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Des Moines Daily News

July 24, 1885

The woman's congress will be held in Des Moines this year, the time being fixed for the 7th, 8th and 9th of October. Mrs. Julia Ward Howe is president and Dr. Jennie McCowen is vice-president for Iowa.

Note-The National Association for the Advancement of Women was called "The Woman's Congress." The above item is the first newspaper publicity concerning the meeting of the Woman's Congress to be held in Des Moines October 7-9, 1885. The D. M. W. C. was the outgrowth of the enthusiasm created among the ladies who attended the congress.

Saturday Evening Mail

Sept. 20, 1885.

Mrs. L. J. Lamphere of High Street this week received her C. L. S. C. diploma from Chautauqua. Mrs. Lamphere is the second Des Moines lady who has completed the four year Chautauqua course, Mrs. W. T. Clark, of 6th St., having graduated from the (circle) last year.

Miss Nina Cutter of Boston will arrive today for a visit of some length with Dr. Margaret Cleaves, 1310 High St. During the past year Miss Cutter and Dr. Cleaves were traveling companions in Europe. (Dr. Cleaves organized and became first President of D. M. W. C.)

Iowa State Register

Tuesday, September 22, 1885

THE WOMEN'S CONGRESS 1885

Plans for the Congress: (Nat. Association for the Advancement of Women)

Reduced railroad rates....All ladies desiring hospitality are requested to appear at the Kirkwood House on the arrival of trains where the committee on entertainment will meet them. A week's meeting.

Topics for discussion at the Congress:

"Is the Law of Progress One of Harmony or Discord"

Rev. Antioneet Brown Blackwell, NJ

"The Work of the World's Women"

Mrs. H. L. T. Wolcott, Mass.

"Women Physician in Hospitals for the Insane."
Jennie McCowen, M. D., Davenport, Iowa, Vice-Pres. of A. A. W. for Iowa.

SATURDAY EVENING MAIL.....September 26, 1885

WOMAN'S CONGRESS

As the interest grows and deepens concerning the coming Congress (N. A. A. W.) many inquiries are made regarding the work they expect to do--such as, "Will they deal with the practical duties of life, those which lie near to the home, the school and the common elements of life?" and many other questions of like import,--and in reply we make extracts from papers read in Chicago two years ago, and in Baltimore last year. Our first selection is from a paper by Mrs. Lowell, of New York on "Scientific Charity." "The cure of distress is not charity. The cause of distress should be sought for, and the sufferer helped to help himself. True charity does not break down character, but tends to raise the standard of intelligence and morality." The essay by Mrs. Marsh Parker, of New York, on "The Duty of the White Women of the North to the Black Women of the South" was grand. The writer held, that as the whites are responsible for the presence of the blacks in this country, so they owe them help in their helplessness; that the well-being of the nation demands the moral and intellectual education of the blacks, and a like standard of morality among women irrespective of color. Mrs. Francis Harper, of Philadelphia, a highly educated colored woman, widely known and greatly admired for her lovely christian character and true womanliness, pleaded eloquently for the women of her race. "Do unto them as you would that others should do unto you." The colored woman wants help, to show her what true living means. Demand the same purity of her as of the white woman. Julia Ward Howe alluded to the un-christian blemish upon the churches in refusing to commune with the blacks. Rev. Ada Bowles considered the education of black women a legitimate outcome of the effort to equalize the rights of the sexes. The paper on "The Women of Utah," treated of the degrading effects of polygamy upon women, of the falsehoods taught to young girls under the guise of religious truth; of the ostracism of those women brave enough to reject polygamy, and of the wretchedness of those plural wives, who, hating polygamy, are powerless to repudiate it. An excellent paper on "The Prevention of Nervious Strain, by Home and School Training," was discussed in a plain, practical way. The author thought such strain in our young girls was due to frivolous stories, unhealthy amusements, fashionable dress, and the honor and prize systems, etc. The preventions are, greater quiet in babyhood and the cultivation of self-control in childhood. Dr. Julia Holmes Smith recommended our young lady daughters to try a little housework and exercise in a loose dress with a broom, for graceful carriage. The same lady (Dr. Smith) gave a most sensible paper on "Mourning Garb." Her objection to wearing black was that the effect upon the wearer is bad, if the grief be real; the influence of black is depressing to those about them and the expense is often greater than the mourners ought to incur. Mrs. Senall deprecated the wearing of mourning because of its terrible effect upon children's nerves, and Mrs. Harper referred to the heavy burden it lays upon the poor. And we might fill our columns with extracts of the of the same plain, practical character; but enough has been given

to show the people interested that the Congress means practical duty. Below we give the topics for discussion during the Congress:

Is the Law of Progress one of Harmony or Discord?--Rev.

Antoinette Brown Blackwell, NJ

Present Phase of Woman's Advancement--Rev. Augusta C. Bristol, NJ

The Work of the World's Women--Mrs. H. L. T. Wolcott, Mass.

Justice and not Charity the Need of the Day--Mrs. Mary E. Bagg, NY

Organized Work as Illustrated by the Methods of the W. C. T. U. --Miss Frances E. Willard, Ills.

The Need of Adjustment between Business and Social Life-- Julia Holmes Smith, M. D., Ills.

The Religion of the Future--Mrs. Imogene C. Fales, NY

Women Physicians in Hospitals for the Insane--Jennie McCowen, M. D., Davenport, Ia.

Human Parasites--Lelia G. Bedell, M. D., Ills.

A Plea for Purpose (education of girls)--Dr. Alida C. Abeny, Denver, Col.

A large number of eastern ladies will be in attendance, and a very large number from the west and Iowa.

The following railroads will give return tickets from the Woman's Congress for one-third fare; C. R. I. & P., C. B. & Q., Chicago & Northwestern, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, Des Moines & Ft. Dodge, Minneapolis & St. Louis, Diagonal route, Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific, St. Louis, Des Moines & Northern, Des Moines, Osceola & Sourthern.

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Iowa State Register

Sunday, September 27, 1885

Local committee under Dr. Margaret A. Cleaves.

Object of Congress: To consider the present practical methods for securing to women higher intellectual, moral and physical conditions with a view to the improvement of all domestic and social relations.

Meetings in Congregational Church.

Three sessions a day. Morning sessions for members only. Afternoon and evening, public.

Iowa State Register

Thursday, October 1, 1885

Louisa M. Alcott is expected to be the guest of Mrs. Orwig. Mrs. Wolcott visits Dr. Margaret Cleaves. Francis Willard is to be entertained at Dr. Dickinson's.

Elegant Suppers will be served. "The housekeepers of our city will prove to the eastern states that they need no Miss Parloa to teach them to cook."

Governor's reception at the Capitol, October 9th.

SATURDAY EVENING MAIL.....October 3, 1885

DES MOINES HOSPITALITY

The Manner In Which It is To Be Extended The Coming Week To The Ladies of The WOMEN'S CONGRESS.--List of People To Be Entertained And By Whom.

The following is a complete list of Des Moines ladies and the guests they are to entertain during the Woman's Congress, so far as visitors have reported and assignments been made:

- Mrs. Abdill--ExConsul and Mrs. Byers, Oskaloosa.
 Mrs. Dr. Hunter--Rev. Mary A. Safford.
 Mrs. Berryhill--Mrs. Judge Adams, Dubuque; Mrs. Slagle, Fairfield; Mrs. Cummins, Iowa City and Mrs. Holbrook, Marengo.
 Mrs. Gue--Mrs. Welch, Ames; Mrs. Swain, Olin, Ill. and Miss Ada Sweet, Chicago, Ill.
 Dr. Margaret A. Cleaves--The treasurer, Mrs. H. L. T. Wolcott, Boston; Mrs. Sayles, vice-president for Conn.; Mrs. H. W. Crane, Mt. Pleasant and Miss Nina Cutter, Boston, Mass.
 Mrs. Jas. Mason--Rev. Mrs. A. C. Bristol, New Jersey.
 Mrs. Rickard--Mrs. Elizabeth Boynton Harbert, Chicago
 Mrs. Calanan--Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, president of the Congress; Mrs. Ellen Foster, Mrs. Matin, Muscatine and Mrs. Aldrich. Later in the week Mrs. Howe will be the guest of Mrs. Hunting.
 Mrs. Percival--Mrs. Bascom, Madison, vice-president for Wisconsin and wife of the president of the Wisconsin State University and Dr. Lelia G. Bedell, Chicago, Ill.
 Mrs. Windsor--Mrs. Carpenter and Miss Richards, Chicago, Ill.
 Mrs. Getchell--Mrs. Helen E. Starrett, Chicago, Ill.
 Mrs. Gilbert--The secretary, Miss Laphan, New York.
 Mrs. Garver--Rev. Mrs. A. C. Bowles, Mass.
 Mrs. L. F. Andrews--Mrs. Lucinda Stone, Detroit, Mich.
 The Misses Breckenridge--Mrs. Colby, Nebraska.
 Mrs. Sam Tuttle--Mrs. M. E. Cobb, Industrial School for Girls, Milwaukee, Wis.
 Mrs. Billington--Mrs. E. M. Rich, Vinton; Mrs. L. M. Latham, Mrs. Ewing and Miss Ellen Mitchell.
 Miss Ella Hamilton--Mrs. Dr. Eddy.
 Mrs. Dr. Dickinson--Miss Francis E. Willard and Mrs. Livermore.
 Mrs. Gov. Merrill--Mrs. Prof. Crow, Grinnell.
 Mrs. J. Howard Henry--Mrs. Dr. Peck, Davenport.
 Mrs. Dr. Potter--Miss May Rogers, Dubuque.
 Mrs. Judge Wright--Miss Murdock and sister.
 Dr. Edith Gould--Dr. McCowan, Davenport.
 Mrs. Town--Mrs. Caroline M. Brown, formerly vice-president for Ill.
 Mrs. Orwig--Misses Louise M. Alcott and Hilburn.

THE SUPPERS.

The following named young ladies have kindly volunteered to assist in serving supper Wednesday and Thursday evenings:

Misses Hattie Ankeny, Maggie Hewitt, Anna Hewitt, Ella Hamilton, Ella Cleaves, Nellie Stark, Schreiner, Laura Liebhardt, Hattie Merrill, Anna Merrill, Ida Kurtz, Fannie Campbell, Emma

Hunnell, Mattie Given, Kate Johnson, Belle Gilcrist, Belle Bently, Lizzie Collins Lombard, Carrie Mitchell, Nina Cutter and Mesdames Freeman, Colver and Drake.

The committee on reception and entertainment is as follows:

Dr. Margaret Cleaves, Chairman; Mrs. Julia M. Hunting, Mrs. Judge Wright, Mrs. Orwig, Dr. Edith M. Gould, Mrs. Callanan, Miss Hamilton; assisted by Miss Clara Holmes, Davenport; Mrs. Peck, Davenport; Mrs. Adams, Dubuque and Dr. McCowan, Davenport.

All persons who have kindly promised supplies for these suppers to be given the Woman's Congress are requested by the chairman of the committee on suppers to send them promptly to the Congregational church at two p. m. Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 7th and 8th. It is desirable to have all china, etc., plainly marked so that it may be promptly returned.

Iowa State Register

October 4, 1885

JULIA WARD HOWE

Of the brilliant circle of literary men and women that came in with the new century and won for Massachusetts until recently the leadership in the thought and progress of the Nation, only one remains. Margaret Fuller, Horace Mann, Charles Sumner, Wendell Phillips, Emerson, Longfellow, Holland, and Julia Ward Howe. Mrs. Howe, the youngest and one of the most brilliant of the circle, is the solitary figure left. She was born in New York, May 27, 1819. Her father was a wealthy merchant of the well known firm of Prince, Ward and King. Her mother died soon after her birth, leaving six children, three boys and three girls. Julia, the youngest, was the pet of the stern old man, who brought up his children in the strictest sense. Not the slightest neglect of decorum or frivolous conversation was ever tolerated and perhaps to this severe training in language and deportment, as well as to her own natural grace, Mrs. Howe owes the elegance of manner and speech which is one of her greatest charms. The home was most magnificent in all its appointments, and all the art and culture that wealth can bring. Little Julia was wise even in her babyhood, and the steady, beautiful eyes grew intense in their questioning while she was still a girl. A friend used to say "She wrote leading articles from her cradle." At least she wrote poetry at only twelve, and an anonymous article for a New York magazine when only fifteen. French and Italian she readily mastered, and, soon leaving behind the "waste" and weary land of German grammar, came into a most shining inheritance of German literature--such as few English scholars have ever attained. Goethe and Schiller were her prophets and kings, and she was familiar with the subtle philosophers of that speculative nation. While in school she published a review of Lamartine's "Jocelyn," with translations in English verse, and a thorough review of Dwight's translations of the minor poems of Goethe and Schiller. A volume of Kant has always lain on her table for daily reading. Miss Ward was also a magnificent musician, giving to her music all the passion she gives to her poems. She had a sweet, clear voice, with exquisite modulation of tone and even now, in her Boston home, when her "ring of jewels," her grand-children gather around

her, they always call for a song.

So she grew to womanhood, reading, writing, dreaming, full of passionate romance, with the keen questioning of the magnificent mind. At twenty-three she married Dr. Samuel G. Howe, a man whose heroic labors for Greece in her struggle for independence, whose beautiful devotion to the blind, and whose anti-slavery crusades made men call him the new Bayard. He was certainly the most picturesque and one of the most prominent of that phalanx of reformers that developed just before the Civil War. Full of dreamy thought and speculation, sensitive and romantic, the young heiress found what her life needed in this chivalrous man who had worked out his thoughts into action with an intense enthusiasm and a steady persistency which compelled success.

They went at once to Europe, and here she met and charmed the English circle of writers--Dickens, Thackeray, Thomas Moore, Carlyle, Sidney Smith, Herbert Spencer, Lewes and George Eliot. And Mrs. Howe came to the Old World, as a Queen comes to her own. Its beauty, its maturity, its solemn grandeur, seemed like her inheritance. At Rome the crown of motherhood came to her, and it seemed that only the passions of motherlove could be deeper and her tenderness for the supreme city. She brought back a wealth of experience to the cold clearness of New England.

Then came years of household cares and home-comfort, with baby hands tugging at the hours; but she made her poems as she sang her babies to sleep, and she read Swedenborg and Comte while other women read the last novel. In 1850 they went abroad again with their children, and returning home she wrote most of the poems included in her "Passion Flowers." Her book was not much read, for it was published anonymously, but the critics read it, and the scholars, and that small public who knew it was Mrs. Howe's book, and wanted to know what kind of a book a woman of society, a woman of wit, a model house wife and mother could write. It was a book that invited, received and defied criticism. A powerful, pungent and yet an unripe book. Its personalism was most intense--almost terrible. And yet the public said at last America has a woman poet--a real poet, not an echo, nor a shadow, nor a sweet singer of nothings. But they said she was not an artist for her song had mastered her, and how strong and bold and fierce it was to master such a woman!

It was during this winter that Dr. Howe undertook the charge of the commonwealth, a paper dedicated to free thought and zealous for the liberty of the slave. Mrs. Howe wrote editorials, literary articles, poems, and it was she who contributed those brilliant paragraphs for which the paper was so famous. Soon after came another volume of poems, "Words for the hour." A book that seemed to palpitate in one's hand, such red heart's blood coursed through the lines. These poems, like the "Passion Flowers," were wayward, obscure, defiant, yet richer and more full of artistic promise. The thought was strong and deep and true, and a stately rhythm broke on the ear with the full and passionate expression, the terrible sarcasm, the sudden lyric glimpses, "lavished by this intense soul dowered with such love, hate and scorn." They revealed a power

which no woman but Mrs. Browning has exceeded. Of one of the poems, "He Verses," a critic says "it is so charged with wild passion that it recalls Mrs. Browning's sonnets from the Portugese, with more of the sappho and less of the saint." And who of us can ever forget that Marseilles of the rebellion, "The Battle Hymn of the Republic?" The new poet was accepted. The nation's poets Emerson, Longfellow, Whittier and Holland held out their hands to her and drew her with enthusiasm into their charmed circle.

In 1857 she published "The World's Own," a drama, soon after produced at Wallack's theatre in New York. In 1859 Dr. and Mrs. Howe went with the dying Theodore Parker to Cuba. She published an account of the journey soon after her return, brilliant, airy, witty, graceful, and yet full of soul, and all through the book under the ring of the laugh one catches the breathing of a sigh as the shadows of the glittering island life, the shadow of a parting friendship, falls on the bright observer.

During the last twenty years she has turned her mind chiefly to philosophical subjects, and has grasped them as has no other American woman. It would seem strange that the brilliant, passionate poet could make a keen, thorough student in philosophy, but it is a proof of Mrs. Howe's real greatness that Spinoza, Kant, Fichte and Hegel are all "her own." At first she modestly gave drawing-room lectures on ethics. Then she was invited to read a paper before the American Society of Arts and Sciences, and to the astonishment of the learned academicians she delivered a most remarkable lecture on "Man a priori and a posteriori." She published also essays on "Polarity", "Limitation", and "The Fact Accomplished." She gave to the Christian Examiner three able papers on the "The Idea and Name of God", "The Ideal Church" and "The Ideal State." Now it was that philosophers held out their hands to her, and theologians. It is said she values her labors in philosophy far above her poems.

In 1867, after another trip through Europe with her husband, she published "From the Oak to the Olive", a plain record of a pleasant journey from London to Athens. Dr. and Mrs. Howe were ever in the front when patriotism was in need, and though Dr. Howe was very old, he had raised a large sum of money and undertaken this journey to carry supplies to the destitute and heroic Cretans in their war against Turkey. In 1876 Dr. Howe died. It has been well said that he literally gave his life to the cause of humanity. Among Mrs. Howe's other shining deeds perhaps the brightest is the untiring devotion she gave her husband through months of weakness and pain and "daily dying." The poet and philosopher is no less the ideal wife.

Since then Mrs. Howe has written and spoken constantly. Her later years have been given more especially to the advancement of women, and her labors for the Southern women have been most characteristic.

Personally, Mrs. Howe is rather short of stature. Her hair, once auburn, "deep red gold hair, soft and fine", is now whitening

with her nearly seventy years. Her eyes are large, sad eyes, "where soul seems concentrate in sight" : eyes that have seen what few eyes ever see. Her whole face is exquisitely mobile, but her mouth is the finest feature of her face. A face one looks at long, and never forgets. Her voice is bell-like and her enunciation most perfectly chiseled. And, yet, with all her greatness, when one meets her one wonders most at the personal charm of the woman. At one moment it seems that the constant ebullition of fun and nonsense is her rarest and most fascinating quality, the next moment it is her satire so ready and merciless, polished and swift as the axe of the headsman Rudolph.

In her own home in Boston she is irresistibly charming. Her children from their infancy have been a constant miracle of beauty and joy to her, and now they pet and rule her in the happiest manner. The oldest daughter is already distinguished as a novelist. The second daughter has children of her own, and her only son is a great comfort to her. She is a rare and beautiful link with the greatness of the century. We wish every woman in Iowa could see and hear her this week at the Woman's Congress in Des Moines.

(Note; ~~Another~~ fine paper by Julia Ward Howe will be found in the Iowa State Register, October 6, 1885.)

Des Moines Daily News

October 6, 1885

The List of Arrivals This Afternoon

The Woman's Congress promises to be far the most interesting meeting held in Des Moines this year. The list of arrivals so far as gathered this afternoon are as follows:

Mrs. Julia Ward Howe of Boston, president A. A. W. and Guest of Mrs. Callanan.

Mrs. Henrietta L. T. Wolcott, Boston, treasurer and guest of Dr. Margaret A. Cleaves.

Mrs. Rita Barney Sayles, Connecticut, director for that state and chairman for the committee on publication, guest of Dr. M. A. Cleaves.

Mrs. Emma C. Bascom, Madison, vice-president for Wisconsin, guest of Mrs. Percival, Woodland Ave.

Dr. Julia Holmes Smith, Chicago, guest of her daughter Mrs. Jacob Rich.

Mrs. Abbie W. May, Boston, vice-president for Massachusetts, at Kirkwood House.

Miss Blatchford, Cambridge, Mass., also at Kirkwood House.

Mrs. Elizabeth Boynton Harbart, Chicago, chairman of Committee on Journalism and director for Illinois, guest of Mrs. Rickard, also Mrs. J. B. Bills, Davenport; Mrs. Newcomb, Connecticut; Mrs. Ella M. Goulds, Davenport; Mrs. Sunderland, Ann Arbor are guests of Mrs. Hunting.

Mary S. Hillborn, a distinguished Quakeress, has arrived and is the guest of Mrs. R. G. Orwig.

Mrs. Judge Adams, Dubuque, has arrived.

To the regret of all, particularly of the young people and children of Des Moines, Louisa M. Alcott has written Mrs. R. G. Orwig that it is impossible for her to attend the congress in this city. She was to have been the guest of Mrs. Orwig, who had invited her in the name of the children of the city. The little folks of Lincoln building were to have had her at a reception, and the disappointment of these "little men" and "little women" at not seeing the woman whom all love and whose charming stories are familiar as house-hold words, will be deep and lasting.

The first meeting of the officers of the association will be held this evening at the church.

The Woman's Congress opens tomorrow. The others open to the public and a small admission fee, for the purpose of paying expenses, will be charged.

The Daily Iowa Capital

October 7, 1885

The Woman's Congress--The formal opening of the association took place this afternoon, the exercises being held in the Congregational Church. The attendance was large and included many of the most noted women of the nation. Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, presided. Among those present were noted the following: Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, Boston, Mass., President A. A. W., guest of Mrs. Callanan. Mrs. Henrietta L. T. Wolcott, Boston, Treasurer A. A. W. and Mrs. Pita Barney Sayles, Director for Connecticut and Chairman of Committee on Publication, guests of Dr. Margaret A. Cleaves, 1301 High Street. Mrs. Emma C. Bascom, vice-president for Wisconsin, guest of Mrs. Percival, Woodland Avenue. Dr. Julia Holmes Smith, Chicago, guest of Mrs. Jacob Rich. Miss Abby W. May, Boston, vice-president for Massachusetts and Miss Blatchford, Cambridge, Mass. Mrs. Clara Beswick Colby, Beatrice, Nebraska, editor of the Women's Tribune, with the Misses Breckenridge. Mrs. Ella C. Leophane, Fredonia, New York is with Miss Gilbert, on Greenwood Avenue. Rev. Augusta Cooper Bristol, Vineland, New York at Mrs. James Wason's. Mrs. Harbert, Chicago, Director for Illinois and chairman of the committee on Journalism, guest of Mrs. Rickard. Mrs. J. C. Bills, Davenport; Mrs. Sunderland, Ann Arbor; Mrs. Newcomb, Connecticut and Miss Ellen M. Gould, Davenport, guests of Mrs. Hunting, 18th and Pleasant streets. Mary S. Hillborn, a distinguished Quakeress, the guest of Mrs. R. G. Orwig. Mrs. Judge Adams, Dubuque. Miss Laura M. Alcott had been expected but, greatly to the disappointment of thousands, will be unable to attend. The following young ladies have been selected to act as ushers on the days designated: Wednesday--Edith Robertson, Carrie Bacon, Mamie Johns, Emma Robertson, Matie Cope and Ada Bacon. Thursday--Mable Lamphere, Alice Merrill, Miss Lombard, Kaite Adams, Clara Williamson and Susie Sprague. Friday--Grace Frisbie, Emma Wells-larger, Nellie Johns, Emma Turner and Lillie Weeks. Those persons who have kindly promised supplies for the suppers to be given the Women's Congress, October 7 and 8, at the Congregational Church, are requested to send in promptly at 2 p. m. All china, etc. should be plainly marked so that it may be returned without delay.

