before.

The corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. O. Hayes, wishes to announce that the books are now in press and will be ready for distribution within a week or ten days. The president and secretary of each club, the officers of the state federation and members of standing committees are, by former rulings, entitled each to a copy, and not the entire membership, as so many seem to be under the impression.

Like all club organizations, the financial side of these things has to be considered, and the expense of 3000 copies would not be possible for the federation. Owing, however, to the many requests for them the corresponding secretary has sent out a card to each club president asking if the club wishes to supply its membership with copies at 5 cents apiece. This will scarcely cover the cost, but will at least in part relieve the federation from the entire cost. Clubs wishing to get them will have to respond at once, as only enough will be printed to fill the orders.

Address Mrs. J. D. Hayes, 325 Mill street, Portland.

FOR SEVERAL years the literature department of the Portland Woman's club has depended on the lectures of Dr. C. H. Chapman, doing little of the work itself. This year a new method has been adopted, which is to have one lecture by Dr. Chapman a month, and at the other bi-monthly meetings study along such works as will supplement the lectures. With this in view Dr. Chapman has prepared the following course of suggestive reading: Literature of Insurgents, "Manfred," Byron; "Candide," Voltaire; "Doña Ines," Ibsen; "Intelligence," Faust; Goethe; "Sesame and Lilies," Ruskin; Science, "Descent of Man," Darwin; Exposition, "The Jungle," Sinclair; "Barbarous Mexico," American Magazine; Promise, "In the Fire of the Heart," The Pragmatism, "Creative Evolution," Bergson.

The literature of each of these subjects will be the topic of one of Dr. Chapman's lectures.

THE Portland section, Council of Jewish Women, takes pardonable pride in reporting substantial progress in activities and achievements along the entire line for the past year. Says the report:

"We have made a gain in membership of practically 10 per cent, giving us a total membership of 142, not one of whom is in arrears. A new departure was instituted this year, that of soliciting out of town membership, and we have had a very gratifying start.

"We have received and disbursed about \$4600, and have a balance of about \$100 on hand.

"Our work the past year has taken on a wider scope than ever before. We have sent a number of petitions to congress, indorsing national reforms, to which we have had earnest attention.

"Two new standing committees, viz.: Peace and purity of the press have been established and launched this year. Both of these committees are doing commendable work.

"Our section has cooperated and freely assisted the Visiting Nurses' association, the Scholarship Loan Fund benefit, the Oregon branch of the National Educational association and the juvenile court. We successfully worked for the movement which secured the passage of a law permitting schoolhouses to be used for social purposes in cities of the first rank.

"Our friendly and helpful visiting committees have been faithful and energetic.

"The Bible study class has enjoyed one of its most profitable years, under the able leadership of Rabbi Joseph B. Wise.

"Our greatest activity is centered in the Neighborhood house, which is a settlement institute maintained and

operated by us. This institution was built and incorporated five years ago, and its growth each year has been so great that we now point with pride to the great results which place it among the first of the city's philanthropic institutions. In fact the progress has been so remarkable that we have outgrown our present quarters and must provide enlarged space. With this in view, we have purchased a splendid quarter block at a cost of \$3750, which is clear of debt. We are now confronted with the problem of raising funds for the building and a plan for an active campaign will soon be begun for collecting funds.

The Neighborhood house is situated in the poorer conditioned part of the city, and is intended for the social, educational, industrial and moral uplift of those who may need it. While largely devoted to the children and young people, classes for adults are also maintained. It is nonsectarian, and all who will come are heartily welcomed and assisted.

"It was hoped before now to have the kindergarten a part of the public school system. As that day still seems distant, the Neighborhood house maintains this expensive part of the work. Our kindergarten had 60 children enrolled this year, with two paid teachers.

"The sewing school report shows an average attendance of 72, with graduates at the close of the year. Our superintendent felt more than gratified with the result.

"When the cooking class opened in October, under the supervision of Mrs. Ellen Miller, 32 girls reported for attendance, but only 26 could be accepted on account of limited accommodations. None of the girls were under 11 years of age, none over 15. There were 25 lessons given, the work covering all branches of baking, boiling and frying.