The programme for today is as follows: Afternoon--3:30--Opening Address by the President, Mrs. Julia Ward Howe. The Work of the World's Women--Mrs. H. L. T. Wolcott, Massachusetts. Organized Work as illustrated by the methods of the W.C.T.U.--Miss

Francis E. Willard, Illinois. Evening--7:30--The need of Adjustment Between Business and Social Life--Julia Holmes Smith M. D., Illinois, A Plea for a Purpose--Aida C. Avery, M. D., Colorado. The papers presented will be short and will be followed by a discussion from the ladies present. The morning hour will be devoted to business. The following is the programme for tomorrow: Thursday afternoon, 2:30 o'clock. The Religion of the Future, Mrs. Imogene C. Fales, New York. Is the Law of Progress one of Harmony or discord? Rev. Antoinette Brown Blackwell, New Jersey. Thursday evening, 7:30 o'clock Human Parasites, Lydia G. Bedell, M. D., Illinois. The Ministry of Labor, Miss Ada C. Sweet, Ill. The morning sessions each day are secret; the others open to the public and a small admission fee, for the purpose of paying expenses, will be charged.

Iowa State Register-----Editorial-----October 7, 1885

The Women's Congress

Des Moines is honored this week with guests of no common worth. The Women's Congress, having a membership in most of the States in the American Union, and in some of the foreign countries, is to hold its annual session here, beginning today. In the Register has already been given the programme of papers to be read and subjects to be discussed, and also statements in full as to the character of the purpose and work of this society of earnest women. It is not a crusade of women, as is commonly supposed, who are asking suffrage, nor of women (who have a perpetual quarrel with the Creator for not having made them men.) As one of the best of Iowa women once put it. But it is made up of earnest, intelligent women who are proud of being women, and who seek along all paths of proper effort to do all that they can accomplish not only to do all that they can accomplish not only to better the condition of their own sex, but also to make all mankind better and its lot happier. There is a great deal of force and power in the organization. For it is made up of women as much in earnest in seeking common, and as determined to find, the solution of many of the social problems now vexing the world as ever any confederation of men were in earnest and determined.

The best there is in the intellectual strength of American women is found in this gathering. The most earnest and sincere women, the strongest and best equipped for an intellectual contest that the women of America can send to plead their cause, and to defend their right and duty to take part in improving the condition of mankind, are numbered among the members of this congress. It is a pretentious name, and one to challenge attention. But the women who make it up make it worthy of its title, and every year widen the circle of its influence, and so increase its usefulness. Women who have dignified and strengthened American literature as well as graced and ornamented it, and women who have extended the field of science and taught science itself new things, and women who have furnished out of their hearts of abounding kindness ministries that have gone into nearly every home in the land to make it happier

and better, are among those who gather here today, again to set their hands to a united effort to accomplish still more of practical and lasting good. Many of them show the evidence of great sincerity in the long distances they have come, to participate in the work here, and nearly all of them are stamped with the earnestness of past endeavor to commission them as being worthy of the fellowship of so noble a council.

Great good has followed in the wake of these annual sessions. There is much of good that flows out directly. There is far more that follows slowly, and goes out to the world in the detail of printed paper and report. Many of the papers read here will be worthy of the print of any paper or periodical in the world. It is a great favor to Iowa to be the seat of this congress for a year, and a great dignity that it will bear with increasing pride as the congress shall go on to make its name still greater in the ears of the world. The arena of its discussion is one of the very highest in the world. It is a charmed circle to sit within, and those who shall dedicate themselves to so much as a day of it, will have found a new grace in life and a new pleasure in living. The pride one has in his country, in its intellectual quality, and in its greatest achievements, finds in the women who form this congress the best there is in American intelligence as well as the best in American womanhood.

The city of Des Moines and the state of Iowa feel the honor that this congress has brought to them and extend to them a welcome from their best hearts to greet all who shall come with it. It is a rare compliment to the people of so young a state as Iowa, to be chosen for this honor. It shows that our progress and civilization as a state, and that the value of the work of the good and useful women of our own state, are recognized in a larger body of the country, and appreciated. It brings to that deserving part of our people, the women of Iowa, who have sought to do something for the good of mankind, an encouragement that is timely, and a token of confidence and praise which will be very grateful to them.

All these noble workers in a noble field are very welcome in Des Moines. We hope their session may prove to be all that they have hoped for it--and one, which in value and pleasure, will be equal of any that have preceded it. Iowa has already been the intellectual arena in which some of the great moral contests of the time have been successfully fought out. So it is good and brave ground on which this congress meets.

ed a skeptical member, and promptly the answer came from one of our silent workers. "It helps me as my religion helps me. I go home encouraged and strengthened to take up the burden of life. The A.A.W. has set the women to thinking as never before--is the testimony from another quarter. What is this but education? Last October a woman who shivered at seeing women anywhere prominent, who felt almost disgust, certainly irritation, at the sight of a woman coming forward in the church or literary world 'want to the congress with timidity and misgiving.' 'But it was all right as soon as I listened,' she exclaimed, 'and the brain, hitherto closed, for out of it, into my life has come a change.'

Des Moines Daily News

October 7, 1885

The List of Arrivals and Doings of the Woman's Congress

The late trains yesterday and those of today brought in a number of distinguished women for the woman's congress, which began its meeting this afternoon. The forenoon work is strictly private, but the afternoon sessions are open to everybody. The meetings are held at the Congregational church parlors. The following programme will be observed:

Morning Session

As the forenoon session was secret nothing was given to the press except the following report of the secretary:

To the A. A. W.: The time has again come when we must look back upon a year that is gone and ask how it is with us; have we done what we could?

Measuring our strength by members, we have lost two; estimating it by the states and territories represented, we hold our own. In reality there is a gain which the figures do not show. The association has obtained a foothold in the South, whose women, more perhaps than in any other section of the country, need the desired, the stimulus, the inspiration, which such an organization can best create.

The report of the twelfth congress has already been placed in your hands. The number of vice-presidents reports upon which the interest of our morning session and the value of our statistical work so largely depend, last year swelled to nineteen, the largest number ever presented and exceeding that for the previous congress by seven. A similar increase at this time would give us a report of the condition and needs of women in every state, territory, district and province represented upon our Board. The routine work required of the Board as a body, has been done. Of the three conferences, the first was held in Baltimore, on the day following the adjournment of the 12th congress. The second at which nine members were present in Syracuse, N. Y. on March 25th. The third in this city last evening. Whether we have done all that we were able to do for the cause, to which we pledged ourselves in accepting membership, let each answer for herself. The constitution may impose no duties, but the moral obligation to lend a helping hand to other women, to give them of the good received is no less binding. That the association does reach out in numberless directions, fulfilling its object in ways and in a measure scarcely realized, let us thank God and take courage, "What good does the A. A. W. do?" asked a skeptical member, and promptly the answer came from one of our silent workers. "It helps me as my religion helps me. I go home encouraged and strengthened to take up the burden of life. The A.A.W. has set the women to thinking as never before—is the testimony from another quarter. What is this but education? Last October a woman who shivered at seeing women any where prominent, who felt almost disgust, certainly irritation, at the sight of a woman coming forward in the church or literary world "went to the congress with timidity and misgiving." "But it was all right as soon as I listened," she exclaimed, "and the brain, hitherto closed, for out of it, into my life has come a change."

In spite of prejudice, I found myself growing as Alice in Wonderland, and wondering how long and wide I shall grow, The power to help others is the most divine of gifts. He is the greatest who can uplift his fellowmen. In an individual or association it is a talent to be accounted for, not to be sacrificed on any altar of ambition, but to be used as a sacred trust. Ten days ago in a far western city a great actor charmed his listeners with a story of the distant past. Like all history, it held its lessons for the present. Let us mend the faults of yesterday with the wisdom of today.

Respectfully submitted,
Ella C. Lapham, Sec.
Fredonia, N. Y.

Miss Abby W. May is a full cousin of Louisa M. Alcott. She gives every evidence of possessing a vigorous mind. She is tall and angular, dressed in a plain, old fashioned brown dress, a loose corduroy sacque and straight-rimmed hat.

NOTES

An admission fee of 25 cents is charged at the evening session.

Miss Ana D. French, New York, will arrive this evening.

Mrs. Wolcott is a Noble-looking stately woman, with a crown of fine gray hair.

Rev. Augustus Cooper Bristol, Vineland, N. Y., is at Mrs. James Wason's.

This evening at 7:30 "A Plea for a Purpose", by Alida C. Avery, M. D., Colorado, will take the place of the paper by Anna D. French, M. D., New York, which will be read Friday evening.

Mrs. Clara Beswick Colby, Beatrice, Neb., editor of the Woman's Tribune, is with the Misses Breckenridge. Mrs. Ella C. Leophane, Fredonia, N. Y., the secretary, is with Miss Gilbert on Greenwood Avenue.

Rev. Miss Marion Murdock, Humboldt, the well known Unitarian minister and a daughter of Judge Murdock, Elkador, arrived in the city last night to attend the women's congress, Mrs. Julia Ward Howe will return with her to Humboldt to deliver a lecture.

The following young ladies have been selected to act as ushers on the days designated:

Wednesday-Edith Robertson, Carrie Bacon, Mamie Johns, Emma Robertson, Matie Cope and Ada Bacon.

Thursday-Mable Lamphere, Alice Merrill, Miss Lombard, Katie Adams, Clara Williamson and Susie Sprague.

Friday-Grace Frisbie, Emma Wellslager, Nellie Johns, Emma Turner and Lillie Weeks.

Women in Congress

The Topics for This Afternoon and Tonight's Discussions

There was an increased attendance at the Woman's Congress this afternoon the entire time being given to the reports of vice-presidents from different states. Mrs. Bascom made the report from Wisconsin and said that the state reports the largest number of alliances of any state in the union. Miss Abbie W. May gave the

report from Massachusetts verbally and said that the progress in Massachusetts had moved by "stills and jerks", and that they had had one jerk—that Massachusetts had admitted women to the State Medical Society. Mrs. Sunderland, wife of Dr. Sunderland, Ann Arbor for the report from Michigan. Miss Blanchford, Boston, read the report of Augusta Cooper Bristol of New Jersey. Miss Colby, Beatrice, gave the report from Nebraska. All the reports noted progress and advancement wherever women had begun their labors.

The following women were admitted to membership:

Mrs. Jacob Mills, Des Moines; Mrs. L. J. Lamphere, Des Moines; Mrs. Whiting Clark, Des Moines; Mrs. A. B. McMurray, Des Moines; Mrs. Judge Cook, Des Moines; Mrs. Ella A. Hamilton, Des Moines; Mrs. Webster, Minneapolis; Miss Webb, New Jersey; Mrs. William Larrabee, Iowa; Mrs. L. M. Rich, Vinton.

Notes: The two photographs of Miss Alcott have arrived and will be hung in prominent places this evening; also ones of Miss Abby May Alcott and Mrs. Julia S. Clark. Miss Ada C. Sweet, the recently resigned pension agent at Chicago, received marked attention, last evening.

The programme for this evening is:

7:30 p. m.—Human Parasites, Lelia G. Bedell, M. D. Chicago
The Ministry of Labor—Mrs. Ada C. Sweet, Illinois

The Des Moines Leaders

Wednesday, October 7, 1885

That Woman's Question

Alone in the world is this woman's congress officered and administered by women, and looking to a public opinion of her own sex, the opportunity of free association and independent action, which this offers them is unique. And taking the women who shall assemble in Des Moines today from the east and the west as representative women, and comparing them with the woman of fifty, or even fifteen years ago, what is the difference? First as to looks she certainly is better looking. As a rule she is healthier in body and mind. She dresses more sensibly and her dress is more attractive, there is less shame and less oddity. It is lighter and more easily carried. It does not lace in the waist nor cramp the feet. There is less fashion about it and more individuality. Woman has advanced in her mode of dressing. And in her physical condition, statistics tell us that the average American woman is twice as healthy as fifteen years ago. Common sense has come to her rescue. She is not now the pale, nervous, dyspeptic creature that Dickens pictured her. It has become fashionable to be healthy, and her mind, too, is in a more natural condition. The higher education has made general reading and study far more prevalent, and history and German and French and philosophy are read and talked about. There was a time when novel reading seemed destined to be the great curse of the American woman's mind. She has advanced by the practical issues of life also Woman's judgment has been educated. There is occasionally a great outcry about the wonderful housekeepers our grandmothers were. We believe the average housekeeper of today is a better one than her grandmother. It may be

true she does not make the jars of sweetmeats, or the mince pies of years ago, but hygiene and commonsense have taught her better with higher thinking has come plainer living, she does not weave her own linen, nor make her own tallow candles, nor usually her husband's shirts. Great would be the folly of a man who would cart his won goods across the continent when the expressman and the railroad are at his door. But her home is not less precious to her because she has nothing to do with the salting down of the pork or the making of her own yeast.

Of the work outside of the home, the air is full of it. Surely the master poet knew of this three hundred years ago. The world is only rekindling its faith in his ideals Portia, with her sweet eloquence in behalf of justice, Isabella's deep wisdom and Rosalind's graceful and charming wit. Shakespeare does not tell us that his grave, beautiful Isabella should have a crown of silver hair and watch an eclipse through a telescope, as the famous astronomer at Vassar does; nor give lectures on ancient art, or surround himself with all the wonderful charm of the kindergarten. Nor does he tell us that the witty Rosalind will write books, nor what form Beatrice's active mind will develop into. Nor does she tell us that Portia with no self seeking in her great heart, and no prejudice in her clear brain, will plead for justice and truth and honor. But the types are perpetual, else Shakespeare would not have copied.

This is an exaggeration, but it rests on a basis of truth, and it is a most significant fact that the women of the highest spiritual discernment and broadest, ripest judgment are those which are most advanced. We shall be interested to see and hear the women who have come to Des Moines, to discuss all these branches of Woman's work. We believe that the soil of Iowa is more nearly ready for the good seed they will now sow than any other state in the Union. Des Moines is certainly ready to give them a warm welcome.

The List of Arrivals Up to Date.

The Prospects and Programme.

Today there will be assembled in the capitol of Iowa a convention composed of the most enlightened, educated and progressive women of the country. They gather not for the purpose of discussing suffrage or woman's rights, viewed from a political standpoint, but solely on the commendable object of widening the sphere for woman's usefulness in our commercial and social life. The onward march of modern civilization in which the refining influence of woman has ever been a potential factor, has placed her in a position widely different from the one she has in ages past, occupied. Her shrewd intuition quick perception and endowed faculties at last command reluctant admiration from the sterner sex, and wring unwilling confession, that in at least a large portion of the vocation of modern life, she is the equal of her male competitors, for years a quiet but powerful, revolution in her behalf has been going forward, until today she monopolizes many of the occupations once supposed by man to be his by divine right. This applies not only to positions of manual labor, but also to the learned profession. Many of the most readable articles that appear in the

magazines and daily press emanates from her and find expression through her intelligence. Thirty years ago Harriet Beecher Stowe, Gail Hamilton and Elizabeth Cady Stanton stood alone as beacon lights on the remotest confines of a vast and unexplored domain. Today these pioneers are surrounded by a brilliant galaxy of writers and lectures who are rapidly sweeping away unreasonable prejudice against the sex, and the dawn of a brighter day is now gilding the horizon and crowning them with the wreath of deserved success.

Following is a list of the ladies who have arrived to participate in the deliberations of the congress.

Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, Boston, President A. A. W. guest of Mrs. Callanan.

Mrs. Henrietta L. T. Wolcott, Boston, treasurer and guest of Dr. Margaret A. Cleaves.

Mrs. Rita Barney Sayles, Connecticut, director for that state and chairman of the committee on publication guest of Dr. M. A. Cleaves.

Mrs. Emma C. Beacon, Madison, Vice-president for Wisconsin guest of Mrs. Percival, Woodland Ave.

Mrs. Julia Holmes Smith, Chicago, guest of her daughter Mrs. Jacob Rich.

Mrs. Abbie W. May, Boston, Vice-president for Massachusetts at Kirkwood house.

Miss Blatchford, Cambridge, Mass. also at Kirkwood house.

Mrs. Elizabeth Boynton Herbert, Chicago, chairman of committee on journalism and director for Illinois guest of Mrs. Rickard also Mrs. J. B. Bills, Davenport, Mrs. Newcomb, Connecticut, Mrs. Ella M. Gould, Davenport, Mrs. Sunderland, Ann Arbor are guests of Mrs. Hunting.

Mary S. Hilborn a distinguished Quakeress has arrived and is the guest of Mrs. R. G. Orwig.

Mrs. Ella C. Lapham, Fredonia, N. Y. secretary of the association is the guest of Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Clara Bewick Colby of Beatrice, Neb. and editress of the Morning Tribune is stopping at the residence of Mrs. Breckenridge, Mrs. James Mason, Vineland, N. J. and Mrs. Dr. Anna D. French, New York will arrive tonight.

Programme for Today

Opening address by the President, Mrs. Julis Ward Howe.

The work of the world's Women, Mrs. H. L. T. Wolcott, Mass.

W. C. T. U., Miss Francis E. Willard, Illinois.

A plea for purpose, Alida C. Avery, M. D., Colorado.

The need of adjustment between Business and social life, Julia Holmes Smith, M. D., Illinois.

The Des Moines Leader

Oct. 8, 1885

First day's proceedings of the Women's congress:

The Congregational church was packed yesterday afternoon to greet the first session of the Women's congress. The ladies had not anticipated such an emergency, nor has any opening session of the congress in any city been met with so magnificent a greeting. The church had been beautifully decorated by Mrs. Orwig of Greenwood avenue, Mrs. Walcott, Boston and Miss Lapham were on the stage

with Mrs. Howe. There were at least two hundred people standing in the aisles, unable to obtain seats and many went away disappointed. From the moment Mrs. Howe began speaking until she ceased, the audience listened as one person. Her voice is clear and her enunciation most perfectly chiseled. She spoke as a lady would speak in her own parlor, and yet she was heard in every corner of the church. Mrs. Howe said:

"In this fair western city, friends of the congress, we meet as we have often met before, for friendly and affectionate intercourse, based upon the comparison of our various studies and experiences. The past years in which we have thus come together have shown us the value of this comparison, in which we have always found instruction and advantage. However intensely we may follow the pursuits that interest us, and whatever may be our attainments in them, we have all much to learn from the interchange of our thoughts with those of others. Such interchanges are a primary condition of all true culture, and I may say that no separatist study, if I may use such an expression, will take the place of a sincere and free intercourse of the thinker with other thoughtful people. Had this always been held to, we should, I think, have been spared many of the world's fanaticisms, and much of its conceit.

This being our 13th congress I may say that the retrospect of our work in the years already past is certainly cheering and of good augury for the future. We have visited cities quite remote from each other and from our own places of abode. The meetings that we have held in these distant places have commended to the several communities surrounding us, the cause for which we are content and glad to labor—the women's cause. I hope and believe that our work is so well founded and established as to promise its continuence even when other hands shall guide it, our own having left it, as they must some day. When I find women of my own age written of in books as liable to infirmity through the burthen of years, I am admonished of the advance of the shadow upon the dial, and I feel that we, the old members of this association, are doubly bound to do what we can to set this this house of one faith and affection in order, so that the younger workers who will come after us may find swept and garnished, free from unwholesome influences and open to the light of justice and intelligence.

The danger which I have most in mind is that of our losing sight of the objects which first brought us together. This is a danger common to all institutions and inherent in the mutability of succeeding generations. Through this, the law of Moses becomes overgrown with a dead and deadly ritual, the Christian church upholds and teaches much on Christianity. In England, the colleges and schools founded for indigent students are monopolized by the sons of the rich, and become centers of aristocratic influence. In America, the wide spread conditions of freedom are always liable to be turned against her. Institutions of learning will keep learning out of their walls. He who possesses the ballot box will stuff it against his neighbor and seal it against his wife. What shall we say for our own safety, in view of these the degenerating tendencies?

This only, watch and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. And what, may we ask, are the objects which call us from east and west, north and south, to attend this meeting? The principal ones are two fold and opposite. We wish to bring together women who live far apart from each other. We wish them on the one hand to preserve their individuality, to represent as well as they can, their own community, their own state. We wish them on the other hand, to lose sight of individual attractions and interests, and to make such considerations as are merely personal in the larger contemplation of the general good.

To such appeals as this the hearts of women readily respond. They are easily stirred by the suggestion of what is patriotic and generous. Their affections are easily turned, for the moment in the direction of the wider horizon, of the larger scope. It is rather with the intellect that they offend--with the intellect, and with the persistent will, these casts guiding and shaping the life much more than the sudden and visionary uplifting of a fluctuating enthusiasm.

The mistakes of women are mostly honest, and grow out of a misinterpretation of what is particular to the sphere of their sex. The care of household and of children should make them self-denying. But the danger is that these may come only to make part of a larger self. And the woman may so govern her household, and so train her children as that both shall carry out a wider plan and conception of life always seeking self and shunning service.

Independently of those circumstances, personal prominence and distinction are often pursued by women with great ardor. The doctrine of "push" is much spread abroad in our land today. So much has been said about success as the only foundation upon which to build success that we are in danger of forgetting that some apparent successes are really disastrous failures. Let us take the word "push" literally at first. You are in a crowd assembled to see something, or to go somewhere and you determine to place yourself in the front ranks. You use your right elbow and your left elbow. You trample on tender feet and make yourself so aggressive that people on the right and on the left shrink away and let you pass. Presently you stand where you wish to stand. Yes, but what are you, there or any where? A person who has made himself obnoxious to others with no real benefit to anyone. How, in contrast with this, is the Christian precept which bids us seek first the inward grace, and promises that the exterior conditions shall be added unto us, remember they are to be added to the sum of our life, but if we seek them first, character, the one substantial element which determine that sum is nothing, and without it all the rest is nothing.

A second great object in our coming together is the bringing and keeping in view of a higher standard of judgment and of feeling than that of the careless every day world. We all need to be lifted from the dead level of our ordinary work to the spiritual heights of great hope, of earnest affection. I, for one, have often felt this enlargements in our gatherings. I have looked into faces

which have given me comfort. I have heard wise and instructive words, uttered in voices sweet with the music of gentleness. And let me here bear witness to the strength which the remembrance of these things gave me last winter in my time of trial when among strangers, I found much loving kindness, but also some unprovoked and bitter hostility. I remember a most odious portraiture of my acts and character published in a New Orleans paper, on reading which my heart turned toward you all. I said: "My family know me better than this."

Let us try more and more, dear friends, to make these meetings of ours sources of much abiding help and comfort. Our three days pass, our papers are read, our words are spoken and forgotten by the outside world. But let there be always in our midst something which we shall not forget, the spirit of unanimity which is not compliance, the spirit of harmony, which is not motony, but the obedience of all to a law which deserves to be supreme through its justice and beauty. Let us covet, not only the best gifts as St. Paul would have us, but also the best spirit. Now, our place, whether it be foremost or hindmost, will be the best place. I remember a passage of Xenophon's mastery, "Retreat of The Ten Thousand" in which the post of greatest danger and of greatest honor was in the rear of the army. Therefore the younger commander led the advance, the oldest of the generals came last of all. I am sure that those of us who may be called the veterans of this small army only desire to be placed where our experience can be of the greatest use.

I predict for the congress which now opens that it will raise questions which it cannot settle, and that we shall find the hours allotted to its duration all too short for its work. A good deal of talking can of course be done in three days, and some might uncharitably say that more of it can be done in a limited time by our sex than by its opposite. But the things that occupy us are of such largeness and gravity that such discussion of them as we can have here can only be the short text to a long sermon, the brief suggestion of what is to be considered hereafter and always.

Since I met with you, a region then entirely new to me has become well known and familiar. The historic city of our far south, New Orleans, has welcomed me as a guest and aided me as a worker. To this congress of women I am glad to say that I found in New Orleans many excellent women, and much hospitality toward theories and ideas which are less familiar in the south than with us. I found an opening in society in New Orleans to discuss many of the questions which interest us. Among the lectures given at the exposition, two were upon women suffrage. One of them was given by ex-governor Hoyt, of Wyoming territory, the other by your president, Julia Ward Howe. A third, ~~was given by~~ the Japanese commissioner, Schizro Nattori, in very good English had for its theme the achievement of Japanese women in literature. Those who listened to it learned, to their astonishment, that centuries ago, the princesses of the land had devoted themselves in some instances to various studies, and that voluminous works, both in prose and in poetry,

are among the classics of that wonderful country. This high condition of the women seems to me to explain, in some degree, the superiority of the Japanese over the races kindred to their own.

The meeting together of a number of women from all parts of this country to form a women's department at the New Orleans's exposition, was an occurrence of great interest in the annals of American womanhood. The history of this undertaking will soon appear in the form of a somewhat voluminous report. As its chief, I would like to say here that the difficulties encountered in this work, and they are many, seem to me today of small account in comparison with the great good and instruction that I for one found in it. I am still in intimate and affectionate correspondance with a number of my late colleagues, and what I learn with and from them has given me a great desire to promote the industrial interests of women. In fact so many doors have been opened to me by these late efforts of mine, and I see such possibilities of co-operating between the women of distant regions, that I am in haste to follow up what seems to me to be the happy lead of providence, and am minded not to rest until some great industrial association shall grow out of what has already been seen and done.

In this jubilation a sad perplexed union makes itself heard. From England, the land which most of us love, and which many of us try to imitate, come frightful revelations of the sacrifice of the weak and helpless of our sex to the Moloch of Vice. On the high level of hereditary elegance and culture, this hideous abyss of wickedness opens before us, and we shrink with horror from the vileness which it reveals. No mythical treatment can help these evils, no wailing over them, no denunciation of those who perpetrate them. Such wailing, such denunciation may be in place. But more than these, we want the best thoughts and closest attention of our sex devoted to its true development and upbuilding. For the sins of ignorance, education can furnish a remedy. Against human wickedness we must establish the foundations of human virtue. This will of ours, uncertain in its object, but proverbial as to its strength, must not dissipate itself in trivels, but concentrate itself upon the wants of the world, and the part which we have to perform in meeting them. As the poet Longfellow said:

"Lives of great men all remind us,

We can make our lives sublime."

I would say that the memories of noble women are all about us, And that the achievements of many of our sisters call us on to new labors and new achievements. I devotedly hope and pray therefore, that this congress may both be worthy of those that have proceeded, and helpful to those that are to come after it.

Mrs. Howe's address was followed by an address on "The Work of the World's Women" by Mrs. H. L. T. Wolcott. The entire text of her lecture can be found in the Des Moines Leader, October 8, 1885.

"Mrs. Wolcott's husband is so well known that many of the gentlemen as well as ladies were anxious to see and hear her. Mrs.

Wolcott is witty and sharp as well as beautiful. We print her address in full: "

The discussion of Mrs. Wolcott's paper was led by Mrs. Lizzie Boynton Harbard, who will be remembered by Des Moines people who knew her when she was brought here by Mr. Boynton, as a bride. Mr. Boynton is now practicing law in Evanston and Mrs. Boynton has been for nine years connected with the editorial staff of the Inter-ocean. She says that we need a broad paper, where the records of crime shall be crowded out and records of good thinking crowded in. In the last campaign it was found that no woman can express her opinion of it if adverse to the party interests of the paper. She complimented most highly the press of Iowa, for, "it does better justice to woman."

Dr. McCowan, Davenport, was then introduced, and spoke on the woman in the professions, and was loudly applauded. Mrs. Howe then said a few words in closing about the efficiency of women. She mentioned a long gold chain exhibited at the New Orleans' exposition, that was forged by a woman. Mrs. Howe claimed that woman is gaining physically and will soon be able to do all kinds of labor, that gives sufficient exercise to ingenuity and mental energy."

(Note, Mrs. President Bascom, Madison, Wis., read Francis E. Willard's paper which appears in the Leader of October 9, 1885, also a paper, "The Necessity of an adjustment between business and social life" by Dr. Julia Holmes Smith. Also "A Plea for Purpose" by Dr. Alida C. Avery.)

Mrs. Foster was then introduced amid much applause and spoke in her own handsome way of the Miss Willard and then saying she would not, she could not speak of "The paper." She then complimented the organized works of the Unions very highly, and then said she was very proud of it.

At the close of the afternoon session, the ladies made the church audience room and the parlors downstairs a scene of real festivity. Mrs. Howe, in her white lace cap, moved among them as a queen. Old friends met after long absences and those too who had known each other only through their writings. A great number of Iowa ladies who had come to the feast, was a great surprise to Des Moines ladies, and a still greater one to the eastern ladies. Every northern state except one was represented in the audience. Supper was served on the little tables in the lecture room, and at least 150 ladies were served. The number of guests is so much larger than Dr. Cleaves had anticipated, that those who are contributing bread, meat and cake are earnestly solicited to increase as far as possible, their donation and to have their supplies on hand promptly at 2:00.

A very natural picture of Harriette Beecher Stowe, belonging to Mrs. J. W. Mills, grace the platform at the evening session, with the classic ivy encircling the frame. The choir gallery at the front of the church that was banked with flowers, was even more beautiful in the evening under the gas light. At just 7:30 Mrs.

spoke on "Comparative effects on health of professional, fashionable and industrial life." Dr. French is one of the most successful physicians of New York City, and spoke as from long observation. It was a subject most of the audience was intensely interested in. The audience was interspersed more thickly with gentlemen than on Wednesday and they seemed as much interested in this paper as the ladies. Dr. French is in feeble health and her presence at the congress in Iowa was a compliment in itself. Her description of the lady physician's life and the reward that comes to her was especially strong. Dr. Smith discussed the paper and pleaded more earnestly for more women to do the pleasant wholesome duties of housekeeping and to lessen the number of shop girls. She criticized very severely the treatment of the bright girl who would do our first and second girl's work instead of going behind the counter. Her speech was warmly applauded. Dr. McCowan, Davenport, then pleaded for the babies--especially the care of their eyes.

Mrs. Crone, Grinnell, spoke in behalf of the college girl. Miss May, "The Middle-aged Woman."

A second paper of the session was by Rev. Antionette Brown Blackwell, "Is the Law of Progress one of harmony or of discord?" It was read by Mrs. Sutherland, Michigan University. It was one of the most thrilling papers of the congress. Mrs. Howe spoke a few earnest words about all the seeming discord that comes to women in life, especially her heart life. Mrs. Judge Adams, one of Iowa's grandest women, then made a most eloquent speech showing the harmony that runs through mythology and history. She believes that a truly happy and successful life is one that has found that harmony. The harmony of nature was most picturesquely drawn.

Mrs. Howe had spoken of how greatfully the harmony of Europe came to an American spirit after the discord of American life. Mrs. Brown, president of the Women's club of Chicago was called upon and brought out the idea that action is harmony and that stillness or idleness is discord. Mrs. Brown believes in the freshness and breeziness of American life. Mrs. Colby of the Women's Tribune, spoke briefly in discussion. Perhaps this paper, though seemingly so distract, was really one that touched the heart of every woman present.

Mrs. Orwig who was to have entertained Louisa Alcott received a beautiful letter from the distinguished lady expressing her thanks to Mrs. Orwig for her cordial invitation, and especially to the children for their enthusiastic invitation. Miss Alcott has adopted all the children of America. She is the dear, wonderful "auntie" of them all. And it was a sad disappointment to Miss Alcott not to see the bright sweet faces of that feel, "having not seen yet they know and love." So many of the children have asked us about her and why she could not come, we want to tell them for Mrs. Orwig that she herself is in poor health and hardly able to bear so long and wearisome a journey. And more than that, her father's condition is very dangerous. He has had several paralytic strokes and is very old and dear Miss Alcott could hardly leave him even to see the boys and girls of Iowa. We wish Miss Alcott could see some of the disappointed faces, but the children all seem to appreciate that it was right

for her not to come and as one little girl said, "I wish we could tell her so." We think that we will send this message to their dear old friend hoping it may bring a little ray of sunshine into the shadowed home at Cambridge.

It is constantly asserted that a higher intellectual and broader life makes a woman less devoted to her home. We believe that every paper read before the congress so far has started on the basis that the home is the most sacred thing on earth, and to be the center of a home, woman's highest honor.

Evening session:

Dr. Leila G. Bedell--"Human Parasites" text in full found in the Leader, Saturday, October 10, 1885. Rev. Aida C. Bowles very wittily discussed the above paper and gave an account of her experience with the Chinese parasites.

Miss Aida C. Sweet, Chicago was then introduced and received a warm applause. Miss Sweet is recognized by all parties as a lucky young woman. Her paper was on "Ministry of Labor." Text to be found in Leader, Saturday, October 10, 1885.

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Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, Boston
Mrs. Henrietta L. T. Wolcott, Boston
Miss Lapham Lee, New York
Dr. Anna French, New York
Mrs. Bess Bascom, Wisconsin
Mrs. L. B. Sayles, Connecticut
Rev. Antionette Blackwell, New Jersey
Mrs. Imogene C. Yales, New York
Mrs. Mattie Crow, Grinnell
Dr. Emma Briggs and sister, Grinnell
Prof. Julia Baldwin, Washington, D. C.
Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, Clinton
Miss Abbie W. May, Boston
Miss Sarah E. Webb, New Jersey
Emma G. Allyn, Dubuque
Miss Sarah T. Hamilton, Maine
Miss Aida Sweet, Illinois
Mrs. Mary E. Biggs, New York
Rev. Augusta Cooper, Bristol, N. J.
Dr. Jennie McCowan, Davenport, Ia.
Mrs. Ex-council Byers, Oskaloosa
Mrs. Albert Swalm, Oskaloosa
Mrs. William Larabee, Fayette, Ia.
Mrs. Judge Williams, Fayette, Ia.
Mrs. Judge Adams, Dubuque
Miss Mary Rogers, Dubuque
Mrs. Cornelia Fairbanks, Dubuque
Mrs. Mary E. Bundy, Illinois
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Mrs. L. S. Coffin, Fort Dodge
 Mrs. Mary McCabe, Oskaloosa
 Mrs. Dehlia Johnson, Oskaloosa
 Mrs. Martha Peek, Ottumwa
 Mrs. Anna D. Hand, Kirksville
 Mrs. Clara E. Davidson, Kirksville,
 Mrs. Sarah A. Newcomb, New London, Conn.
 Miss Eliza P. Sutherland, Ann Arbor, Mich.
 Mrs. Sarah F. Hamilton, Saco, Maine
 Mrs. Davenport, Oskaloosa
 Mrs. L. Cady, Marshalltown
 Mrs. John Reed, Marshalltown
 Mrs. Gary, Boston
 Mrs. Dr. Harris, Grinnell
 Mrs. E. E. Bartlett, Grinnell
 Mrs. E. S. Howe, Grinnell
 Mrs. M. G. Newell, Grinnell
 Mrs. Col. Meyer, Newton
 Mrs. W. H. Wynu, Ames
 Rev. Ida C. Holton, Algona
 Mrs. J. C. Bills, Davenport
 Mrs. E. H. Williams, Posteville
 Miss Ellen M. Gould, Davenport
 Mrs. S. W. Pierce, Davenport
 Mrs. Alice Lewellen, Clarinda
 Mrs. Dr. Lloyd, Iowa City
 Mrs. Dr. Gordon, Iowa City
 Mrs. A. C. Kinsman, Iowa City
 Mrs. Chalfant, Iowa City
 Mrs. Col. Morrow, Iowa City
 Dr. Liza Hess, Iowa City
 Mrs. Prof. Susan B. Smith, Meringo
 Mrs. Holbrook, Meringo
 Mrs. S. C. Johnson, Knoxville (sister of Mrs. Breckinridge)
 Mrs. Cherry, Knoxville (sister of Mrs. Breckinridge)
 Mrs. Clara Anna Harkness, Humbolt
 Miss Leile Brikfort, Davenport
 Mrs. E. N. Wickersham, Iowa City
 Mrs. E. H. Moore, Mitchellville
 Mrs. V. H. Richards, Mitchellville
 Mrs. F. E. Eddy, Waterloo
 Mrs. S. F. Richards, Waterloo
 Mrs. C. E. Levitt, Waterloo
 Mrs. A. H. Truitt, Waterloo
 Mrs. Margaret Russell, Anamosa
 Mrs. Helen Parlin, Winterset
 Mrs. Fanny H. Learbler, Missouri Valley
 Dr. Rebecca Hanna, Red Oak
 Mrs. Rebecca Johnson, Marion
 Mrs. L. M. Latham, Marion
 Mrs. H. G. Hamilton, Nevada
 Mrs. J. B. Lem, Nevada
 Mrs. McKinney, Decorah
 Mrs. Sarah Springs, Decorah
 Mrs. Carolyn Brown, Chicago
 Mrs. Julia Holmes Smith, Chicago

Dr. Stella B. Nichols, Davenport
 Mrs. A. R. Norton, Prairie City
 Mrs. Cary Lane, Lanville
 Mrs. Mary W. Jone, Ottumwa
 Mrs. Lem. Woods, Mitchellville
 Mrs. C. T. Cowles, Mount Pleasant
 Miss Cora Tathate, Osceola
 Fannie Dibble, Osceola
 Mrs. Elizabeth Dibble, Osceola
 Miss Mary Osmond, Osceola
 Mrs. T. A. Trent, Osceola
 Mrs. Maria Johnson, Osceola
 Mrs. Henry Wallace, Winterset
 Mrs. J. Hinshaw, Winterset
 Mrs. Emeline H. Nedham, Oskaloosa
 Mrs. Millikim, Oskaloosa
 Mrs. O. M. James, Knoxville
 Mrs. S. R. Baker, Knoxville
 Mrs. M. T. Robinson, bricabrac dept., Iowa State Reporter
 Mrs. Bessie Robinson, Waterloo
 Carrie Lee Chapman, Mason City
 Mrs. Fannie Dolwonee, Brooklyn
 Mrs. T. T. Emsley, Mason City
 Mrs. A. Bloomer, Council Bluffs
 Mrs. A. E. Wheeler, Davenport
 Mrs. A. D. Hanson, Newton
 Mrs. A. J. Wood and Miss Jenny Wood, Brooklyn
 Mrs. S. H. Garretson, Creston
 Mrs. S. E. Merriman, West Liberty
 Mrs. S. N. Pelton, Chicago
 Mrs. Emma McKee, Grand Junction
 Mrs. Penotire, Grand Junction
 Mrs. S. P. Bryant, Davenport
 Mrs. B. Wakefield, Sioux City
 Mrs. A. Graninger, Sioux City
 Mrs. J. M. Hallam, Sioux City
 Mrs. S. L. Child, Jefferson
 Mrs. A. M. Head, Jefferson
 Mrs. L. B. Remick, Jefferson
 Mrs. A. M. Perry, Jefferson
 Mrs. E. S. Lyon, New York
 Mrs. Clara M. J. Farson, St. Charles
 Mrs. Adeline J. Weston, Minneapolis
 Rev. L. C. Hultin, Algona
 Mrs. S. A. Knapp, Ames (mother of Mrs. Oliver Fay)
 Ellen M. Rich, Vinton
 Mrs. Gertrude Eddy, Waterloo
 Mrs. Aida Collier, Dubuque
 Mrs. Pauline Gerry, Massachusetts
 Mrs. Mary E. Blotchford, Massachusetts
 Mrs. Clara Bewick Colby, Nebraska
 Mrs. Julia M. Hunting, Des Moines
 Dr. Margaret Cleaves, Des Moines
 Miss Ruth Carpenter, Des Moines
 Mrs. Dr. King, Des Moines

Nancy G. Hamilton, Nevada

Miss Margaret King, Des Moines
 Mrs. Lydia J. Langfield, Des Moines
 Mrs. A. E. McMurray, Des Moines
 Mrs. Roxina Cook, Des Moines
 Mrs. Sophia S. Gillette, Des Moines
 Mrs. Jennie Call Long, Des Moines
 Mrs. Clara Davidson, Des Moines
 Mrs. Luella B. Clark, Des Moines
 Mrs. Ella A. Hamilton, Des Moines
 Mrs. Rebecca Nourse, Des Moines
 Mrs. L. F. Andrews, Des Moines
 Mrs. L. Harbach, Des Moines
 Mrs. Mathilda McBride, Des Moines
 Dr. Mary Fredrice, Des Moines
 Miss Bella Gilchrist, Des Moines
 Mrs. Martha C. Callanan, Des Moines
 Mrs. A. M. Fury, Jefferson
 Miss Jessie Johnson, Jefferson
 Mrs. M. Pheland, Newton
 Mrs. Rebecca J. Jackson, Marion
 Mrs. Celia M. Currien, Iowa City
 Mrs. Emma Haddock, Iowa City
 Mrs. Frank Wyatt, Grinnell
 Mrs. J. M. Chamberlain, Grinnell
 Abie Fory, Grinnell college
 Edna Dennison, Grinnell college
 Happy Wallworth, Grinnell college
 Leona Larrabee, Grinnell college
 Winnie Kellogg, Grinnell college
 Emma Walcott, Grinnell college
 Lula Sherman, Grinnell college
 Lillian Rogers, Grinnell college
 Nellie Briggs, Grinnell college
 Mrs. Col. Cantwell, Ohio
 Mrs. Col. Meyer, Newton
 Mrs. MacComber, Lewis, Iowa
 Mrs. D. H. Richards, Mitchellville
 Prof. Emma P. Ewing, Ames
 Dr. Stella B. Nichols, Davenport
 Mrs. Anna W. Howe, Ottumwa
 Mrs. A. R. Norton, Prairie City
 Mrs. Cary Lane, Louisville
 Mrs. Jennie M. Waldron, Chicago
 Prof. Julia Baldwin, Washington, Ia.
 Mrs. Sarah E. Webb, New Jersey
 Mrs. Rowence Stevens, Ames, Ia.
 Mrs. Mary E. Holmes, Galva, Ill.
 Sarah E. Newcomb, New London, Conn.
 Mrs. Clara M. J. Pharson, Illinois
 Mrs. O. D. Bonney, Trayer, Iowa
 Mrs. W. W. Evans, Trayer, Iowa
 Mrs. Edna Dennison, Muscatine
 Mrs. Abba C. Strong, Decorah
 Mrs. Adeline M. Payne, Nevada
 Mary S. Scott, Nevada
 Nancy G. Hamilton, Nevada

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CONVENES:

Miss Julia Ward Howe, New York.
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Edith Robertson,
 Mattie Cope, Ada Bacon,
 Katie Adams, Clara Williamson,
 Emma Turner and Lillie Weeks.

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THE CONGRESS CONVENES:

1. Opening address by the President, Miss Julia Ward Howe, New York.
2. Every train bringing many guests to the city. Absence of Louisa M. Alcott greatly regretted.
3. Among the young ladies who will serve as ushers: Edith Robertson, Carrie Bacon, Manie Johns, Emma Robertson, Mattie Cope, Ada Bacon, Mabel Lamphere, Alice Merrill, Katie Adams, Clara Williamson, Susie Sprague, Grace Frisbie, Emma Turner and Lillie Weeks.
4. Report of the National Secretary, Ella C. Lapham, to the Association for the Advancement of Women.

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1. Series of papers read by various officers. Excerpts:

"The Association has obtained a foothold in the South, whose women, more perhaps, than in any other section of the country, need the desires, the stimulus, the inspiration which such an organization can best create."

"The feeling of caste in America seems to prevent the natural outgoing of kindheartedness from woman to woman. The question of who is she? what is her husband's or father's business? is more frequently asked than what has she done? or what is she herself?"

"The seeking of a college education on the part of women does not in itself necessarily entail a loss of health or serious impairment of the vital forces."

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Among the arrivals Tuesday to attend the Woman's Congress was Mrs. Amelia Bloomer, Council Bluffs, the woman journalist who edited the first woman's suffrage paper published in America. She with McKinaey and Mrs. Strong of Decorah, and Mrs. M. A. Peck, Ottumwa, are guests of Mrs. Coggeshall, 600-7th St.

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Continuation of reading of papers

Dr. Anna B. French, New York, "The Comparative Effects on Health of Professional, Fashionable and Industrial Life."

Discussion of "How Shall We Elevate the Domestic so as to Make Her a Suitable Member of Our Family Circle?"

Reception by Governor Buren R. Sherman for Women's Congress. Welcoming speech by Judge Wright to which Mrs. Julia Ward Howe responded. Choir sang Mrs. Howe's Battle Hymn of the Republic.

Note, Des Moines Leader, October 9, 1885, Text of papers delivered by Frances E. Willard.

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Woman's Congress

The thirteenth annual "Congress" of the association for the advancement of women began its work on the 6th inst. with a session for members only, at the Plymouth Congregational Church parlors. The only matter given to the press was the report of the secretary, Ella C. Lapham, from which we learn that the association is in a flourishing condition.

The afternoon session was held in the auditorium of the church, and was open to the public. The room was crowded in every part, even the aisles being filled with eager listeners. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, the president, who read the annual address. It was a thoughtful and able paper, devoted mainly to a resume of the work of the association and an exhortation to press forward to still greater achievements in the future.

Mrs. Howe then introduced Mrs. H. L. T. Wolcott, Massachusetts who read a paper on "The Work of the World's Women." It was an admirable paper, which should be read in every household in America. No synopsis will do it justice, and the Capital is unable to give it space in full. The paper gives a very clear idea of the work which is being performed by the deft fingers and active intellects of the women of this country. The subject being open for discussion, short speeches were made by Mrs. Elizabeth Boynton Harbert, Chicago and Dr. Jennie McCowen, Davenport. Miss Francis Willard's paper was read by Mrs. Bascom, Wisconsin, the subject being "Organized Work, as illustrated by the Methods of the W. C. T. U." At its close Mrs. J. Ellen Foster was introduced and spoke forcibly and effectively on the subject of women's work in the temperance cause. Her remarks elicited hearty applause.

Dr. Abbie May, member of the Massachusetts Board of Education, followed with an entertaining exposition of the work accomplished in the schools of the Bay State, which was warmly received. This closed the exercises of the afternoon, and the ladies adjourned to tea in the basement of the church.

Evening session The spacious room was again filled in the evening with a deeply interested and attentive audience.

The secretary, Mrs. Lapham, read a paper from the pen of Dr. Alida C. Avery, Denver, entitled "A plea for a purpose." It was all that the title imports, an earnest impressive plea for a high aim and purpose in the training of girls for the great duties and responsibilities of womanhood.

At its close Mrs. Sunderland was called upon and responded, cordially endorsing the thought and substance of the paper. Among other things she said: How should we give our girls a purpose? I would put the boys and girls upon a common level, but when they do, society is always putting out its hand and saying "That's not nice for a girl to do." I don't care what the girl does, but she should be held responsible for making something of herself. From boyhood

the manhood is trained even in its games and self reliance is self reliance is instilled into the very being. The boy has something for which to work. What shall we give the girl to do? The boy must earn a home; let the girl prove that she is worthy of taking it in care. She should not be allowed to accept an invitation to marry until she has done something that has been well done and of which she may be proud. Let this be thoroughly done and we will need no longer to worry about what to do with our girls. Let us give our daughters all we can and assist them in every possible way, but they will never be worthy of that most glorious of all titles, "womanhood" until they have won their spurs in the universal struggle.