"The gymnasium classes, two under the leadership of Mr. Beach, one of the most capable Y. M. C. A. instructors, and two under private leadership, have been among the banner classes of the year. Enthusiasm and attendance have kept up the entire year. Match games

between our boys and the Multnomah, Y. M. C. A., E. P. H. R., Athinas and others have been played, furnishing entertainment and teaching friendly rivalry at the same time.

"About 75 new volumes were added to our library this year, gratuitously. English is taught in all the simple practical branches. In 1908 the night school enrolled 11 pupils, with one teacher; in 1907, 99 pupils, with three teachers; in 1908, 215 pupils, with eight teachers; in 1909, 300 pupils, with 14 teachers.

"The manual training school, with its new equipment, reports a fine interest in the work, with Mr. Stanley as instructor.

"To quote from the chairman's report: "If I might be asked in which way the work of this year has shown improvement and advancement, I should say in the earnestness of the work. Notwithstanding that the large increased attendance has been gratifying, yet it is in the earnestness that characterizes every part of our work that our success lies. No longer experimental, not just simply to pass the time and help some children to keep clean, but each part, from the kindergarten to the night school, each with an object clear and decided, an object that considers the entire development of the child, and by which, through lessons of cleanliness and usefulness, by friendly interest and companionship, we hope to fit our children to take a proper part in this great American civilization."

"Respectfully submitted,
"LORENE A. GOODMAN,
"Corresponding Secretary Section Council of Jewish Women."

FORTNIGHTLY club of Eugene enters this month upon its sixteenth year, with nearly 60 active members, and perhaps never before in its history has it been in more prosperous conditions than at present. Writes the president:

"The club spirit naturally develops with the years, until there is created an atmosphere delightful and indescribable, but well recognized by the members, who feel themselves growing in it and rising to higher things.

"In earlier years, the club devoted itself to literary work, as has probably been previously reported, founding and maintaining for several years a public library which was turned over to the

city upon the erection of the Carnegie Building, secured through the efforts of the Fortnightly club.

"In later years the club has been active along civic and philanthropic lines, founding a public park, assisting worthy students, contributing money and services toward bettering civic conditions, securing educational lectures along these and other lines for the benefit of the public, and in many other ways striving to be of service to the community and the state.

"Recently this work has been assumed by a new organization, the ladies' auxiliary of the Commercial club, to which many of our members belong. So that at present, the Fortnightly club is awaiting an opportunity for some greater service.

"The club's finances being always in good condition, liberal subscriptions have been made to many worthy causes. When the scholarship loan fund was established, the Fortnightly was the first to respond with a subscription of \$100, and in response to the federation appeal for special funds on "Red Letter Day," last January, we sent a \$1 per capita assessment, amount to about \$55.

"The Fortnightly club keeps in touch with the university and the townpeople in a pleasant way, by means of several annual evening lectures, given generally by university professors, and attended by club members, their husbands and several hundred invited guests.

"These lectures are usually along the line of the year's club study and are frequently illustrated by the best of stereopticon views. Following the lecture, the guests mingle in a general reception, while discussing the lecture and other topics over the tea cup.

"The sentiment has always prevailed in our club that the higher the type of intellectual work done, the better will our women be able to grasp and solve the problems that arise in the home, the club, the community and the state. Pursuant to this policy, a higher standard if literary work has been set, and in the main attained, with each succeeding year.

"Previous year's study has included the Italian renaissance art history and literature, the English pre-raphaelite movement, the modern drama, the philosophy of life as depicted in the best English and American prose writing, Japan and its problem, American history, etc. During the past year the club has studied Germany from several

view points; geographical, historical, artistic, (in painting, bronzes and other forms of art) architectural, musical and literary. We had a good working library on these subjects, which together with the large number of reference books to be found in the university and public libraries, afford ample material.

"Although each phase of study was valuable, and all were well handled, perhaps the most interesting to the majority was the three afternoons devoted to the music of Germany. These had been carefully planned by a special committee, which arranged for a division of the subject into the natural musical forms, beginning with the development of the fugue under Bach and the significance of his work. Haydn and the concerto, Beethoven and the symphony, then considering Schumann, Chopin and Liszt in connection with piano technique, Handel and the oratorio and the opera under Wagner.

"Each topic was handled by two or three persons, in the form of papers or discussion, and illustrated by voice or piano.

"For instance, in the study of the opera, the libretto was first sketched, giving a brief outline of the story, then the motifs were explained while some one at the piano played them, then the whole part in which it appeared was played by the pianist, or if the motif were from the vocal score, that part would be sung. Thus a good many of the best solo and duet parts of several operas were presented by the instructors from the University School of music and some of the best church soloists of the city, whose assistance we were fortunate in securing.

"We made these afternoons open meetings, to which each member was invited to bring one guest.

"The work of the coming year will be along entirely different lines. Catching the spirit of present day investigation of sociological and ethical problems, with the purpose of finding remedies for existing evils, the members of the club selected for the year's study social ethics. This includes general topics such as charity, child labor, immigration, criminal classes, national health, city problems, woman's place in the economic world, problem of domestic service, adult schools, social settlements, labor problems, with many vital and interesting sub-topics for papers and discussion. The program includes one

debate, one library afternoon and two special lectures.

"MRS. GRACE C. DE COLE,
"President Fortnightly Club, Eugene."

MOTHERS' and teachers' club of Astoria met at the schoolhouse on Friday afternoon, November 12, with attendance of 44 ladies. Thirteen new members were added to the list. Dr. Yenny gave a very interesting talk on infants' troubles, also a talk on the milk question, which all enjoyed very much. After the usual order of business, the meeting adjourned to meet on December 2, 1909, at the home of Mrs. Hughes on Maxwell avenue for their social meeting.

FOREST Grove clubwomen have so far recovered from the effects of the efforts they put forth to entertain the state convention that they can again begin to think of local affairs, and at their first meeting last week seem to have gone at it with the same energy and efficiency they displayed in entertaining their 100 and more delegates last month. From all over the state are still coming to them echoes of appreciation for all that was done by the Forest Grove people for the pleasure and enlightenment of their guests. Much, however, that has been said would but faintly express the appreciation, but it was gratifying to have so many pleasant letters to read at the first meeting of the club after the convention. The meeting was held in the beautiful new home of Mrs. Hines, the president of the club.

Among the work recommended for the coming year, the president urged the club to begin an active campaign for a city sewerage system. She also urged clubwomen to attend the monthly parents' and teachers' meetings of the public school.

AUSTRIAN women have cast their first vote in the little province of Vorarlberg, which belongs territorially to the Austrian Tyrol, but has its own Landtag, or Parliament. The last elections were held in accordance with the new election law, which gives the ballot to single women and widows possessed of taxable property. A Swiss paper says: "The day on which these women first went to the polls may be regarded as marking an epoch, because

it was the first upon which Austrian women have been allowed to vote in person."

MRS. GRACE STRACHAN, who has led the fight for equal pay, was re-elected president of the Interborough Association for Women Teachers at its annual meeting, recently held in the Normal college in New York city. Having been advised by counsel that it has a good case against the New York board of education, the association voted to bring action to make the board "show cause why it should not be restrained from promoting young men just graduated from the City college over the heads of women teachers of long experience. The association voted \$500 toward defraying the expense of legal proceedings.

Of Course.

From Philadelphia Bulletin.

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1909

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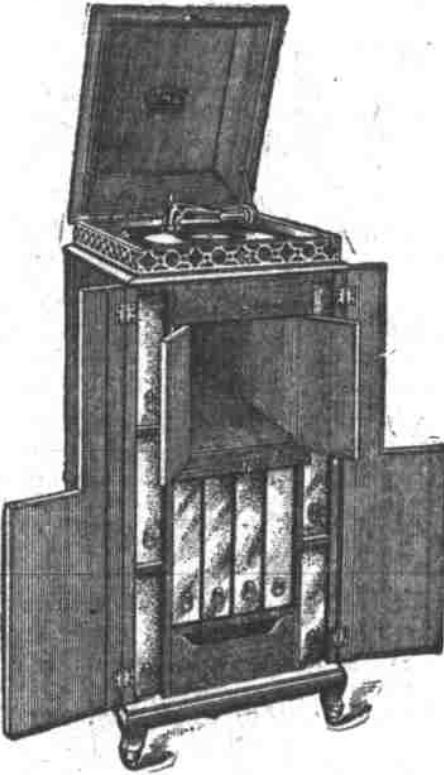
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