Dr. Abbie May followed with encouraging words to the young ladies present, telling them that they need not fear fortune if they would only make an earnest effort to become useful members of society. The young girl who sets her face against all these useless occupations is not so liable to need them in the future. They can find in other fields occupations fully as pleasant and much more profitable.

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Dr. Julia Holmes Smith, Chicago, was introduced, and read a thoughtful paper on "The necessity for an adjustment between social and business life." She said:

Is gold desirable in all cases, and are the means used to obtain it those most calculated to give pleasure in its possession? To much work, too little play, is the rule rather than the exception with the lawyer, the physician and the faithful minister. All often spend the time set apart for recreation in preparing for their work. Witness the crowds of young men being educated every year and how thoroughly they are prepared; most of the time is spent on music and fancy work in educating the girls. At any early age women as a class become nervous irritable and debilitated, a care to their families and physician, and all because of not being properly taught and trained in childhood. Woman's one recreation seems to be the church sewing society. She desires to help her husband grow rich, and often succeeds, only to die and leave the wealth to be enjoyed by wife No. 2. Society women have no time for the enjoyments of rational conversation and there should be some plan devised to save her from her present useless life. The steam engine with proper care will do its work and run for years. A little too much steam and the boiler bursts. So with men and women; Human nature cannot bear a too protracted tension. The W. C. T. U. have recognized this, and in many cities have provided rooms where billiards, cards and other amusements can be found. A woman may cook, sew, wash or teach in her own family and all her society friends call, but the moment she does either for money, she is tabooed.

The Secretary read a paper on the "Health Statistice of Women College Graduates."

About half past nine the Congress adjourned to enjoy a social reception at the home of Mrs. Judge Wright, where the members from abroad were greeted, with cordial hospitality and introduced to large numbers of our Des Moines society.

To-day's programme. At 2:30 p. m. -- "The Comparative Effects on the Health of the Professional, Fashionable and Industrial Life"--Anna Dinsmore French M. D., New York. Is The Law of Progress one of Harmony or Discord?"--Rev. Antoinette Brown Blackwell, New Jersey.

7:30 p. m. "Human Parasites,"--Lelia G. Bedell M. D. "The Ministry of Labor,"--Miss Ada C. Sweet, Chicago, Illinois.

Friday's programme--2:30 p. m.--Justice, and not Charity, the need of the Day, Mrs. Mary E. Bagg, New York. Women Physicians in Hospitals for the Insane, Jennie McCowen, M. D. Iowa. Friday Evening, 7:30 o'clock. A Plea for a Purpose, Alida C. Avery, M. D., Colorado. The present Phase of Woman's Advancement, Rev. Augusta Cooper Bristol, New Jersey.

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It passes our comprehension how any man can attend the sessions of the "Woman's Congress," and still hold to the venerable idea that it would be dangerous to the state, or prejudicial to the best interests of society, to extend to such women the right of suffrage. For our part we really believe that Mrs. Howe, Miss May, Mrs. Harbert, Mrs. Foster and the other ladies who are prominent members of that association, are as capable of voting intelligently as the average boss of a ward caucus. In point of intellectual ability this, "Woman's Congress" ranks not a particle below the body of men who constitute the Congress of the United States. What good reason can be given for their disfranchisement?

Woman's Congress. The morning session of the A. A. W. was attended only by members of the association. Representatives are here from twenty-seven states of the union and from Canada, from each of which a report was made by its vice-president on the intellectual, moral and industrial conditions and needs of the women of their state."

The following women were admitted to membership: Mrs. Jacob Mills, Des Moines, Mrs. L. J. Lamphere, Des Moines, Mrs. Whiting Clark, Des Moines, Mrs. A. B. McMurray, Des Moines, Mrs. Judge Cook, Miss Ella A. Hamilton, Des Moines, Mrs. Webster, Minneapolis, Miss Webb, New Jersey, Mrs. Larrabee, Iowa and Mrs. L. M. Rich, Vinton.

Thursday Afternoon session. Before the hour appointed--2:30 p. m. the audience room of the church was filled in every part, and an interesting session was enjoyed. Mrs. Howe introduced Dr. Anna B. French, New York, who read a thoughtful paper on "The Comparative Effects on Health of Professional, Fashionable and Industrial Life." It was one of the most suggestive and valuable productions read at the "Congress." The subject was discussed at some length by Mrs. Dr. Smith, Chicago and Dr. McCowen, Davenport.

Mrs. Prof. Crowe, Iowa College, was then asked by a unanimous vote of the Congress to address them, which she did upon the subject of the "Health of College Girls." She made a short but pointed

address, showing that college girls averaged much higher in health than their sisters in any other class, and urged upon all present the necessity of presenting, to all objectors to the higher education of women, this valuable fact.

Miss Abbey May then presented the thought that much of the ill health among women was caused by not having a high ideal of health. It is considered in a haphazard way, and do not regard it as a moral and religious duty, and until so considered we may not hope for much improvement. It is as much of a sin to be sick as any other similar sin, and should so be regarded.

Dr. Smith was then called upon to answer the question, "Is it not what the domestic is rather than what she does that fixes her place in our home? How shall we so elevate the average domestic as to make her a suitable member of our family circles?" Which she briefly did by stating that an improvement could not be expected until labor had been dignified and the laborer recognized, and it depended upon the ladies themselves to initiate this reformation.

Rev. Mrs. Sunderland was then introduced and read an excellent paper from the gifted pen of Rev. Antionette Brown Blackwell upon the subject "The Law of Progress one of Harmony or Discord?" The subject was further discussed by Mrs. Howe, Mrs. Judge Adams, and Mrs. Harbert.

The Evening Session--Miss Lapham, the secretary, read the paper by Mrs. Dr. Bedell on "Human Parasites." In the discussion that followed Rev. Ada C. Bowles, Massachusetts, gave an account of her experience with the "Chinest Parasite."

Miss Ada Sweet, Chicago, then read her paper on "The Ministry of Labor," which was heartily appreciated. The hour being late no discussion followed, and the congress adjourned to attend the reception at the capitol.

The Evening Reception was carried out without any particular formality, but was thoroughly enjoyed by all that attended. The State House was illuminated "from turret to foundation stone," and presented, both from the outside and inside, a brilliant appearance. About nine o'clock the members of the Congress began to arrive and half an hour later the Governor's apartments and the rotunda were filled with the brainiest women in America. The ladies and others were presented to the Governor who was supported by his staff, and after a short inspection of the rooms on the first floor adjourned to the Hall of the House, where Rev. Mr. Hunting called the meeting to order and announced Judge George G. Wright, who pronounced a pleasant address of welcome.

Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, president of the Congress, responded in felicitous terms. Speaking without notes, and entirely responsive to the address of welcome, she carried off the oratorical honors of the occasion with perfect ease.

Mrs. Rogers, Dubuque, extended a cheery and well phrased welcome on the part of the Women of Iowa, and a choir sang the Battle

Hymn of the Republic, the audience uniting in the chorus. This closed the formal ceremonies and the remainder of the evening was occupied with social and an inspection of the building. The visitors were charmed with its beauties and massive proportions.

Today's Programme. At 2:30 p. m.--Women Physicians in Hospitals for the Insane--Jennie McCowen, M. D. of Iowa. Justice and not Charity the need of the Day--Mrs. Mary E. Bagg, New York. At 7:30--The Present Phase of Woman's Advancement--Rev. Augusta Cooper Bristol, New York. The Religion of the Future--Mrs. Imogene C. Fales, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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The world is made better and sweeter by the labors and influence of such women as Julia Ward Howe and her associates in the "Woman's Congress." And the state and nation will be greatly uplifted and bettered when they are clothed with the full powers of citizenship. Society needs the elevating and purifying power of woman's ballot more than the woman herself needs the right to cast it. Women should claim the franchise, not as a privilege alone, but as a duty--as an enlargement of their power and opportunity of service. One of these days we shall outgrow the barbaric idea that physical power gives the right to rule.

The morning session of the closing day of the "Congress" was devoted to hearing further reports from the vice-presidents and to the election of officers for the ensuing year which resulted in the selection of the following: President--Julia Ward Howe, Massachusetts, Vice-Presidents--Abby W. May, Massachusetts, Prof. Maria Mitchell, N. Y., Elizabeth B. Chase, R. I., Sarah W. Devoli, M. D. Maine, Ellen Mitchell, Ill., Charlotte L. Pierce, Penn., Jenny McCowen, Iowa, Emma C. Bascom, Wis., Ellen M. O'Connor, D. C., Susan Jarvic Cheney, Conn., Antoinette Brown Blackwell, N. J., Lois G. Hufford, Ind., Francis F. Fisher, Ohio, Adele S. Hutchinson, M. D., Minn., Ella R. Holden, N. H., Virginia C. Netwin, La., Clara R. Colby, Neb., C. A. S. Stebbins, Mich., Caroline M. Severance, Cal., Jenny K. Trout, M. D., Canada, Rebecca N. Hazard, Mo., Jennie A. Froiseth, Utah, Ellen M. Mitchell, Col., Amanda Taylor, W. Va., Laura Clay, Ky., Elizabeth W. Varnum, Fla., Clara Conway, Tenn., Julia E. Bartlett, Md., Alice H. Birch, Kan., Emily E. Reed, Vt., Elizabeth W. Botume, S. C.,

Secretary--Ella C. Lapham, New York

Treasurer--Henrietta L. T. Wolcott, Mass.

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Iowa, I. D. Douglas, Penn., Frances E. W. Harper, Penn., Ellen M. O'Connor, D. C., Mary E. B. Lynde, Wis., Clara M. Holmes, Iowa, May Rogers, Iowa, Lita B. Sayles, Conn., Rev. Augusta C. Bristol, N. J., Emma Mont McRae, Ind., Sarah M. Strong, Ohio, Margaret A. Cleaves, Iowa, Finette S. Seelye, Fla.,

Afternoon session. The church overcrowded again at 2:30 p. m., the hour for opening the public session. The first business on the programme was hearing the reports of the committee on the work of the past year. Among these reports was one from the pen of Prof. Maria Mitchell, N. Y. on "The Attainments of Women in Science," a paper of great interest. The report on "Education" was by Mary F. Eastman, and on "Hygiene" from the pen of Mrs. Kate G. Wells,

The first paper of the afternoon was that of Mrs. Mary E. Bagg, N. Y., upon the subject of "Justice and not Charity, the Need of the Day." She argued strongly against the custom of giving so much ill-advised emotional charity, when the great need is for a justice that shall lead to perfect discipline of the common people. This may be regarded as harsh by some, but the imitations of these times demand some measures that shall enjoin wise and healthful giving. Experience teaches that alms given should be confined to the sick, aged, helpless and the young, the natural wards of the community. Out of them lies the large classes that have been fostered by long years of wrong giving, and their only salvation is to allow the workings of that justice which permits the reaping of what has been sown. Charity deals with the present, justice deals with all time. The paper was discussed by Mrs. Harbart, Mrs. Howe, Mrs. Lucy Stowe and others.

Dr. McCowen, Davenport then presented her paper on "Women Physicians in Hospitals for the Insane." She was followed by Dr. Margaret A. Cleaves, Des Moines. Dr. Cleaves first brought this subject before the American people at the annual meeting of national conference of charities held in Chicago in 1879. Dr. Julia Holmes Smith spoke briefly and the question was summed up by Miss May.

Evening session--The closing session was one of the best meetings of the association. "The Present Phase of the Advancement of Woman" was the subject of the paper read by Rev. Augusta C. Bristol. This was followed by Mrs. Imogene Fales' paper on "The Religion of the Future."

As one of the closing exercises of the session in response to a request, Mrs. Howe recited her "Battle Hymn of the Republic," which was listened to with rapt interest and breathless attention. After passing resolutions of thanks to the press and Des Moines people the congress adjourned, closing one of the most notable meetings of women ever held in the west. We regret that the limited space of The Capital has placed it beyond our power to give a more full and satisfactory report of the proceedings. The papers read were very much enjoyed and were able, interesting and instructive. The result will be to give a new and powerful impetus to the cause in which these noble and philanthropic women are expending their life's energies.

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Proceedings of the third day of the Association for the Advancement of Women.

The governor's reception at the Capitol was a magnificent affair. The Capitol was at its best, and most brilliantly lighted from dome to cellar. The crowd was pleasantly large, and Judge Wright's address of welcome was full of pretty things well said, and Mrs. Howe seemed as fresh and brilliant in her reply as though a long day of hard work had not just passed. It had been understood that Mrs. Howe was to recite the Battle Hymn of the Republic but a prettier surprise awaited them than all, by the singing of it by a choir of trained voices. It was something never to be forgotten to see Mrs. Howe's face while the grand old hymn was sung to the stern music of John Brown, for which it was written. Des Moines could have given the ladies of the congress no greater treat. It was an evening long to be remembered. Surely to both Judge and Mrs. Wright all of those attending the congress are under unusual obligation for their generous hospitality and the hard work done in preparation and the handsome work done while in session.

The gifted authoress, Miss May Rogers, Dubuque, then spoke for the Iowa ladies: "Iowa rejoices in the visit of the eminent women of the earth, who have followed westward the star of empire that will long remain stationary over these prairies, that grow the corn for the world. Our fathers left their eastern homes to cultivate Iowa's fertile soil, and there are many still living in our midst who dealt with the red man. That the early settlers succeeded in their mission of civilization is evident from the fact that we are giving hospitality to the exponent of progressive ideas, which would have startled our grandmothers as much as an Indian invasion.

Iowa is so central that it is sympathetic with every interest of our common country. We are so northern that there is but one state between us and the British possession. Our southern boundary joins that of a border state whose Mason and Dixon line made us a north and south before we were united by war. From the yellow banks of the Missouri on our western limit, start the plains of the great west, stretching upward to the Rockies and downward to the Pacific. By our rugged eastern hills washes the world's mightiest river, dividing in twain our nation draining a continent and floating our inter-state commerce. Many stars were in the ascendency when Iowa was born, and in her veins there mingles the blood of many races and many states, but New England exerts the controlling impulse in her life currents. We are essentially a rural people and while our farmer's hands are busy with their bountiful harvests, their brains are restless with New England hunger for knowledge. Iowa has so many free schools, comparatively, that more of her children can read than any of her sister states. With Yankee thrift, we have established our commonwealth, with its splendid capitol, without a debt. With the patriotism of our Revolutionary grandfathers who stood on plymouth rock, our young state responded to President Lincoln's call for soldiers, with an immense quota of volunteers in proportion to her inhabitants. We have the puritan

sensitiveness to moral issues and his impatience to humanity's slow regeneration. Iowa rates, with the nation's most eloquent majorities for financial honesty, and for policy that has lifted from us the shame of the slave market and made us in fact, as in boast, a free people. The shyness that oppresses the west restrains me from speaking in detail of the greatness of our state. Our Vice-president, Dr. Jennie McCowen, in her able report, has told how Iowa's women in various vocations are working bravely for self-support and for general good. They have passed beyond the material cares and hardships of pioneer experience and are searching distant horizons. They are eager for intellectual growth and for their share of more widening life for women. They have been most fraternally encouraged by the faith of the men of Iowa, who have given us laws that are equally just to man and woman. We are not insulted by the barbarities of the old common law which still disgrace many statute books. In the past we have been guided by what your leading women of older states have sung in song, endured in reform and accomplished in practical results. We feel the pride of a hostess who entertains distinguished guests. Our state and our manhood are honored by the greatest presence of those whose heads have grayed in the service of the true, the beautiful and the good. It has been said that our congresses are fertile because they have no executive power. Influence is sometimes more potent than legislative enactments. Our annual council is not a failure to those whose purpose it has strengthened and whose energy it has directed. We do not discuss religion or politics and there is neither a suffrage or prohibition plank in our platform. We gather together to hear the latest achievements and the brightest dreams of women, who in business, in the study and in the profession are working to alleviate the ills of the race and to stimulate the progress of our sex. Daughters of Iowa, welcome your pilgrimages which have made us ambitious for the prizes of the spirit and we hope you have not cast the seeds of the future on barren ground." Mary Roberts.

Afternoon session

Mrs. Mary E. Bagg, New York, on "Justice and not Charity, the Need of the Day."

"Every woman who realizes woman situation and the present advancements of the woman question, know and feel deeply that what woman wants now is justice and not charity. That her work, and her worth and her ability can no longer be handled with gloves. That to be kindest to her is to put her ability and her work on the same par with man's."

Perhaps the most pleasant surprise of the afternoon was the presence of Mrs. Lucy Stone whose welcome by the audience was very warm and very significant. Mrs. Stone said she was on her way to an association whose main object was to see that justice was done. Mrs. Stone's sweet motherly face and her quaker-like dress pleased everyone and her voice was a pleasure to the ear. Then Mrs. Foster was called for and said a word in behalf of her branch of justice to the home and society in banishing the saloon. Mrs. Foster is always happy in extempore.

Dr. McCowen presented her paper on "Women physicians in the Hospitals for the Insane."

Dr. Margaret A. Cleaves of Des Moines who brought this subject before the American public at the annual meeting of National Conference of Charities held in Chicago in 1879. She was followed by Dr. Julia Holmes Smith and Miss May.

Mrs. Howe has that rare faculty of knowing just who to call on and who can best treat the subject in hand. Miss May with her large store of common sense has a way of "summing up" that is very helpful to discussion.

Evening session:

The last paper of this great meeting was by Mrs. Imogene C. Fales, New York. Mrs. Fales is president of the Association for the Advancement of Socialogy. Her paper was really a picture of the work of this association.

Thus closes a most remarkable gathering in Des Moines. It has been a most successful meeting for the congress. Although so far away from the homes of most of the members, there has been a very fair attendance from the other states and a large attendance from Iowa. It has a membership of about 300. Six new members have been added from Des Moines: Mrs. Jacob Rich, Mrs. Lanphere, Mrs. Judge Wright, Miss Ella Hamilton (Durly), Mrs. J. W. Mills, Mrs. Louis Ruttky.

The ladies feel that they have done good work. They have "advanced" woman's work and the appreciation of her condition in Iowa. They have discussed the living questions of the day that affect her, and have set people to thinking. This is the object of each annual meeting--to arouse the people among whom they meet.

Of the literary merits of the papers read, there can be no criticism. Mrs. Howe's address was most perfect of its kind and every address since has been of good literary merit--some of them unusually fine. Some of them have been, perhaps, one-sided in the view taken, but yet there cannot be reform without extremes. There is never earnest, progressive, advanced thought without criticism, or without mistakes. These women came, most of them, from homes, and their theories have come from experience. They are women of an average age of 45. The larger proportion of the speakers have been physicians--5 in number.

There have been 3 women ministers, one engaged in temperance reform and three ladies of position who are engaged in reforms of different kinds. Miss Lapham, secretary, lives quietly at her home in Massachusetts. Of the Des Moines who have contributed to the success of the congress, Mrs. Hunting, Mrs. Orwig, Dr. Cleaves and Mrs. Wright certainly deserve mention.

Then Mrs. Howe said very gracefully that the thirteenth congress would always be remembered as perhaps the most delightful of all the delightful congresses.

Rev. Bewoles said she knew it would greatly gratify the audience

if Mrs. Howe would recite her "Battle Hymn" which she did to a very still audience, like a benediction.

Resolutions and Business meeting report:

At the closing session of the congress the ladies were loud in their praises of the beauty of the Congregational church and the kindness of the trustees in offering its use. It is central and not too large and the arrangement for the suppers were most convenient. It is estimated that over 400 guests were served in the 3 evenings. Of the character of the audience cannot be overestimated -- They have been composed of the intellect and culture of Iowa. And this means for wealth and beauty as well--for in Iowa they go hand in hand. Then add to this the eastern culture present, and certainly no finer audience of ladies ever gathered in the state. The earnest, noble, women of the east are quick to recognize kindred spirit in western women.

Rev. Augusta Cooper Bristol spoke on the present advancement of women. Mrs. Bristol is a woman of splendid intellect. She has written papers on political economy, and on the labor question, that are regarded as valuable contributions by the philosophers of today. Her paper last evening was one that held the close attention of every gentleman. She spoke with earnest and with force--She told plain truths, though many may regard her estimate of women's advancement as too sanguine.

Miss Aida C. Sweet, Chicago is a guest of Mrs. Judge Dudley, 1026-Ninth street. The ladies will be at home from 10:00 to 2:00, Saturday, Oct. 10 and all their friends in the city are cordially invited to call.

Des Moines Daily News

October 10, 1885

The ladies attending the Woman's Congress express themselves highly pleased with their work here and leave the city with the kindest regards for ladies who have labored so zealously in their behalf. A number left on the early morning trains for their homes, while a few will prolong their stay in the city over Sunday.

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1. Election of Officers. Julia Ward Howe, President.
2. Paper on Women in Science by Prof. Maria Mitchell, N. Y.
3. Evening session, the closing one of the Congress, Mrs. Howe recited her Battle Hymn of the Republic and called the Congress formally adjourned.

October 11, 1885

Meeting called by Dr. Margaret Cleaves of all members of Association in Des Moines on Wednesday, October 14, 1885, (birthday of D. M. W. C.)

Des Moines Daily News

October 10, 1885

The Closing Session

The Women in Congress Close Their Work in Des Moines. The audience that gathered in the church Friday eve. to listen to the closing addresses of the Women's Congress was not so large as on previous occasions yet they were greatly instructed and highly entertained and departed feeling that it was an evening well spent.

The subject of Rev. Augusta Cooper Bristol's paper was "The Present Phase of Woman's Advancement." She has a fine stage presence, a pleasing countenance and a magnificent voice. She spoke with distinctness and force, and seemed perfectly at ease. Her masterly address was devoted largely to the advancement of humanity in general as well as to the advancement of woman for the latter means the former. The speaker insisted that women must cultivate a taste and love for work, then will dawn a heaven of art and culture and woman will bring into it dignified graces and refined tastes. Her per-oration was a beautiful, original poem so grand and complete that a description or synopsis would be sacrilege.

Mrs. Imogene C. Fales discussed "The Religion of the Future," from both the theological and scientific standpoints. She defined religion as the relation of man to God and his fellow men, and in describing these relations she claimed the creating force was still at work, and that a new era was developing—an age of good fellowship and harmony. She asserted that motion was the activity of Deity, and that matter and Spirit were simply two expressions of God in nature. The address showed deep research and broad culture yet was couched in the simplest language, purely scientific terms and words being discarded as much as possible. The closest attention was paid throughout and the good points received applause.

The session has been a very successful one throughout and Des Moines will ever hold for it only the kindest happy memories.

The Saturday Evening Mail

October 10, 1885

Julia Ward Howe will lecture this evening at Centenary church on the subject of "Men's Women and Women's men."

Women's Congress Gossip in 1885

Miss Ada Sweet, Chicago is a rather tall blond with very pleasant manners.

Miss Abbie May has the honor of being the first woman elected as a member of The State Board of Education, in Massachusetts.

Mrs. Julia Ward Howe remarked to a friend that it was a "Beautiful and unique idea to have young ladies as ushers at the different meetings at the Congregational church during the congress."

Miss Ada C. Sweet is the guest of Mrs. C. A. Dudley, 1026-Ninth St. The ladies will be at home from ten to two o'clock, today and all their friends in the city are cordially invited to call.

The rule that one's character is written on their faces was most certainly exemplified by those who were in attendance.

Nobleness and strength of purpose, together with sweetness of expression, were the traits observed in the countenances of nearly all

of the delegates.

The children of the city are all lamenting the non-arrival of Miss Louisa Alcott, as they had been looking forward to giving her a grand reception, and each one was happy in the thought of meeting the author of "Little Women," "Eight Cousins," and the rest of her charming books.

Mrs. Howe was a beautiful figure on the platform, her white hair surmounted by a dainty cap relieved against the back-ground of flowers in the organ loft. But it was a source of regret that her voice was not capable of being heard in the back of the church as she announced the different speakers.

Dr. Mary Holmes Smith, Chicago who is step-mother to Mrs. Jacob Rich, does not forget the effect of personal appearance upon an audience and Wednesday evening was attired in a dark blue sild on traine, with quantities of Duchesse lace about the neck and sleeves and a beautiful diamond pin.

There should have been more young ladies in the audience Wednesday evening, when the topics were addressed almost entirely to them. Mrs. J. Ellen Foster remarked at the reception, that she would like to see the young ladies coming forward and the mantle of the older ones falling upon them as they were getting old. Mrs. Foster herself does not appear a day older than upon her first visit several years ago.

Miss Abbie May, Boston is credited with the remark that a girl to be attractive should cultivate "Simplicity, sincerity and sweetness," and that those possessing these three things made the world and themselves brighter, and better to their friends. Miss May herself represents these qualities in no small degree, being very wealthy, but living unostentatiously and doing good in a way which keeps herself in the background.

The reception to the visiting members of the woman's Congress and the families entertaining them, was held at the residence of Judge Wright on Pleasant St., immediately after the meeting at the church Wednesday evening. About one-hundred fifty guests were entertained and given a chance for a closer acquaintance with the celebrated women to have been in the city. During the evening elegant refreshments were served by Judge and Mrs. Wright, assisted by Mr. George Wright, welcomed all with the easy cordiality for which they are famed.

The Governor's reception Thursday evening was very well attended. Those attending were of a representative class and many of the costumes worn were very attractive. The capitol was brilliantly illumined and the grand halls and stairways were made cheerful by the people all of whom considered themselves as having an interest and a share in the beautiful building. The Governor received in his rooms unassisted, while the different state officers were about among the guests, Mrs. Maxwell did the honors of the Library in her usual charming manner, and was obliged to hear many flattering remarks in regard to the manner in which she keeps it up.

The following ladies became members during its session: Mrs. L. J. Lamphere, Mrs. Ellen M. Rich, Mrs. Jacob Mills, Mrs. F. Gertrude Eddy, Mrs. J. W. Richards, Mrs. Gatch, Ida C. Hullin, Algona, Bernice Newell, Grinnell, Mrs. F. W. Pierce, Miss Phebe Sudlow, Mrs. Emma Haddock, Prof. Susan S. Smith, Mrs. Celia A. M. Currier,

S. P. Bryant, Davenport, Clara Davidson, Mrs. Liewellin, Clarinda, Mrs. M. L. Chalfant, Iowa City, Marion Murdock, Humboldt, Rowena Stevens, Ames, Sophia S. Gillette, Des Moines, Mrs. John Scott, Nevada, Miss Ella Hamilton, Des Moines, Mrs. Jennie Caldwell, Nixon, New Orleans, Mrs. Felecia Porter, Louisville, Ky., Prof. Martha Foote Crow, Grinnell, Mrs. Amy W. Wood, Atlantic, Mrs. Whiting S. Clark, Des Moines, Nellie L. Cady, Marshalltown, Mrs. A. B. McMurray, Mrs. Dr. Dickinson, Mrs. Ruttkay, Dr. Stella Nichols, Davenport, Mrs. Truitt, Waterloo, Mrs. C. C. Nourse and Mrs. E. B. Whitcomb, Des Moines.

One of the advantages mentioned by Mrs. Julia Ward Howe as belonging to the Association for the Advancement of Women, is that the annual meeting brings together women from all parts of the country, women of character, of lofty ideals and no less lofty practice. They are, moreover representative women and as such a study of each other is scarcely less profitable than is that of the methods by which they strive to advance the world. So fully have the interesting sessions been reported from day to day that but little may now be said that has not been given to the public in detail. Altogether the work has been one which will long be remembered and the influence of which will be felt through coming time. In the highest sense of the word the papers which have been read and the strong words which have been spoken, to the end of advancing the position of women, mentally, morally, and physically, have been educating. Who shall say that thought has not been excited which will from to-day influence the condition of life in Iowa and throughout the west?

A few weeks ago a Des Moines woman was speaking of the coming "Congress". When a lady who was present exclaimed that she could see no possible necessity for such an organization. The W. C. T. U. covers everything that women can possibly do for the good of all. It is sincerely to be hoped that this narrow view of woman's mission and the mission of this national association has been thoroughly dispelled. Noble as is the work done by such women as Frances S. Willard, it is never the less, but one branch of that work which is to make the world better and society what it should be.

Of the officers of the Association there was a very fair representation present. Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, the president, Mrs. Henrietta L. T. Wolcott, Boston, the treasurer, and Miss Ella C. Lapham, New York, Secretary, did not allow the unusual distance west to prevent their coming. Everybody longed to see and press the hand of the honored president, Mrs. Howe, probably every lady who attended the meetings with any degree of regularity had that pleasure. Never was there a gathering of ladies in which greater freedom of intercourse was observable. It was an assemblage social as well as intellectual.

Miss Abbie W. May, Mass., was one of the most noteworthy women in attendance. Her strong, intellectual face is one in a thousand. Her plainness of attire in this day of universal fuss and frill is positively refreshing. The Mass. ladies say they remember Miss May's plain, strait skirts thirty years ago, and they also say that her side pockets have in all that time, remained the same, but these

M. B. Holbrook, Marengo, Mrs. Ellen M. Rich, Vinton, Mrs. J. B.

ladies are filled with enthusiasm when they speak of Miss May's philanthropy. When any good cause is to be upheld, said one of them Miss May is ready to give her fifty or one hundred dollars. It takes but little to cloth me, and so I can afford to help others, she says.

Miss May's nearest friend, her almost constant companion, is Miss Blanchford, Cambridge, who was present also. She is an exceedingly bright looking little woman dressed in a plain but handsome black suit and speaks with a faultless Bostonian accent. Both ladies are very precise and methodical in all business transactions, particularly in the expenditure of money. Not long since the two ladies were present at some sort of a meeting in Boston, when Miss May became a little disturbed at some matter in the report of the treasurer. Miss Blanchford turned to her and said "Abbie May, I wish the Lord had made you a little less fussy," My dear, was the reply, It would have been impossible for the Lord to have made you more fussy. The friends of the two ladies fully appreciate the bit of conversation. Miss Blanchford possesses considerable property, and takes care of it. She is now in mourning for an only sister, who left her that most precious legacy, a sweet child, to care for.

Mrs. A. B. Billington, 1325-E. Walnut St. entertained a distinguished as well as charming coterie of guests. There were Mrs. Ada Langworthy Collier, Mrs. Ellen M. Rich, Vinton and Mrs. L. M. Latham, Cedar Rapids. Mrs. Collier is one among the first of Iowa writers, delightful stories and beautiful poems from her pen are constantly appearing in the leading periodicals of the country. Mrs. Collier is a daughter of whom Iowa may well be proud. Possessing abundant means every opportunity of culture has belonged to her. Of Great personal beauty and grace of manner she has those added and deeper charms of mind and character. Mrs. Collier has written from early girlhood though for many years she made that mistake so common with young writers of withholding her name from the public and thus cheating herself of that which was really her own.

Mrs. Ellen M. Rich is one of the most cultivated of Iowa women. She was the first woman appointed to a membership of the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners and was one of the pioneer women of Iowa in the field of journalism as her husband's assistant in the editorship of the Vinton Eagle. Mrs. Latham is one of the few successful newspaper women of Iowa all the more successful so because of the purpose for good with which she always writes.

Iowa has no reason to be ashamed of the women she sent up both among those who are members of the association and others. Among these illustrious ladies were Mrs. Collier, the novelist Mrs. Judge Adams who has done much to create a literary atmosphere in Dubuque. Miss May Rogers the compiler of the Waverly dictionary Mr. B. J. Hall, Burlington, one of the trustees of the Iowa Industrial school, Mrs. Emma Haddock, Iowa City, the first woman in the country to have been admitted to practice in the United States Courts, Mrs. F. G. Eddy, a prominent member of the Waterloo ladies and Prof. Smith connected with the State University of Iowa, Mrs. N. B. Holbrook, Marengo, Mrs. Ellen M. Rich, Vinton, Mrs. J. B.

Swinney, Bloomfield, Mrs. John Scott, Nevada, Dr. Lizzie Hess, a prominent physician, Iowa City, Dr. Jennie McCowen, vice-president of the Association for Iowa. Mrs. Latham, Cedar Rapids, Mrs. Crow, Grinnell, Mrs. Emma P. Ewing of the Agricultural College, who possesses a national reputation as a writer on cooking, Mrs. Knapp, Mrs. J. W. Richards, Mrs. Leavitt, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Truitt, Waterloo, Dr. Abi L. Preston, Baxter, Miss Fairbanks, Dubuque, Mrs. Pauline Swain, Oskaloosa who occupied a reporter's desk and who will doubtless give some excellent reports to the herald. These are but a few of the many Iowa ladies from without the city who are well worthy of mention.

There were not wanting among these noble Congress women one who possesses abundant means. Almost all the ladies from the far east have wealth at their command and are unselfishly devoting their time to work for humanity. Mrs. Wolcott is the widow of the property of the Hotel Vendome, Boston and has wealth which she uses freely for the benefit of others. Mrs. Sayles, Conn. is the wife of a wealthy manufacturer. Miss Ella C. Lapham the accomplished secretary, is the only daughter of wealthy parents and is devoted to an invalid mother. Her face is one showing great character, and her faithful and efficient performance of her official duties added not a little to the success of the association.

Miss Ada C. Sweet, who until recently was so successful in warding off the fire of the government, received, of course, a full share of attention. Although the audacious Chicago reporters have been giving Miss Sweet's age as forty or thereabouts, her face does not indicate more than five or six and twenty. She is something above medium height and of fine figure. She has a full ruddy face fine auburn hair and finely chiseled features, wherein lay that firmness which proved so troublesome to President Cleveland.

Ladies from a distance remarked upon the excellent arrangements which were made in order to give the ladies an opportunity to become acquainted. The church teas were entirely successful, thanks to the very efficient service rendered by Dr. Margaret Cleaves, who was in charge as well as her corps of assistants, who worked hard and cheerfully to make everything go off nicely. Miss Cleaves was assisted by others as follows: Misses Hattie Ankeny, Nina Cutter, Ella Cleaves, Ella Hamilton, Nellie Stark, Maggie Herritt, Anna Herritt, Mary Howell, May Gatch, Anna Merrill, Cora Pierce, Fannie Campbell, Mattie Given, Carrie Mitchell, Schreiner, Dr. Liebbardt, Ida Kurtz, Kate Johnson, Belle Bently, Lizzie Collins Ruttkay, Leland, Gue, Benson, Mrs. Whiting S. Clark, Mrs. Freeman and Mrs. Colver.

Mrs. Wolcott made, it is safe to say as many friends as any one of the ladies present, east or west. She is a remarkably interesting and thoroughly competent woman. By her husband's will she was made executrix of the estate, the large Hotel Vendome, Boston, being a part of her property, she resides in the country where she can carry on gardening, the raising of flowers of which she is passionately fond of. With her own hands she raises the flowers which supply the large hotel, and thousands of trees

are growing at the bidding of her will. She has a son and two daughters a physician who has recently been made a member of the Massachusetts State Medical Association. Mrs. Wolcott's ready sympathy and aid are extended to many who are suffering. She will long be remembered in Des Moines, the papers have been so fully reported from day to day that the public is well acquainted with their exceeding merit. The only regret seemed to be that the beautiful auditorium of the Plymouth church which was decorated with so much taste was not twice as large. Very gladly will Des Moines welcome the members of the association on a return visit should that honor be again extended.

Miss May Rogers, Dubuque, one of the youngest members of the association has already an enviable position in its ranks, a young woman of unusual natural gifts, these have been supplemented by the finest culture. Miss Rogers is moreover a thorough business woman taking care of her property interest with tact that is rare in a person of such literary attainments. At Gov. Sherman's reception after the charming address of Mrs. Howe, which has been fully reported in the daily papers. Miss Rogers delivered the following Winged words which have not hitherto been published.

Mrs. President and Members of the Association for the Advancement of Women. Iowa rejoices in the visit of the eminent women of the east who have followed westward the star of empire that will long remain stationary over these prairies that grow the corn for the world. Our fathers left their eastern homes to cultivate Iowa's fertile soil, and there are many still living among us who fought with the red men for her possession. That the early settler succeeded in their mission of civilization is evident from the fact that we are giving hospitality to the exponents of ideas which would have started our grandmothers as much as an Indian invasion. Iowa is so central that it is sympathetic with every interest of our common country. We are so northern that we welcome your pilgrimage, which has made us ambitious for the prizes of the spirit, we hope you have not cast the seed of the future on barren ground.

The Des Moines Leader

Oct. 11, 1885

The report by Marie Mitchell on "Woman's adaptability to Science Pursuits" was read before the women's congress. Text in full is found in Oct. 11 issue of the Des Moines Leader--1885.

Oct. 12, 1885

A meeting of conference to be held at 1301 High St. Wednesday, October 14, 1885.

Several members of the women's congress are remaining to gather up the unfinished business. Dr. Margaret A. Cleaves has called a meeting of all the ladies who are or have been recently made members of this association at her home, 1301 High St. at 3:00 next Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Wolcott will be present and possibly Mrs. Lita Barney Sayles and Dr. Anna D. French, each of whom can

be of great service in the organization. It is hoped that the ladies will respond to the call liberally, as only in this way may they expect to derive any practical benefits from the association. (Note, Birthday of D. M. W. C.) Birthplace of the Des Moines Women's Club. Home of Dr. Margaret A. Cleaves, 1301 High St., Location--Lot 5, Block 1, Spencer Addition, Des Moines, District 3. (From files at Polk Co. Courthouse).

1866-John Hensell (1st record of ownership property)

1872-sold to Mary E. Clarke-(Aunt of Olive Clark Riddell).
sold to J. M. Carver (Rented by Dr. Margaret A. Cleaves).

1888-sold to Benjamin Elbert

1888 sold to Lizzie Rhoads

October 14, 1885-meeting held here for organization of D. M.-W. C. The club history committee has asked that a marker be placed on this property.

Iowa State Register

October 16, 1885

WOMEN'S CONGRESS:

An Organization Effected to Supplement Its Work.

"Since the session of the Women's Congress held in this city, the ladies have exhibited a great interest in the work and a permanent local organization has resulted. The organization had no literary aim, but is designed for practical work of all kinds that may lead to the advancement of the sex. The first meeting of the new association was held with Mrs. Dr. Cleaves on Wednesday afternoon when a permanent organization was effected by electing Dr. Cleaves, President; Mrs. Hunting, Secretary; and Mrs. Judge Wright, chairman of the Executive Committee. A great deal of interest was manifested by the ladies and much good is expected to result. This favorable showing is very grateful to Mrs. Wolcott and Sayles to whose efforts much of it is due. On last evening, Dr. Cleaves gave a reception in honor of these ladies to which the members of the new association and those friendly to its objective work were invited. The attendance was large and an exceedingly pleasant evening was passed by all. These ladies leave for their respective homes today and their departure will be received with regret by the many friends they have made during their short stay in the city, and all will hope that circumstances may conspire to bring them back again to the city and to the friends for whom they have done so much."

Des Moines Daily News

October 16, 1885

Dr. Margaret Cleaves gave a reception last evening to the members of the new woman's association and in honor of Mrs. Wolcott and Mrs. Sayla. The officers of the new association are Dr. Cleaves, president; Mrs. Hunting, Secretary; Mrs. Judge Wright, chairman of the executive committee.

Dr. Margaret A. Cleaves, assisted by her sister, received three or four score of her friends last evening at her residence on High St., in honor of Mrs. Wolcott of Boston and Mrs. Sayles, Conn., prominent members of the Woman's Congress.

The Des Moines Leader

October 16, 1885

Dr. Margaret A. Cleaves gave a reception last night for Mrs. Wolcott and Mrs. Sayles, two women who were prominent in the late women's congress and who have been visiting in the city since its adjournment. A large number of guests were present and the Doctor's splendid parlors were thronged with guests, who passed a very enjoyable evening with their hostess and the distinguished ladies.

Des Moines Daily News

October 17, 1885

Rev. S. S. Hunting will give a discourse at Trinity church Sunday morning at 10:45 on the "Woman's Congress--What it Means and What it is Doing for the Country." All interested will be welcome.

Mrs. Julia Ward Howe spends today and tomorrow at Sioux City. Thence she goes to Algona and Osceola, lecturing in each place. She will be in Des Moines some day next week, the guest of Mrs. Dr. Hunting. Some pleasant lecture room will be chosen in which she will talk to a Des Moines audience on one of her favorite topics, "Men's Women and Women's Women."

The Des Moines Leader

October 18, 1885

Returning to this city during the present week, Mrs. Julia Ward Howe will be the guest of Mrs. Dr. Hunting. It was yesterday learned to a certainty that Mrs. Julia Ward Howe will return to this city during the present week. She will address the ladies upon her all-absorbing topic, "Men's Women and Women's Men." This will certainly be received with great pleasure by the ladies and men of our cities.

The Des Moines Leader

October 20, 1885

Rev. Dr. Hunting on "The Women's Congress."

Dr. French's paper on the comparative "The Effects on Health of Professional, Fashionable and Industrial Life," was able and conclusive. Take the first principle, "The grandest attainment in Life is good health" and mark the reason for this "that it not only brings the greatest range of comfort but because it is the benefactor thru which the highest and best possibilities of life are developed and maintained. Only in health can the highest possibilities of health be realized. Disease destroys the power of willing and a diseased body invites more evil powers than an idle brain.

Health is not simply a physical condition: it is also a moral

and intellectual state that effects the whole conscious being. Bad digestion is the root of sin--vice depletes the brain. Tobacco and alcohol produce mental diseases. The passion for strong drink is a moral disease. Good health is the greatest attainment in life. Jesus made a man every whit whole, that is, healthy. We have been told how factory life of certain kinds destroys health. Girls in the tobacco factories are poisoned by the absorption of nicotine, lead, mercury, phosphorous and arsenic. Improper dressing, bad lodging and poor food, with malaria and many hours work every day, undermines the health.

"We find upon investigation," says Dr. French, "that industrial women are almost always overworked." This is sometimes by length of hours and sometimes by work too great for their strength. But when we turn to the fashionable women of our large cities and compare them with the working women of the factory villages, the examination reveals the fact that they are no more healthy, while their lives are comparatively unproductive.

We are glad to have the testimony renewed and emphasized that a professional life is not unfavorable to the health of women. It has often been shown that girls who break down at school are not injured by study but by the unwise treatment out of school. College life with proper attention to the laws of health in eating, sleeping, ventilation and exercise conduces to health of nerves and strength of body. The discipline of the intellect is as healthful for a young woman as for a young man.

The paper of Dr. French was exceedingly practical and that of Miss Sweet on "The Ministry of Labor" was valuable for the tribute paid to the dignity of labor and the sympathy for all the women of the land to win their bread by their own efforts, rightly claiming that all the workers, men and women, are the benefactors of society and pillars in our political and social temple. Suppose the hands of all who do any manual labor ministring to man or beast, should drop off, leaving only the hands of those who are too nice to use their dainty fingers, what would those persons do who disdain all manual labor for themselves and do not honor it in other persons. Surely we may be hopeful of a better future for the laborer, when those who are giving direction to the intellectual life of the country are honoring all honest labor by men and women. I claim a few sentences from that paper: "It is not until an individual or community begins to recognize in some degree, the blessedness and happiness of work and cease to regard it as a curse and something to be shunned, and that any great advance in civilization can be claimed. The poor begrimed, ragged laborer, shoveling coal or wheeling a barrow, swinging his ax or driving his plow, is in the one place in the universe that is his own, and no man that is a man fails to respect the worth and nobility of honest labor whenever and wherever he sees it.

If every laboring man who is envious of the comforts of those who labor with their brains, were assured that this is the doctrine of society much of this jealousy of classes would pass away.

These words by Carlyle were quoted and approved with emphasis. There is a perennial nobleness and even sacredness in work. Were

he ever so benighted, forgetful of his high calling, there is always hope in a man who actually and honestly works; in idleness alone there is a perpetual despair. One monster there is in the world, the idle man. Welcome the women's congress that propagates such doctrines. "An idle brain is the devil's workshop."

Miss Sweet's paper was especially frank and honest in its criticism of women, as in the following sentences; "Contempt of manual labor, want of sympathy with those who engage in it, social caste, vanity or riches, worship of rank; these are commonly met with in some countries, in men and women, but in our country, women are the only ones, with a few insignificant exceptions, that cultivate and stimulate these relics of the ages of ignorance and barbarism. In a broader life, liberal education, in industrial pursuits and professional training, women will soon lose all traces of these limited and varied views, and become as fair, as free from affection, and as respectful and loyal to all right endeavor, be it of body or of mind, as the enlightened American men can claim to be. It is not the life of every hard-working man and woman a perpetual ministry to humanity, a constant sacrifice offered up day by day, not only that the laborer, but that the whole world may live? While this friendly criticism was made on her own sex, the paper showed that women are doing their full share of even and rough hard work of the world; that, in eight of the ten million families in the United States, the work is done without the help of servants; hence only about two-fifths of all the families keep servants. Besides these there are two and one-half millions of women working at gainful occupations--working for wages. And there is hardly a kind of work done by men that is not always done by women, even to being captain of a steamer, and now to learn that a woman, as the confidential friend of the president, planned the most successful campaign of the recent civil war.

Mrs. Wolcott's paper on "Work of the World's Women" gave us, in a condensed form, a glimpse of the vast field occupied by women. She brought to our notice the fact that 12,000,000 who were home keepers were not mentioned in the census of 1880, except as to their birth and death, and only those women were tabulated who were pursuing a gainful occupation. In the last census the home-keepers appear in their place.

This important result was brought about by a committee from the women's congress working with the proper authorities at Washington. Mrs. Wolcott wisely discriminated between useful and useless work, and showed in a practical way how women have accepted whatever work is congenial to her nature, inclination or education, and her sphere is like the orbit of a planet--where the Heavenly Attractions Guide Her. Dr. Avery's paper on "A Plea for Purpose" was timely and altogether practical. She also advocated work--work for paupers to keep them from being perpetual burdens on the people; by work alone and the characteristics of self-reliance be developed. Every girl should be educated to have a purpose aside from the simple event of marriage. She should be taught so she can realize that she is as much of a social unit as her brother, and in the notation of social life she may be any of the nine digits, from

one to nine.

It is claimed that only a few women work with a purpose as men do, a fact which has come from woman's position as a service of everybody. But the higher education of woman gives her the ability to select the work to which the housekeeping is but an incidental as it is to the profession of a man.

As a compliment to the paper on purpose that of Dr. Smith was just in time. He showed the necessity for an adjustment between "Society and Business Life;" That relaxation and recreation are a part of life and more especially should the working women of the country turn their attention to recreation where they are confined during the day in heated factories and stores. Women should set a high estimate on her work, should have fair wages and time to spend their surplus of earnings in healthful recreation. This also was exceedingly practical.

The paper on the "Health Statistics of Women College Graduates" told us that 78% of them are in good health, 5% are in fair health and 17% are in poor health. While the women of different classes and conditions in life, only 56% are in good health. There is no reasonable ground for the opinion that college education is injurious to the health of young women. This truth was verified by many papers. A generation of educated women have proved to the world that health, domestic life and society are all improved by the higher education of women.

We were surprised to learn that the women of Boston have an "emergency and hygiene association," through which they give lectures to policemen who look after the sanitary conditions of the city, to firemen and to teachers in the public schools. It is important for a fireman to know how to save life in a given emergency. It is important for teachers to know how to manage pupils in the case of a fire, to prevent a panic.

Justice and not charity, "the need of the day" was a subject of vital importance to all who care for the poor of a city. We always have the poor with us but that is no reason that we should use our charity to encourage pauperism. The old, the sick, the homeless children, should be kept from suffering if possible, but the healthy man or woman should be provided with work and not with food and clothing.

Justice aims at the elevation of men and women above the pauper class. We must work for the abolition of poor laws by giving all a chance to live, and if they will not work when able to do so, they shall be treated as criminals and not as paupers.

The time is near when there will be a woman nurse, physician and superintendent wherever there is a woman insane, sick, or in prison. One significant thing in the congress was the emphasis put upon the necessity of woman's preparation for every place she aspires to occupy. The large number of girls graduating from high-school shows that the average woman is not to lack the mental dis-

cipline to fit her for the station she would occupy.

Next to teachers women physicians are to compete with men for empire. It will be one of the marvels in the mind of the future women and men that men monopolized the medical profession so long. As women are the natural nurse, she must be the natural physician when qualified.

(Note, Paper on the Women of America as Speculators--Des Moines Leader--Oct. 25, 1885)

The Daily Iowa Capital

October 22, 1885

The Cedar Rapids Republican has the mention of some of the Des Moines delegates to the Suffrage Convention at that place: Mrs. M. C. Callanan, Des Moines is secretary of the organization, and has taken a prominent part for many years in the suffrage work of her own country. Mrs. M. J. Coggeshall, Des Moines, chairman of the executive committee, is probably the most active of any member in pushing the work forward. She has been president of the Polk county suffrage association for several years. Mrs. Margaret Campbell, Des Moines, has been a lecturer upon suffrage for many years and has travel in nearly every state and territory in the United States in the interest of her cause. Mrs. Callanan, Des Moines, recording secretary of the association is one of the directors of the Benedict home. Mrs. Stewart, Des Moines, is a lady of note, and a woman noted for her literary ability.

October 23, 1885

Mrs. Julia Ward Howe will lecture in Unity Church, corner of Linden and Fifteenth Streets, Saturday evening next at 8 o'clock. The admission is reduced to twenty-five cents each. Mrs. Howe returns at the urgent request of many ladies who were delighted with her womanly bearing and commanding presence.

Des Moines Daily News

October 23, 1885

Mrs. Julia Ward Howe will lecture in Unity Church, corner of Linden and Fifteenth streets, next Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. Tickets 25¢.

December 9, 1885

The D. M. W. C. met yesterday afternoon with Dr. Margaret A. Cleaves on High street. Mrs. Orwig, chairman of the committee on discussion, presented a paper on domestic service, in which she advocated schools for the education and elevation of hired female help. The ensuing discussion took a wide range and embraced the subject of co-operative laundries. The club may try the experiment.

December 16, 1885

Marshalltown Times-Republican: Dr. Margaret Cleaves, president of

the D. M. W. C., met a goodly number of the young married ladies of Marshalltown, on Friday, December 11, in the lecture room of the Presbyterian church, for the purpose of organizing an association, with its object the social and intellectual advancement of women. The new club will meet again Saturday afternoon in the church. We hope the ladies will inaugurate a movement for intellectual activity that will leaven all Marshalltown. It is a shame to confess, but there are a few cities in the Union of equal population that are such a desert so far as organized literary effort and mental culture are concerned as is our own Marshalltown. While business engrosses the men, there is danger of the ladies being left with nothing brighter in their lives than gossip and merely dissipating amusements. The woman's club will give them something better to think about and do much toward elevating their aims and lives.

Des Moines Daily News

December 28, 1885

Miss Jennie Cleaves arrived to-day from Davenport and during the State Teachers Association will stay with her sisters at their home, 1301-High St.

Iowa State Register

January 6, 1886

Woman's Club

Their interesting session yesterday, discussion of the "domestic problems."

The Woman's Club of this city met in regular session at the residence of Doctor Cleaves yesterday afternoon. After the transaction of some business by the Board of Directors, the regular session was opened. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Miss Case the appointed program was passed, and Mrs. Orwig, acting chairman of the committee on discussion, reported that she had looked up the matter of training schools for domestics, and had found that there were none.

At the request of the club she then read the following paper upon that interesting subject.

Mrs. Orwig's Paper

Cooking schools are excellent in their way, but the question of the hour is "the servant girl question."

The great want of the American people to-day of the female portion at least is a thoroughly organized training school for domestics. It might be called a college, a state normal school, anything that would commend it to public favor. It might have a laundry, with a restaurant, and and coffee rooms connected with it, to make it self supporting, and where homeless girls could find shelter and earn their board when out of employment. It should have a course of several months, at least, and the power to give certificates upon the completion of certain branches, according to the ability of the pupil.

Teaching plain cooking first, in connection with the commonest duties of the household, we might have bread, meat, coffee degrees, ascending gradually to soup, gravies and sauces and finally graduate our pupils in the highest branches of cake, icing, and jelly ever keeping in the foreground order system and cleanliness.

This idea is not so fanciful as might at first appear. Every thoughtful housekeeper knows that for something of the kind there is great need. Home training, in the class from which we take our help, is evidently no more to be depended upon than ordinary education.

For a housekeeper always to teach her own servants involves a labor of that of the baker, should he be compelled to instruct his bookkeeper in the principles of arithmetic.

But the busy, tender mother is often compelled to leave her little children for many days to their own devices, while she goes into the kitchen to teach the new cook. She resolutely takes broom and dust pan and shows bridget how to sweep, finding to her sorrow that no amount of telling will avail.

But the labor and trouble bestowed upon girls, in teaching them the work that must be done to meet the ordinary needs of the family, has not even the hope of future compensation. For after a girl is well trained, it is more than likely that she will find another mistress who will pay her higher wages for the rare pleasure of having nothing to teach her. It is very difficult to train girls. Teaching is not willingly endured by them, nor do they submit to it cheerfully as they would in a school where they went for the express purpose of instruction.

Such an institution would effectually regulate the type of women's labor. Our own country is the only country in the world obliged to depend upon foreign help. This fact alone, without taking into consideration the great social changes continually going on in our country, is sufficient to account for the difference between the requirements of the mistress and the ability of the servant. It will explain the frequent collisions that occur between the elements of the household, in families that are well regulated and others. It shows still more forcibly the necessity for some plan whereby there can be uniform and properly economized teaching of the ignorant. The time now given to training one, might be just as efficiently bestowed upon the class of twenty or more.

If the plan succeeded, and it ought to be as successful as any other outgrowth of our civilization, its advantages might be extended and every city have its training school for domestic servants, which shall take its pupils from all grades of life, making it respectable alike for rich and poor, and especially benefiting that class of ignorant foreigners, who now crowd our cities as servants, demanding high wages for allowing their American mistress to teach them the rudiments of household labor. A good training school would banish evil—the bane of American home life. Mrs. Emma P. Ewing of our college at Ames, says—"All classes of women in America

need higher education in household and domestic arts, and a wide field is open for exercise of intellect and energy for the organization of training schools for domestic economy."

A visit to our girls reform school at Mitchellville would convince the most skeptical that great good results from systematic training. Mrs. Lewelling, with the small means, but untiring energy, and great executive ability, has changed her reformatory into a thorough training school of which the state of Iowa may well be proud. Ladies, go and see for yourselves how the waifs are being trained into useful women.

The following letter was then read from Dr. Lelia G. Bedell, President of the Chicago Woman's Club.

"I think at the present time there is no training school for domestics anywhere. Last spring our club, at my suggestion, took initiatory steps toward the formation of such a school--It seems to me to be desirable first, to agitate, to get the public well under conviction. Be slow to ask for the necessary funds until the value of such a thing has dawned upon every housekeeper as it has upon you. Then I advise slowly mature your plans and when ready execute them. My scheme is to register all domestics as far as possible in the city and grade them according to the best information you can get. Record them alphabetically in a systematic form, name, age, years of service, for whom, remarks etc. etc.

Let your organization be practically the only intelligence office in the city, and require all who employ through you to pay no more nor less than the grand price to any domestic. When any employer reports improvement in any girl, raise her grade. When new faults and new virtues are found, record them. My plan for the school itself would be that of any well regulated cooking school, adding to it also all necessary training, (on the kitchen garden plan) for all other lines of house work and duties of domestics. Laundry work, home made bread, cake, salads and extra trained service for parties should be among the projects for making this self-supporting, together with fees as paid to other intelligence offices.

We will be glad to hear again what the Des Moines Woman's Club is doing in this matter. Please extend to your club most cordial greetings and congratulations."

Both papers were warmly discussed, the almost universal opinion being that organized effort on the part of the mistresses in their relation to domestics, was necessary to the thorough solution of the problem. The session was long and full of both interest and profit to those present.

The club is now established, upon a firm basis and the members feel assured that much good must come to them from its meetings and attendance association.

The Des Moines Leader

February 2, 1886

The Des Moines Woman's Club will hold a meeting Tuesday after-

Observance of New Years in the old time way in Des Moines. (1886) Dr. Margaret A. Cleaves and her sister Miss Ella, assisted by Mrs. Carpenter and daughter and Miss Stark gave their callers a truly oriental reception. The handsome parlors were decorated in choice pieces of bric-a-brac, and statuary collected from the old country and were lighted by a lamp more than three hundred years old. Chinese joss sticks were kept constantly burning, sweetly perfuming the air and all giving to the apartment an exceedingly rich and attractive appearance. The ladies were attired in perfect keeping with their surroundings, and the Egyptian olives served with the refreshments completed the illusion, carrying the mind of the caller instantly into the land of the olive and the palm.

The Daily Iowa Capital January 13, 1886

Mrs. Addie B. Billington, Geo. H. Nichols and D. G. Perkins, Des Moines, were among the teachers that were yesterday granted life certificates by the Iowa State Board Examiners.

The Des Moines Woman's Club, Des Moines, will meet at the residence of Dr. Margaret A. Cleaves, 1301-High St., on Thursday, Jan. 19th at 3:00 p. m. The committee on Work has charge of the program. Mrs. Haddock, a lawyer of Iowa City, will present a paper on the Laws of Iowa in the their relation to the Property Rights of Women.

Iowa State Register January 17, 1886

The Des Moines Women's Club will meet at the residence of Dr. Margaret A. Cleaves, 1301-High St., on Thursday January 19th at three p. m.

The committee on Work has the day. Mrs. Haddock, a lawyer of Iowa City, will present a paper upon the laws of Iowa in relation to the property rights of women.

Iowa State Register January 31, 1886

The Des Moines Women's Club will hold its regular meeting Tuesday, February 2nd at 3:00 p. m., at the home of Dr. Margaret A. Cleaves, 1301-High St. The Discussion Committee have the day, and will present the following subject for discussion, viz., "The necessity of teaching physiology and hygiene in all the public schools of the state, especially in reference to the influence of stimulants and narcotics upon the human system." The Board of Directors will meet at 2:00 p. m. to transact necessary business. A full attendance is desired.

The Des Moines Leader February 1, 1886

The Des Moines Women's Club will hold a meeting Tuesday after-

noon, Feb. 2, at 3:00 o'clock, at which the topic for discussion will be "The necessity of teaching physiology and hygiene in all the public schools of the state, especially with reference to the influence of stimulants and narcotics upon the human system." It is the desire of the ladies not only to extirpate the saloon from our commercial and social economy, but following close upon the consummation of this cherished accomplishment, to follow up success in this direction by inculcating into the budding minds of the coming generations a strong prejudice against the use of tobacco. This is to be accomplished through the use of text books in the schools. It is the experience of all times that when the average woman decides to achieve a desired end there is only one other living creature that equals her obstinacy of purpose, and that other creature is a setting hen. The one will pursue a hobby through an eternity of time, and the other will apply herself with an assiduity worthy of a little better cause to the doubtful task of hatching chicks from inanimate door knobs or deceiving brick-bats. The latter is usually destitute of favorable results. But the former has been known to achieve success though not without difficulty. But difficulty-to woman-is apparently the spice of her earthly existence, and hence what would discourage an ordinary man only tends to buoy up erring femininity.

The Daily Iowa Capital

February 3, 1886

The Des Moines Women's Club will hold a meeting Tuesday afternoon, February 3, at 3:00 o'clock, at which the topic for discussion will be "The Necessity for teaching Physiology and Hygiene in all the Public Schools of the State, especially with reference to the influence of stimulants and narcotics upon the human system."

Iowa State Register

February 14, 1886

The Des Moines Women's Club will meet with Dr. Margaret A. Cleaves, 1301-High St., Tuesday, Feb. 16th, at 3 P. M. The Educational Committee has the day and the question of "Nervous Strains in Girls," will be considered. Mrs. Pomeroy, Callanan College, will present a paper upon that subject to be followed by discussion.

The Daily Iowa Capital

February 15, 1886

The Des Moines Women's Club will meet Tuesday afternoon at the residence of Dr. Margaret A. Cleaves, 1301-High St. at 3 P. M. Mrs. Pomeroy, Callanan College, will submit a paper entitled, "Nervous Strains in Girls," which will be discussed.

The Des Moines Leader

February 15, 1886

The Des Moines Women's Club will meet Tuesday afternoon at the residence of Miss Margaret A. Cleaves, 1301-High St. at 3 P. M. Mrs. Pomeroy, Callanan College, will submit a paper entitled "Nervous Strain in Girls," which will be discussed.

(The files of the Leader of the year 1886 until August 1 have been thoroughly canvassed with no further references to the Des Moines Women's Club except as their activities are noted in the Woman's Exchange until August 9). Mrs. Fitch will review some recent novels.

The Iowa State Register

February 21, 1886

On Friday, Mrs. Orwig presented to the Legislature, through Senator Gatch, six petitions against "pernicious literature," one containing three hundred names from Dr. Frisbie's church (Congregational); a very large one from Callanan College, one from the West Des Moines High School, two from West Side teachers in Mrs. Lou Wilson's department, as City Superintendent, and one from citizens of Waterloo through Mrs. A. Clark.

The Daily Iowa Capital

February 21, 1886

The Des Moines Women's Club has invited Mrs. James Townsend Russell, Chicago to give some readings, and arrangements have been made for a recital in the Kirkwood parlors Thursday evening, February 23. The lady will read selections from Byron and Shakespeare and sing. John Francis Waller's "Spanish Love Song" and the "Hat," a monologue translated from the French. Mr. Russell will assist in singing.

The Iowa State Register

February 27, 1886

An excellent audience attended the term musicale at Callanan College, given last evening under the direction of Mrs. Hattie Couch-Bailey and Miss Lamphere. The Vocal and instrumental numbers were all good. "Collins' Love Letter," by Malley, was sung by Miss Birdie Wallace in her very best manner. Miss Wallace has a very sympathetic voice, clear and beautifully modulated. Miss Nellie Hatcher's vocal solo, Arditl's exquisite "Daisy Polka," also merited special praise. Some quite difficult runs were mastered with excellent grace and accuracy. "Gaily Chant the Summer Birds," DePinna, was well rendered by Miss Gertrude Stone. Her voice is strong and of rich quality, and her singing full of expression. The instrumental numbers were uniformly well performed. "Styrien Waltz," Wollenhaupt, by Miss Jennie Howe, and "Nocturne in G major," Chopin, by Miss Merrill, made more than a favorable impression. The theme in both pieces was beautifully brought out. Miss Johns' solo, "Salterello," by S. B. Mills, showed the most brilliant execution of any of the numbers. The duet from the magnificent "Il Trovatore," arranged by Kunkel, played by Misses Butler and Fenton, was beautiful, as Verdi's music always is, but the carelessness in "phrasing" detracted somewhat from the good effect. Miss Windus and Miss Parker closed an excellent programme with a brilliant Allegro, from Mendelssohn's Concerto, in G minor, the most elaborate and meritorious performance of the evening.

The Iowa State Register

February 28, 1886

The Des Moines Women's Club will meet at 3 P. M. Tuesday,

March 2, at the home of Dr. Margaret A. Cleaves, 1301-High St. The Board of Directors will meet at 2 P. M. The Committee on Art and Literature has the day. Mrs. Judge Cook will present a paper on the "Conventional in Art," and Mrs. Patchin will review some recent novels.

The Des Moines Daily News

March 1, 1886

The Des Moines Women's Club will meet tomorrow at 3 P. M. at the residence of Dr. Margaret A. Cleaves, 1301-High St. Mrs. Judge Cook will read a paper on "Conventional in Art."

The Des Moines Daily News

March 12, 1886

The Des Moines Women's Club will meet as usual on next Tuesday afternoon, and after the literary exercises, tea will be served by the committee on art and literature consisting of Mrs. Doctor Patchin, Mrs. Abdill, Mrs. Judge Cook, Mrs. Whiting S. Clark and Miss Hamilton.

The Iowa State Register

March 14, 1886

The Des Moines Women's Club will meet Tuesday, March 16th at 3 P. M. with Dr. Margaret A. Cleaves, 1301-High St. The Committee on Practical Work has the day, and the subject of Women's Exchanges will be considered. The Board of Directors will meet at 2 P. M.

The Daily Iowa Capital

March 16, 1886

The Des Moines Women's Club will meet Tuesday, March 16th, at 3 P. M. with Dr. Margaret A. Cleaves, 1301-High St. The committee on practical work has the day, and the subject of Women's Exchanges will be considered. The Board of Directors will meet at 2 P. M. (Note, The Capital files have been carefully canvassed and no references found until fall of 1888).

The Iowa State Register

March 21, 1886

In Des Moines in 1854 one of the most popular members of the House is Mr. Anderson, Hamilton. He has won a large influence among his fellow legislators by his manifest good politics and general work. Mr. Anderson came to Iowa in 1854. He was in Des Moines in that year when it was a mere village. He camped one night on the east side of the river and tells now, with quiet humor and great relish, how he and his sister crept on their hands and knees on an old dam over the river to get eggs and meat for their supper from a little store on this side. It is interesting to hear him tell of the wonderful changes in the 32 years since then. He has resided in Iowa ever since that time and long has been one of its most useful men.

August Anderson of Stratford, Iowa, Hamilton County.

The Iowa State Register

March 30, 1886

Dr. Margaret A. Cleaves has been chosen delegate to the meeting of the American Medical Association at St. Louis May the 4th.

The Iowa State Register

April 11, 1886

Mrs. J. Ellen Foster arrived in the city yesterday afternoon. She has just returned from Rhode Island where she took an active part in the late campaign for constitutional prohibition.

The Iowa State Register

April 13, 1886

The sudden news by telegraph from Florida of the sudden death of Dr. Ankeny created a wide spread sorrow. It is supposed that he died from heart disease. Two of his brothers, Col. Rollin V. and Captain Peter V. Ankeny were also in Florida for the winter. The Dr. was the first born of the large family of Mr. & Mrs. Gen. Ankeny, now 85 years old.

Des Moines Daily News

April 26, 1886

Miss Nellie Cleaves will leave in a day or two for Davenport to spend the summer. Dr. Cleaves entertained a few of her friends this afternoon from four to six.

Des Moines Daily News

May 18, 1886

The Des Moines Women's Club will have one more meeting and then adjourn for the summer. Mrs. Ruttky is delivering very interesting Monday evening lectures to her Chautauqua circle. Her subject last evening was electricity.

The Iowa State Register

May 21, 1886

Dr. Margaret A. Cleaves, of this city, entertained at lunch yesterday, Dr. Nichols, Davenport; Dr. Leibhardt, Des Moines; Dr. Osborne, Keokuk; Dr. Upson, Marshalltown; Dr. Frederick, Des Moines; Dr. Hanna, Red Oak; Miss Ella Hamilton and Miss Rachael Clarke. The invitations bore the characteristic quotation, "What her is this? Why Doctor She: My Lord, there's one arrived if you will see her." and were decorated with a significant skull and cross-bones as an emblem of the calling. It proved to be an enjoyable occasion and will long be remembered by all present.

Des Moines Daily News

May 25, 1886

The Women's Club held its last meeting for the season this afternoon.

The Iowa State Register

June 1, 1886

Hoyt Sherman, President, send the following notice for publication: There will be a meeting of the Stock holders of the West St. Steel Bridge Co. Tuesday, June 1, at 3:30 o'clock in Adams and Hasties office under the Citizens National Bank period. It is important that there be a full attendance. You are earnestly requested to be present.

The Iowa State Register

June 12, 1886

THEN AND NOW

An interesting talk with Capt. Hillhouse about the Des Moines of 45 years ago.

Among the many distinguished visitors to Des Moines of late, who have returned that they might renew their impressions of the days when Polk Co. was yet a wilderness and Des Moines had no existence other than an Indian trading post, few have dated farther back in memory than Capt. William Hillhouse, Burlington. He was seen by a REGISTER reporter and beguiled into the following reminiscences which will be found of great interest, especially to the younger residents of this now thriving city. The Capt. said: "When I was at Des Moines the Legislature was in session and balloting for the location of the Soldier's home was the order of the day. So I strolled along leisurely from the Kirkwood over to the capitol. When I was near the center of the bridge I came to a stand and took a bird's-eye view of the river and its bearings to see if I could locate the spot where I had seen steam boats land and discharge cargoes of pork, beef and flour for the barracks at what was called Raccoon Forks, 43 years before. The bluff north of the bridge becomes very very natural to my eye and memory, so it was no trouble to locate the old ford of the river from a certain distance below the bluff near the upper bridge, where the Indians used to cross in going to the fort. The next place was to locate the Indian trading post of W. G. and G. W. Ewing, where I was employed. That was on the east bank, just below the second bridge with an enclosure of ten or fifteen acres running back to the bluff where the Capitol now stands. After satisfying myself on the old landmarks, I proceeded on up the avenue to the State Capitol. Then I went up into the dome and took a view of the surrounding country for miles in every direction, facing westward overlooking your beautiful city, and the meandering streams of the Coon and Des Moines rivers as they were flowing through the past, winding along the rich and fertile valley, until they reach the great Mississippi, the father of waters. I could scarcely realize, the transformation was so sudden, from the wilds of the Indian territory where I had lived so many years ago, clerking in the Indian trading house of W. G. and G. W. Ewing, located on the east bank of the Des Moines river between the Capitol and West Des Moines. All that portion of East Des Moines was a heavy body of timber with the exception of some ten or twelve acres that was fenced and used in connection with the trading post, and the farm opened up by the Scott brothers, who were Indian beef contractors. The Indian village of Keokuk was

down on the prairie below the timber, which is now so densely populated with private dwellings and manufactories. The marked trail through the once dense forest, where I frequently made my way from one isolated Indian trading post to another, to think of its being so quickly obliterated, and in its place the many buildings and deftly-wrought iron bands, with which numerous railroads now span the Western Continent and carry our products to every part of the globe. My mind then ran back to the time I sat at my desk in the trading house, situated on the bank of the river in front of the capitol of the State of Iowa, charging up the red, white and blue blankets, plant and calico to the Sac and Fox tribes of Indians, who still held possession of all the western portion of our great State of Iowa. With a quill pen, I wrote my correspondence and awaited their reply for weeks or months. Today I can touch the electric wire and communicate with friends in any portion of the country, or speak through the telephone to any portion of the State, and back comes the reply inside of half an hour. Time and distance have been dissipated. Less than half a century ago in the limits of your great and prosperous city, I have seen the head chiefs, braves and warriors of the Sac and Fox Indians, with their war paint, beads, wampum, and scalping locks dangling to their belt, going through the war dance and songs, according to the customs of the race. Near the spot where the REGISTER office stands was located the settler's store, kept for the barracks by one McKinsey. Elk, deer and wolves could be seen running through and killed in the heart of Des Moines at the time I was living there. The population of the place then consisted only of a company or two of dragoons, stationed near the forks of Coon and Des Moines rivers, the Ewing trading post on the east bank, Scott Bros., Indian beef contractors, on the same side, opposite the mouth of the Coon; Indian Agent Beach on the brow of the hill, over-looking the Indian village of Chief Keokuk. The American Fur Company's trading house, managed by Wm. Phelps was located near the village on the banks of the Des Moines. Indians in their canoes frequently disturbed the sluggish rivers and streams, forest trees grew, wild flowers flourished and game of all kinds roamed at their own sweet will over the primitive country I look around for a moment and refresh my memory of the years past and gone, and note the contrast of today. The capital of Iowa with her magnificent State house that is a credit to any state in the Union, and the several iron bridges that span the river connecting East and West Des Moines as one city, with a population of nearly 40,000 people, and the largest distillery in the world located near where the Indian village was. While the communication then was such as I have described, the advancement has been of a wonderful character. While I was living at the trading post less than 50 years ago the foot of civilization had not been planted west of the Blackhawk purchase of Iowa to the Pacific slope. At that time Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Dakota, Washington, Nevada and California were but a wild desert, owned and occupied by the uncivilized red man of the forest and as I gaze and think upon today I am filled with a constantly growing wonder as to the possibilities of the next half century.

or aged a few luxuries. No doubt there is today many a woman in Des Moines, living in her own family, longing to make her services marketable, who may here find a ready sale for she makes so delicately, or the dainty undergarments she knows so well how to fashion with such prized hand work.

A WOMAN'S EXCHANGE

A Sketch of the Benefits of such a Bazaar.

A Laudable Effort to Establish One in Des Moines

One of the most interesting topics before the Woman's Club during the past winter has been Women's Exchanges and Woman's work. The members of this club have been discussing the feasibility of interesting women to open an exchange in Des Moines. In view of this fact it seems desirable to state as concisely as may be some of the arguments for attempting an exchange and some of the points touched upon in the discussion. The object of the exchange is the reception, exhibition and sale of any worthy work of women. It is vitally important that an organization founded upon so broad a basis as this should be the organization, not of one club, or of one denomination, but that it should be fostered and maintained by all the women of Des Moines who are interested in the advancement of women. It is, therefore, earnestly hoped by those eager for success that the Presbyterian ladies, who have already done similar work in their own behalf will, by combining in the formation of the exchange, using the profits to benefit the church, help the new organization; that the ladies of the W. C. T. U. and the members of the Woman's Club will co-operate, employing their profits in philanthropic work, and that private individuals will see in this undertaking an opportunity for struggling women to help themselves, and, therefore, will lend their aid.

Beside zealous founders, some practical supports are needed. There must, in the first place, be suitable rooms for an exchange. These must be centrally located; they must be large, light and airy; they must be cozy enough to attract women, tired from shopping, to come in to see what is on exhibition to-day, and to rest for a few minutes; and above all, they must be adaptable to serving these tired women a dainty and nourishing lunch, and to offer to business men the best of coffee and the most tempting refreshments.

To insure the payment of rent and incidental expenses, a small fund is essential. This, in most cases, comes from the annual membership subscription of five dollars, coming from individuals eager to further the scheme. These subscribers have the privilege of indicating three needy people who may offer work for sale. Women not so indicated place their work on sale by the payment of a dollar yearly. In all cases ten percent of the selling price of articles is reserved by the Association for its maintenance. The other ninety percent is the property of the maker of the article sold.

This means, then, that any woman who can do some one thing well, no matter how small that thing is, may have a chance to make herself some pin money, money possibly needed for giving the sick or aged a few luxuries. No doubt there is today many a woman in Des Moines, living in her own family, longing to make her services marketable, who may here find a ready sale for she makes so delicately, or the dainty undergarments she knows so well how to fashion with much prized hand work.

It means, too, that an exchange accepts food, food suitable for the lunch table, that it undertakes to furnish cakes and salads for parties, that it puts on sale pickles and preserved fruit, in short any food for which there may be a demand. The exchange also hopes to have contributors ready to make infants' wardrobes and underclothing. It contracts to have party invitations neatly written, and dinner cards effectively executed. Its aim is, moreover, to establish a bureau advantageous to the maid in securing a place and to the mistress in engaging competent and well-recommended service. In addition to this it plans to keep a list of lodging-houses, so that a woman, a stranger in the city, may on application at the rooms learn immediately where she can spend the night safely at an expense proportionate to her means.

An article in a recent number of the *Chatatauquan* speaks so forcibly upon the usefulness and profits of exchanges that some quotations suggest themselves to close this superficial sketch of a worthy enterprise.

Those societies are the most broadly useful that are educational through and through; that have a high standard of work, in every department; that lay the foundation for good work first, by well-taught classes which give a perennial supply of good workers, and, second, by refusing all that is bad and exhibiting only the good. The clever designer, embroider, or painter, sees, imitates, and succeeds: the hopelessly tasteless fails, and turns her energies into more profitable and generally into more useful channels. Every poor piece of work received into a woman's exchange injures consignor and exchange alike, and every piece sold doubly injures both.

If asked who are profited by these societies, I would answer that any woman who has no profession and no prestige as a worker, who lives at home and has surplus time of no money value to herself, might find it profitable to offer her handiwork for sale at an exchange. Poor women, too burdened with family cares to seek custom for themselves, are wisely and efficiently helped by these associations.

There was a feeling among many when woman's exchanges were first established that their benefits should be chiefly confined to the class known in England as decayed gentlewomen. Many women of reduced fortunes, whom false pride forbade to be known publicly as workers, were glad to hide themselves behind the friendly shelter of a contributor's number. Fortunately this feeling seems to be on the wane. Word comes from Baltimore--"Many of the better class of our consignors, who shrank at first from being known as such, are now rather proud than otherwise to speak of it."

The higher the standard of work the sooner this false pride will disappear, as it is a feather in any one's cap to have work approved and accepted by critical judges. What tends more than anything else to keep up this shame of work, is the short-sighted restriction put upon so many of the exchanges to receive work from the avowedly needy alone. Many choice and beautiful articles made by women of taste and culture are thus shut out, as the makers feel

humiliated by the question, "Do you really need this money?" or by the requirement, as in Chicago, that some member of the society shall vouch for the consignor's poverty. In Boston, Cincinnati and Newark, and, it is to be presumed in the societies fashioned after the Boston plan, no such humiliating conditions are enforced. Mrs. Abby M. Diaz, President of the Boston Union, puts this matter strongly. She says: "Will you receive for sale the work of the well-to-do, or only those who are in want?" of both. There is no principle by which to draw a dividing line. Some may want food or clothes, others the means of education or of benevolence. The rich woman may devote her earnings to philanthropy; the poor woman may spend her's in various unworthy ways. The seemingly rich may be poor and shrink from acknowledging. The probably better work of the rich woman will help educate the poor woman, and will attract purchasers. Market criticisms will stimulate both to their best efforts, and thus by insuring progression benefit both, and be a service to the public. Also for the well-to-do to place their work on sale helps to make labor honorable and to remove dividing lines.

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June 17, 1886

A meeting of ladies was held yesterday afternoon with Mrs. Judge Nourse, for the purpose of taking some steps toward the woman's exchange, which has been before mentioned in the REGISTER. The meeting was largely attended, by earnest and enthusiastic women, bent on nothing but success in their noble undertaking. The project was talked over and discussed in all its phases, and the unanimous sentiment was in favor of prompt organization and union of all the forces of good in this one project. An executive committee was appointed to further the plans and make all arrangements for the work, and a board of trustees was partially elected. Another meeting is to be held in two weeks at the same place to complete the organization.

The Iowa State Register

June 19, 1886

THE WOMAN'S CONGRESS

The report of the annual meeting A. A. W. held in Des Moines Oct. 7th, 8th, and 9th; 1885, is just at hand. The opening lines of the same contain the following pleasant tribute to the city of Des Moines: "A golden mile stone should mark the city of Des Moines in the journeying of the A. A. W. The sunshine, the hospitality, the overflowing audiences, the unflagging interest manifested even by the large number who were often forced to stand through an entire session, helped to make the Thirteenth Congress of Women one of the most gratifying in the history of the association." Should the Congress choose to honor Des Moines again with its presence, it would meet with even a more kindly welcome than before. The ladies left naught but pleasant impressions behind them and their gathering here will ever rest among the most pleasing memories of those who were so fortunate as to know them.

A called meeting of the Board of Directors of the Woman's Exchange was held at the residence of Mrs. Judge Nourse on Thursday afternoon. The President, Mrs. John Wyman, in the chair, with

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June 20, 1886

Maj. Hoyt Sherman and family contemplates spending the summer at the Sea coast, the Maj. having leased an elegant cottage at Ortley on Barnegat Bay. This place is situated on the Pennsylvania road between Philadelphia and New York. It is one of the most pleasant summer resorts along that coast. The party will start in about ten days and will remain the entire summer.

The Iowa State Register

June 21, 1886

THE WOMEN'S EXCHANGE

In accordance with previous announcement the ladies of the city having under consideration the establishment of a Women's Exchange met yesterday afternoon with Mrs. Judge Nourse on Fourth Street. There was a large attendance, not only of those who have been active in starting this good work and carrying it to the present stage, but also a number of new members. The officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Wyman; Vice Presidents, Mrs. Pomeroy, Mrs. Martindale and Mrs. Gatch; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Mills; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Orwig; Treasurer, Mrs. Dr. Dickinson. The general management of the Exchange is to be placed in the care of a board of directors and the following ladies were elected to constitute the first board: Mesdames Nourse, Gaylor, Gatch, Dickinson, Pomeroy, Abbott, Martindale, Agard, Smith, Polk, Dr. Cleaves, Mills, Hull, Andrews, Robertson, Dr. Gould, M. A. Taylor, Mc Murray, Orwig, Wyman, Lathrop, Foster, Getchell and Miss Emma Wellslager. A committee was appointed for the purpose of completing the negotiations for the rooms to be used. They have secured a room on the west side of Sixth St. near Locust, which they fit up for their purposes. Another meeting is to be held at some place on next Monday afternoon to still further complete organization by the selection of permanent committees and the adoption of necessary regulations and rules. By the 15th of July the ladies expect to get ready for the opening of their rooms and they are making strenuous efforts to have the organization completed and in perfect working order before that time, so that the enterprise may start out promptly with every assurance of the confidence of all.

The Iowa State Register

July 1, 1886

The examination for State diplomas and certificates is being conducted at the rooms of the State Department of Education, UNDER CHARGE OF MISS ELLA HAMILTON (DURLEY). There are four persons being examined for State Certificates and one for State Diplomas.

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July 4, 1886

FROM THE PEOPLE

The Woman's Exchange

A called meeting of the Board of Directors of the Woman's Exchange was held at the residence of Mrs. Judge Nourse on Thursday afternoon. The President, Mrs. John Wyman, in the chair, with

a large attendance and much interest manifested in the arrangements for the speedy opening of the rooms secured. The Woman's Exchange means work, and the ladies engaged in this enterprise show by their untiring energy and perseverance that out of this present hard work shall come, success. Notwithstanding the extreme heat of the day, much good work was accomplished by the Board. Reports of committees were received; some discharged, others continued; constitution and by-laws read, discussed and amended. Four permanent committees were appointed, viz: Lunch, finance, publishing and visiting. The committees having the work in charge expect to be ready for the formal opening on or about the 15th of July. The room secured for the present use is in the Meek Block on Sixth St. third door south of Locust (West Side.) where all members of the Exchange are invited to meet next Tuesday at 3 P. M. to confer with the Board of Directors in regard to the formal opening. A very cordial invitation is extended to the ladies of Polk county to unite in this laudable effort to secure to women a permanent Exchange, where all may bring, and find sale for their handiwork. Send in your names to the Corresponding Secretary or better still call at the Exchange and examine for yourselves. Maria S. Orwig. Greenwood Ave. Corresponding Secretary.

The Iowa State Register

July 11, 1886

Miss Maria S. Orwig has been elected a delegate to the conference of charities and corrections, which convenes at St. Paul, Minn. to represent the interest of the Home for Friendless Children at Des Moines.

The Des Moines Leader

August 9, 1886

The Woman's Exchange

A Laudible Enterprise For the Assistance for the Worthy Poor Women of the City.

About six weeks ago a number of the most active charity workers among the well-to-do ladies of the city associated themselves together for the purpose of emulating the examples of organizations in eastern cities known as Women's Exchanges. The intention of the organization was to afford a location which should be available for the sale of such articles as women in needy circumstances would make and hand in for that purpose. The running expenses would be derived from a membership fee and from a percentage of the articles sold. To meet the heavy expenses attendant upon the beginning of operations the ladies having the matter in charge also decided on establishing a lunch room for the serving of mid-day luncheons from eleven till two o'clock. The feature of this was to be a pleasant, friendly luncheon cooked and served in homelike style to business men in particular who, on account of distance in business, would not go home. From its inception the enterprise has found a growing list of friends and patrons. Its objects are worthy, and they will have the continued approval of the public. Through the medium of the exchange hundreds of poor women who are out of work, and who, on account of family dependent on them cannot leave home to

seek employment, will be enabled to keep the wolf from the door during the winter months. Every encouragement which can be given these ladies in their undertaking should be freely granted. They will not ask it in the way of gifts but in support, for their whole aim and object is to create in the city a worthy self-supporting charitable institution.

The Iowa State Register

August 21, 1886

Mrs. Mabel Lanphere left yesterday morning for Minneapolis, Minn. where she will make her home. Miss Lanphere has many friends in this city, who will regret her departure, and many admirers for the ability she has shown in her profession of music. She goes to Minnesota to teach in a conservatory of music, and to take part in the choir of one of the leading churches.

The Iowa State Register

September 3, 1886

INTELLECTUALITY OF WIVES -- from The Carroll Herald

THE STATE REGISTER, speaking of Prof. Stowe, husband of Harriet Beecher Stowe, says that men whose wives are prominent before the public are chiefly known as husbands of their wives and that their merits are always immeasurably underrated. This suggests the thought of the intellectuality of wives in general.

Looking at the question from a bachelor's point of view the pre-eminently intellectual woman is unfit to become a wife and assume the responsibilities of the household. Whatever may be said as to the comparative degree of strength in the minds of boy and girl, man and woman, it must be conceded that the tendency of strong mindedness is toward masculinity. This unfits woman for the station in life which her peculiarly feminine attributes qualify her to fill. A recent writer in a leading review discloses the fact that the graduates of Vassar did not make the happiest wives, while an unusually large percent remained in the unmarried state. Either men do not want the highly intellectual maidens as consorts through life, or the abnormal development of the mind lessened their inclination to enter into matrimonial alliances. The opinionated, self-asserting and aggressively suggestive maiden is not generally an eligible candidate for matrimonial perferment when an equally opinionated and self-asserting intellectual man does the choosing. Great minds do not always run in the same channels, polemics between husband and wife are not always conducive to the happiness of the family.

Men do not prize the absolutely intellectual in women because they regard them with higher considerations, and their stations in life far above that which the intellect in itself can prepare them. The memory or thought of mother is not endeared because she could construe a verse of Horace or pick flaws in the philosophy of the middle ages; not because she could contribute poetry to the village paper or speak a woman's rights convention. No indeed; the lullaby song, her good night kiss, her inexhaustible store of sympathy and kindness, and her readiness at all times to

Miss Mabel Lanphere has been elected to the directorship of

cheer, comfort and encourage; these make children adore her. Such thoughts also come to the hardened man of business and the tender memories of her sacrifices and devotion fill his eyes with tears. The ideal mother must certainly be the ideal wife. The mother lives in the mind, hallowed by the glory of attributes possessed only by women. Her love and affection, her fortitude in suffering and her hope in adversity are treasures more precious than the riches of Croesus.

Intellect in women is good, so far as it goes, but the sacredness of home and the happiness of the connubial state depend upon traits peculiarly feminine and diviner than man ever possessed.

The Saturday Evening Mail

September 4, 1886

The Mail Editors are glad to welcome as co-workers in the newspaper field two Des Moines ladies, Mrs. Mary J. Coggeshall, and Mrs. Martha C. Callanan whose names appear, the one as Editor and the other as Business-manager, of the Woman's Standard a new eight page monthly which will champion the cause of women's suffrage and, it is most superfluous to add, will champion the cause well. Both ladies are well known as intelligent and industrious workers in the cause and as bright women wherever found. Their paper is a handsome sheet and extremely creditable for the first number. It deserves well and its success is sincerely hoped for by the Mail.

Des Moines Daily News

September 6, 1886

Miss Ella Hamilton, who has been visiting in Butler, Mercer and Venango County in Pennsylvania for the past month left there today for Frederick, Maryland where she will visit Mrs. Julia Nichols for two weeks before returning home.

The Iowa State Register

September 19, 1886

There will be a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Women's Exchange in their rooms in the Meek Block, on Sixth St., on Thursday at 3 P. M. Matters of importance will be considered. Full attendance is requested. Gen. W. T. Sherman arrived in the city yesterday and is spending Sunday as the guest of his brother, Maj. Hoyt Sherman. A number of his personal friends called upon him last evening and the time was passed most pleasantly to all.

Des Moines Leader

September 21, 1886

There will be a meeting of the board of directors of the Women's Exchange in their rooms in the Meek Block on Sixth St., Thursday at 3 P. M. Matters of importance will be considered, full attendance is requested.

The Iowa State Register

September 25, 1886

Miss Mabel Lanphere has been elected to the directorship of

the Plymouth Congregational choir. Will assume responsibility at once.

September 22, 1886

Gen. Sherman says many good things, "All the Rebels that we whipped are parolled prisoners but some of them seem to forget it." This timely remark of Gen. Sherman at Rock Island will make all Democrats made especially those at the north. What makes it hurt so is because it is so true. It was time someone said it, and old Tecumseh was the laddy to do it---a year ago he said to the writer here, when asked if he did not grow lonesome sometimes in St. Louis, "How could I get lonesome? I could mount my horse every morning and stop every night the rest of my life with a union soldier, and be welcome." How welcome only the soldiers who fought under him could know or tell.

September 25, 1886

Mr. Thomas E. Sherman, S. J., the son of Gen. Sherman who is a professor in the Jesuits College in Detroit, is much amused at the ridiculous stories told in the papers concerning his relations with his father. Although the old gentleman naturally desired a more brilliant worldly prospect for his son, still he had recognized his freedom to make such a choice, and their affectionate intercourse is unimpaired, the press stories to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Iowa State Register

September 26, 1886

The Gen. will leave on tomorrow's evening train for St. Louis. He was looking unusually well and expressed himself as being gratified with again meeting with old friends in Des Moines, many of whom have called upon him during his stay.

The Iowa State Register

September 26, 1886

An interview with Isabella Beecher Hooker at the home of Charles Dudley Warner a few days after the death of professor Stowe. The lady, who is a most attractive woman, wearing her sixty years with grace and dignity received her caller kindly and talked an hour, giving the present status of her numerous brothers and sisters.

Catherine, the eldest of the family, was betrothed when a young girl to professor Fisher, of Yale College, but was bereaved by his sudden death and afterwards devoted her life to the education of young girls, organizing and successfully carrying on a school at Cincinnati, a later becoming the principal of the Hartford Female Seminary. In later years she gave lectures at various institutions, among which was Dr. Dio Lewis's school at Lexington, Mass., and died some six years ago at the age of eighty.

William Beecher, now eighty-four years of age, lives in Chicago.

past work, but of still keen intellect and enjoying a healthy old age. His daughters are ladies of considerable distinction, and his son, Mr. Robert E. Beecher, is Secretary of the Connecticut Life Insurance Company of Hartford. Edward Beecher is hale at eighty-two and lives in Brooklyn where he often supplies pulpits at the request of brother clergymen. The second daughter, Mary, is now eighty-years of age, is the wife of Thomas F. Perkins, a well known attorney of Boston, and mother of Charles E. Perkins, an eminent lawyer of this city, and a daughter who is the wife of the Rev. Edward Everett Hale, of Boston. George Beecher died in early manhood, by the accidental discharge of a gun while hunting.

Next came Harriet, whose destiny early became manifest, who was born at Litchfield, educated under the care of her sister Catherine, becoming, in due time, an assistant pupil at the Hartford Female Seminary and later joint principal with Catherine of a school in Cincinnati. Then came young Prof. Calvin E. Stowe from Andover, Mass., a man of great learning, of liberal heart and attractive person and a widower at 32. His wife, Eliza 25, who married Prof. Stowe, who was nine years her senior.

At Cincinnati were born all but one of their six children, a pair of girl-twins coming first. These were named Eliza Tyler and Harriet Beecher for two wives of the happy father. Mrs. Harriet has remarked that first children are poems and that those who come after are apt to be prose. This couple of girls were certainly perfect thymes and to this day are very like. Within eighteen months came the prose, a son, who died by drowning after he reached maturity; then followed Georgiana May, who is the wife of the Rev. Henry F. Allen, the ritualistic rector of the Church of the Messiah in Boston, and a son who died in infancy.

It was after their return to Andover in 1851 that Charles E. Stowe, at present the pastor of the Windsor Ave. Congregational Church of this city, was born, and in the same year appeared the great work, "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Mrs. Stowe, now seventy-six years old was greatly prostrated by the recent death of her husband but is able to be out again, and is often seen upon the streets near her home, dressed in simple black, habitually carrying a bunch of flowers, of which she is passionately fond, bending over them and often touching them caressingly and talking to them as she walks, for the fits of abstraction which were always peculiar to her, increase with age and at times she is forgetful of friends, though usually clear-minded and conversing with the matter of fact good judgment which we call common sense, and which is, to a marked degree, her prominent characteristic. She exhibits pain when referring to the book on the Byron scandal and thinking of the storm of criticism that met this her last sizable work, but she says she thought it right to do it and is not sorry she wrote it.

Of Henry Ward Beecher it is unnecessary to write, so well is he known. He is seventy-four years old, the next younger than Harriet, and from the time when they played together or went hand in hand to school, a warm affection has existed between them. A life size photograph of his brother stands upon an easel in the parlor at the Stowe residence on Forest Street.

Charles Beecher, at present pastor of a Congregational Church at Wysox, Pa. is 72 years old and lives a life of quiet usefulness, became a minister of the gospel at the urgent wish of his father, though his tastes and inclinations went toward music, for which he had a special talent. Had he been allowed to pursue this profession his sisters think he might have led quite as happy a life.

Thomas K. Beecher, the well known pastor of a Congregational Church in Elmira, N. Y., is about seventy. He was at one time principal of the Hartford High School and by nature and education was pre-eminently fitted to become an inspiring and successful teacher. These are the children of the first wife, gentle Roxana Foote. Of the sweet second wife who came to be a mother of Lyman Beecher's nine children, there were two more children born. First Isabelia, who grew to womanhood imbued with the principle which has guided her busy life--that of equal rights for women. She became the wife of Mr. John Hooker, a lawyer who has always furthered the efforts of his wife in her career, and materially aided Hartford's one woman lawyer, Miss Mary Hall, in her education and admittance to the bar. Mrs. Hooker is the mother of three children--Mrs. John C. Day, Mrs. Mary H. Burton, now deceased, and Dr. Edward Hooker, a successful physician of the city.

James Beecher, the youngest of the family and in childhood the pet of his older brothers and sisters, was an earnest and brilliant preacher, closely resembling his brother Henry in style and eloquent power. But some ten years ago he became afflicted with a mental malady which a few weeks since terminated in self-destruction in a moment of frenzy. His wife, a charming lady of liberal culture, and a cousin of the late Mrs. J. R. Hawley, has maintained for some years a school at her home, in Cos Cob, where with her three adopted children, she has received boys and girls, giving them care and home nurture and the acquirements of a refined education.

Des Moines Leader

October 3, 1886

The Woman's Exchange has kindly consented to help persons who entertain guests of the American board, by preparing for them dinners at the Exchange. The board of directors of the Woman's Exchange will meet at their rooms on Sixth street, south of Locust, on Wednesday, October 6, at 3 P. M. Tardy members will be fined.

Des Moines Daily News

October 12, 1886

The Women's Club met this afternoon with Dr. Cleaves on High Street.

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October 14, 1886

The Des Moines Women's Club is now thoroughly organized and ready to enter upon the labors of another year.

The wedding possessed of more than common interest to the

The new officers are : President, Mrs. Callanan, Vice-President, Mrs. J. A. T. Hull, Secretary, Miss Ella Hamilton, Treasurer, Mrs. Colonel Hatch, Board of Directors, Mrs. S. S. Hunting, Mrs. Nourse, Dr. Cleaves, Mrs. J. G. Berryhill, Mrs. W. T. Clark and Mrs. Abdill. The usual committees have been appointed for the year upon the following departments of their work: Art, literature, education, practical work, discussion and place of meeting. A vote of thanks was tendered the retiring president, Miss Dr. Cleaves, for her able and efficient management of the society's work which was thoroughly appreciated by all. The first regular session of the society will be held one week from next Thursday, the place to be designated by the committee for that purpose. A number of the ladies are planning to attend the congress to be held in Louisville, Oct. 20, 21, 22 and the indications now are that the delegation will be a creditable one. The recollections of that meeting here last year are most pleasant and all who possibly can will attend this.

Des Moines Daily News

October 14, 1886

The Des Moines Womens' Club has been re-organized, the new officers being Mrs. Callanan, president, Mrs. J. A. T. Hull, vice-president Miss Ella Hamilton, secretary, Mrs. Colonel Gatch, treasurer. The meeting will be held Tuesday week.

October 16, 1886

The Des Moines Women's Club which has enjoyed a prosperous year under the presidency of Miss Dr. Cleaves, has elected new officers as follows: Pres. Mrs. Callanan; Vice-President, Mrs. Lieut. Gov. Hull and Miss Ella A. Hamilton (Durley); Treas., Mrs. Senator Gatch; Directors : Mrs. Hunting, Mrs. Nourse, Dr. Cleaves, Mrs. Berryhill, Mrs. Abdill, and Mrs. Whiting Clark. Several of the ladies are to attend the congress at Louisville next week.

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October 17, 1886

Congress of Women

The fourteenth congress of Women will be held at Louisville, Ky. Oct. 20, 21 and 22. A conference of officers will take place on the evening of the 18th at Louisville Hotel. The regular sessions will be held at the Warren Memorial Church. Mrs. Judge Wright, Mrs. S. S. Hunting, Mrs. J. W. Mills and Margaret A. Cleaves expect to attend the Congress as representatives from Des Moines and Iowa. A program of topics shows some very interesting subjects to be discussed by the the Congress; one by an Iowa lady, Mrs. Bunna Haddock; subject, "Women As Landholders in the West." Last year the Congress met in Des Moines.

Saturday Evening Mail

October 23, 1886

Durley Hamilton Wedding

The wedding possessed of more than common interest to the

Mail and many of its readers was that of Miss Ella A. Hamilton formerly associate Editor of this paper and Mr. Preston B. Durley which occurred at the home of the Brides mother Mrs. Catherine Hamilton 1035 8th St. Wed. Ev. A very informal and home-like wedding it was, witnessed by only the relatives and a few of the very intimate friends, a company sufficient to fill the small parlors without crowding. The guests were received by Mrs. Hamilton and Mr. Hamilton mother and bro. of the bride also by Miss Hamilton and Mr. Durley. The ceremony by Dr. Stuart was brief but impressive opening and closing with prayer. Following the congratulations, refreshments were served, Miss Maude Hamilton, a cousin from Sharon, Penn., superintending the service in a very graceful as well as hospitable manner. Mr. and Mrs. Durley prepared for the same evening two rooms which had been put in readiness at 1110 High St. where they will very soon be at home to friends. The presents received on this occasion were in keeping with the quiet good taste with the parties interested, consisting chiefly of delicate china ware, silver and other articles of very useful character. The only guests from outside the city were Mrs. Dr. Eddy an esteemed friend from Waterloo, Mr. W. E. Hamilton of Odebolt and Mr. A. L. Hamilton a brother from Eldora, Kans. Mr. and Mrs. Durley deserve well the happy and prosperous wedded life so sincerely wished them by their friends. The groom, a comparatively new-comer to the city, is business manager of the Daily News. He is a gentleman of exceptional character and cultured manner, quiet and reserved. The bride, while possessed of unusual literary attainments and practical tact for exercising them, is even more rich in the graces of true womanhood. Those who know her well, as the Mail does, esteem her best. May long life, good health, good fortune and good friends be theirs.

October 30, 1886

Miss Mable Lanphere, who resigned the position of vocal teacher at Callanan last year at the close of the year has rose in the Flynn block and tells me that she is doing excellently.

The Saturday Evening Mail

November 13, 1886

The friends of the Women's Exchange are cordially invited to a reception to be held at their rooms on 6th St., 3rd door South of Locust on Tuesday afternoon from 3 to 8 o'clock. One of the most exquisitely charming wholly unostentatious, affairs of the season occurred Thursday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the residence of Dr. Margaret Cleaves on High St. It was an English high tea given in honor of her guests, Mrs. Marks and Miss Holmes of Davenport. The English custom of entertaining is very different from our formal American ways, and Miss Cleaves followed exactly the dainty simplicity and pleasant informality of our neighbors on this occasion. Not long a resident of our city, this lady has made a host of friends since coming here and those who know her best love her most. Following named ladies partook of her hospitality Thursday. Mesdames Layman, Marks, Abdill, Patchen, Judge Cook, Lanphere and Berryhill, Mrs. Nellie Stark and Carrie Holmes.

The Des Moines Leader

November 14, 1886

The citizens of Des Moines have reason to be proud of the Woman's Exchange for although but three months in existence, its home-made breads has won such a reputation abroad, that orders come regularly from Chicago.

The Des Moines Leader

November 16, 1886

Mrs. William Patchin whose prolonged illness has created grave apprehension on the part of her family and friends, and who reached that point where the physicians gave up all hope and informed the lady that she could not expect to live longer than a few hours, decided at the last moment to enter an emphatic protest to present the solution and announced to astonished attendants that she would get well, and to the amazement and utter paralysis of the aforesaid friends, proceeded at once to put her promise into execution. This was Sunday. Yesterday she had so far recovered as to sit up in bed, and is now on the highway to final recovery. When the average lady makes up her mind to accomplish a desired end there is nothing on earth that equals her tenacity of purpose, as success usually crowns her brave efforts.

Des Moines Daily News

November 17, 1886

At the annual meeting of the Association for the Advancement of Women at Louisville, Mrs. George G. Wright of this city was elected vice-president for Iowa to succeed Dr. Jennie McGowan of Davenport.

The News takes pleasure in announcing that Mrs. Ella Hamilton Durley has accepted a position on its local and editorial staff. It is hoped that through her assistance in the literary, social and art department, the paper will be made more acceptable than ever to all its readers.

About a year ago a number of young ladies of Drake University organized a Laurel Club, the object of which was the general culture of its members. In it are discussed all questions pertaining to advancement of women. Several ladies of the city have been invited to give practical talks. Dr. Cleaves addressed them on questions of hygiene. Mrs. Ella Gray has given them a pleasant account of her travels in the old world, and at the last meeting of the club Mrs. E. H. Gillette gave them some practical ideas as to what and how to read.

The Des Moines Leader

November 17, 1886

The ladies of the Women's Exchange, despite the inclement character of the weather, entertained a large number of their friends yesterday afternoon and evening. Through the efforts of the ladies the Exchange has put on a new garb in the shape of carpets and decorations which render it home like and inviting, which

will likewise go far toward assuring that success for the object for which it was created.

The Iowa State Register

November 23, 1886

The Des Moines Women's Club will meet with Mrs. L. B. Abdill at two o'clock this afternoon and an unusually interesting time is expected as papers will be read by Mrs. Bina L. Wyman and Mrs. Galusha Parsons.

Des Moines Daily News

November 22, 1886

The Des Moines Women's Club will meet tomorrow afternoon at half past two o'clock at the home of Mrs. L. B. Abdill on Seventh Street. Papers will be read by Mrs. Bina L. Wyman and Mrs. Galusha Parsons and the session will doubtless be one of unusual interest.

Some Des Moines ladies have done some creditable work in woodcarving and the wonder is that many more do not try their hands at what is a delightful pastime and brings ample returns in the form of household decorations. Mrs. Dr. Patchin has filled her home with some beautiful specimens of woodcarving, a bookcase, a table, corner cabinet being especially worthy of notice. Her enthusiasm in this work has extended to others. Mrs. L. B. Abdill has produced some beautiful pieces of work. In her sitting room is an elegantly carved secretary, the fine black walnut having been in use in the old home as cellar shelves when Mrs. Abdill was a little girl. It is now in the form to be preserved as a valuable souvenir and to afford pleasure to all who may see it. Its value is enhanced by a medallion portrait of Mr. Abdill chiseled in marble, the latter being the work of Mrs. Abdill's uncle. Mrs. Robert Fullerton has devoted some time to wood carving, a cabinet recently finished by her under Mrs. Patchin is greatly admired.

Des Moines Daily News

November 24, 1886

The Des Moines Women's Club held a session, both pleasing and profitable, yesterday afternoon in Mrs. L. B. Abdill's spacious parlors. The committee on art and literature, with Mrs. E. H. Gillette as chairman, was in charge of the exercises. It was especially fitting that this beautiful home, containing so much that is excellent in art, should be the place of meeting. Between the large front windows in front, on a slender marble pedestal was a nude figure - Venus, bearing cupid aloft in purest white. In the back parlor, an exquisite copy of Power's Greek slave, resting likewise on a tall marble shaft of gray. On the walls were paintings of high order in oil and water colors. The ladies in the back parlor could rest their eyes on an alabaster table the top a fine mosaic, while alabaster vases adorned the mantle. On every hand were pieces of wood carving challenging the admiration of all. It was with such charming surroundings that the club listened to the carefully prepared paper on "Goete's Faust," read by Mrs. Galusha Parsons. In choice language she brought out the marvelous

beauty of the German bard's masterpiece, showing that it had been the work of his life, that he would quite the society of kings to be with his beloved work, that in the midst of gayety he would suddenly become sad for he was thinking of Faust and Marguerite. It was not until eighty-two that he finished his great work. The character Mephistopholes was treated exhaustively. The club is now well prepared for the winter's work, the following officers and committees being in charge of the different departments of work. Mrs. Callanan, president; Mrs. J.A.T. Hull vice-president; Mrs. Ella Hamilton Durley, secretary; Mrs. Colonel Gatch, treasurer. Board of Directors, Mrs. S.S. Hunting, chairman; Mrs. Abdill, Mrs. Patchin, Dr. Cleaves, Mrs. Berryhill, Mrs. Getchell, Miss Reel, Mrs. J.W. Mills, Mrs. Wyman, Mrs. McMurray. Committee on Education, Mrs. Pomeroy, chairman, Mrs. Durley, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Wyman. Committee on Discussion, Mrs. Nourse, chairman; Mrs. Orwig, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. McMurray; Committee on Work, Mrs. Gatch, chairman, Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Cook, Dr. Cleaves; Committee on Art and Literature, Mrs. Gillette, chairman, Mrs. Patchin, Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. Wyman, Mrs. Hunting, and Mrs. Abdill.

The time of meeting was changed to every alternate Wednesday afternoon.

The Saturday Evening Mail

December 4, 1886

Miss Hattie Taylor arrived in the city Monday, and is now in charge of the dress and cloak making department of the Womens' Industrial Exchange, 316-7th St. She is a great acquisition to our city, being one of the finest modistes in the west, lady of much refinement.

Miss Edith Buck, daughter of Pres. Buck of Iowa College Grinnell, will arrive in Des Moines next Friday and will be the guest of her classmate Miss Mable Lanphere on High St.

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December 8, 1886

The Des Moines Women's Club will hold its regular session at two-thirty o'clock this afternoon in rooms at the Women's Exchange on West Sixth Street.

Des Moines Leader

December 13, 1886

The ladies of the Woman's Exchange, in an endeavor to further its chargeable ends, have placed on sale in addition to their regular luncheon, a large number of useful and ornamental articles made by its members and beneficiaries. They are particularly adaptable for holiday purposes. (Note, we have looked through the files of the Leader for 1886 and no reference to the direct activities of the Des Moines Women's Club could be found.)

Des Moines Daily News January 3, 1887

The Des Moines Women's Club will hold its regular session Wednesday afternoon in Good Templars' hall, the committee on education being in charge.

Des Moines Daily News January 4, 1887

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Clapp and daughter, Miss Bertha, are planning an extended European trip in the spring. It is not improbable that Miss Emma Robertson will accompany them.

The Des Moines Iowa Capital January 4, 1887

The Des Moines Women's Club will hold its next regular session in Good Templars hall tomorrow afternoon, under the conduct of the committee on education.

The Des Moines Leader January 5, 1887

The Des Moines Women's Club will hold its regular session this afternoon at Good Templar hall, West Walnut street.

The Daily Iowa Capital January 6, 1887

A very interesting session of the Women's Club was held Wednesday afternoon in the Good Templars hall, Flynn block. The next meeting will be held at the same place next Wednesday afternoon.

Des Moines Daily News January 6, 1887

The Women's Club held an exceedingly interesting session yesterday the exercises being in charge of the committee on Education. At the next meeting of the club, Wednesday the 19th Mrs. Dr. Patchin will present a paper on Industrial Art, the committee on Art of which Mrs. L. B. Abdill is chairman, being in charge for the day. Mrs. Judge Day, Mrs. Rae, Mrs. S. A. Robertson and Mrs. J. H. Windsor were elected members yesterday.

Des Moines Daily News January 7, 1887

The Des Moines Women's Club, now in its second year, dating its origin from the national congress of the women held here last year, bids fair to be a permanent feature in the intellectual life of the city. The various committees have reported subjects for the year as follows: On art, Mrs. Abdill, chairman, a paper on January 19 by Mrs. Patchin, on the subject, "Industrial Art", later "Picture Making" and "Beauty and Hygiene in Dress" are to be presented, the latter by Mrs. Lieut. Gov. Hull. Mrs. E. H. Gillette, chairman of the committee on literature, reported the fol-

lowing topics: "Who is the Addison of To-day?" paper by Mrs. Galusha Parsons; "The Novel as a Teacher and Reformer", by Mrs. James G. Berryhill; "Woman in Politics, Past, Present and Future," by Mrs. S. S. Hunting. The committee on topics, with Mrs. Col. Gatch chairman, will consider "Industrial Education", the paper by Mrs. L. F. Andrews: "To seem and to Be," by Mrs. Judge Cook; the closing paper for the year to be on the subject "Convention as an Art" Mrs. Dr. Pomeroy, chairman of the committee on education, has arranged the remaining part of the year's work under the heads: "Comparative Value of Education at Home and Abroad, by Mrs. John Wyman; "Public or Private Schools," the closing topic to be given April 20. In addition to the regular programmes a discussion of recent literature is a very pleasing feature of each meeting.

The Daily Iowa Capital

January 19, 1887

The Women's Club met this afternoon at half past two at the Good Templar's Hall on the corner of west seventh and Locust streets. The main feature of the meeting was a very thoughtful and suggestive paper by Mrs. Dr. Patchin on the subject of "Industrial Work."

Des Moines Daily News

February 12, 1887

The Des Moines Women's Club is to have more than one pleasant feature in its next Wednesday's meeting. In addition to the paper on Industrial Education, to be presented by Mrs. L. F. Andrews, the committee on art and literature is to serve tea, and the occasion is to be social as well as literary.

The Des Moines Leader

March 2, 1887

The board of directors for the Woman's Exchange will meet Wednesday, March 2, at 3 P. M. in their rooms on Sixth street.

The Woman's Club will meet at the Y. M. C. A. rooms in the Flynn block at 2:30 this afternoon for the transaction of special business. After the adjournment of the business meeting those present will indulge in the pleasant pastime of a club tea. All members are desired to be present.

Des Moines Daily News

March 14, 1887

Mrs. Lieut. Gov. Hull is to read a paper on "Beauty and Hygiene in Dress," before the Des Moines Women's Club at its next Wednesday's meeting. Good Templar's Hall is to be the place of meeting. The club is growing in numbers and interest. At the last meeting Mrs. C. W. Johnston, Mrs. F. M. Hubbell, Mrs. Tac Hussey and Dr. Laura Liebhardt were elected members.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Clapp and daughter Bertha started for Europe over the Rock Island today. They will be joined at New York

by Miss Morris and Mrs. Hamilton of Cincinnati. They will sail April 2, on board the Eutruria, the finest boat of the Cunard Line. They will remain abroad until November. (Note, all of 1887 looked over. Nothing found in Capital).

Des Moines Daily News

April 5, 1887

At the last regular meeting of the Women's Club Mrs. Gov. Hull read a very thoughtful paper on the subject of "Beauty and Hygiene in Dress." She dealt with the moralities of dress, under which came a discussion of the question of extravagance, the pros and cons of the decollette costume of the period, etc. She held that sound common sense is the best guide in the matter of dress as regards, its artistic effect, healthfulness and propriety, and that the most important matter is the mind that indicates the costume and the manner in which it is worn. Her paper was one of the most suggestive that has yet been read before the club.

The Des Moines Women's Club met this afternoon with Mrs. L. A. Lehman read the monthly paper.

Daily News

April 14, 1887

The Des Moines Women's Club had a meeting of much interest yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Whiting S. Clark reading a very valuable paper on Clara Morris and the place she occupies on the American stage. Following the paper there was a general discussion and opinions as to the moral effect of witnessing such plays as Clara Morris presents were freely given. It was held by some of the ladies that they are simply demoralizing, and should never be witnessed by the young because of their evil effects, while others believed that it would drive one by the very hideousness of the picture from vice. Various points respecting true art on the stage were discussed such as whether it is the highest art for the actor to entirely lose himself in the character he takes or simply to create the appearance of having lost himself while he is consciously acting a part; where does talent leave off and genius begin and wherein do they differ; is that as high a talent which the emotional actor calls into play as is required in legitimate tragedy. The following ladies were added to the board of directors: Mrs. Ruttky, Mrs. C. W. Johnson, Mrs. Gaylord, Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. Tac Hussey. Two new members were elected, namely Mrs. Eda Hepburn-Thummel and Mrs. D. G. Edmundson.

The Des Moines Daily News

May 26, 1887

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Women in Politics

April 25, 1887

A very charming social event was the 4 o'clock tea given Saturday evening by Miss Elizabeth Matthews at her pleasant home, 1427-Locust St. A portrait of the bard of Avon wreathed in smilax occupied a prominent place in the pretty parlor and the introduction of Shakespearean quotations on the cards which marked each one's place at the table were sufficient reminders that it was the anniversary of the birth of the world's greatest poet. Each lady was expected to name the particular play from which her quotation was taken. The table at which refreshments were served was bright

the charming home of Mr. and Mrs. Callahan, west of the city.

with blossoms, a center piece of wild flowers, anemones, dicentra, dog-tooth violets, etc., daintly arranged, bringing the very odors of the spring with them. Those enjoying Miss Matthews's hospitality were Mrs. Dr. Patchin, Mrs. R. G. Orwig, Mrs. J. G. Berryhill, Mrs. J. S. Clarkson, Mrs. A. B. Billington, Dr. Margaret Cleaves, Mrs. Durley, Miss Vina L. Warr and Miss Nellie Stark.

April 26, 1887

A letter was received yesterday from Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Clapp written at London. Both had suffered considerably from seasickness and were still very weary from travel, but they were delighted with England. They were to start shortly for Paris.

The Des Moines Daily News

May 11, 1887

The Des Moines Women's Club met this afternoon with Mrs. L. B. Abdill, Mrs. Lehman read the monthly paper.

The Des Moines Daily News

May 12, 1887

This week's meeting of the Des Moines Woman's Club was held with Mrs. Abdill and was of unusual interest. Mrs. Lehman's paper on Christian Science, taking grounds against that high toned ism, was a brilliant effort and of course elicited a spirited discussion. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Callanan, and Mrs. Hunting will read a paper on, "Women in Politics." Each member will be allowed to bring a friend, which friend may be her husband and refreshments will be served at 5 o'clock.

The Des Moines Daily News

May 23, 1887

Mrs. S. S. Hunting will read a paper before the Des Moines Woman's Club on Wednesday of this week. The meeting will be held at the suburban home of Mrs. Callanan. The subject of the paper is "Women in Politics."

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May 26, 1887

Women in Politics

Des Moines women discuss the subject at the Callanan home.

Mrs. S. S. Hunting's Graceful Paper on Women's Influence and Rights before the Des Moines Women's Club- A Memorable meeting.

Yesterday was a memorable meeting in the Des Moines Women's Club both because of the pleasure of listening to the able and exhaustive paper on "Women in Politics," read by Mrs. S. S. Hunting, and because of the added enjoyment of spending the afternoon at the charming home of Mr. and Mrs. Callanan, west of the city.

The day was an ideal one, and the air fresh and invigorating and the stately Callanan residence standing back among a grove of majestic oaks and surrounded by a perfect of shrubbery and flowers arranged with masterly effect made a delightful picture to the arriving guests. The house within is marked by an elegance of appointment, quiet, good taste and perfect harmony of detail. Beautiful paintings hang upon the walls, a pair of elegant vases of fine old Dresden ware adorn the mantel in the parlor and some rare pieces of alabaster add to the pleasing effect. Mrs. Hunting's subject was assigned her at the request of Mrs. Callanan and because for that particular date it was the latter's birthday and for that reason she was desirous of entertaining the club. Beginning with an early period historically, the writer showed that woman had in those primitive days a most important place in the political life of the time, and that her power in influencing governments was very great. Even Mother Eve meddled in politics to the extent of causing a revolution, Deborah was a judge for forty years and Queen Esther a public benefactor; Semiramis governed the empire of Assyria, Nitocris was a queen of great endowments, famous for the canals and bridges which she caused to be made for the improvements of Babylon. Artemisia, Athyrte, Zenobia were all powerful in their day. The women of Cochin China endured hardships so remarkably that their proverb says, "A woman has nine lives and bears a great deal of killing." Greek women voted at an early date. Themistocles used to say, "My little boy rules Athens for he governs his mother, and his mother governs me." In Grecian mythology, the goddesses are as numerous as the gods. Wisdom was represented as a goddess and sister muses presided over history, poetry and astronomy. Coming down it was shown that the middle ages abound with noble examples of women who not only assisted their husbands in conquering cities but conquered hearts also. Catherine of Russia, Elizabeth of England and Audamana of Canary were cited. English history shows women exercising prerogatives now denied them. Unmarried women having a freehold have voted for members of parliament, and in numerous instances held important offices, so we see there is nothing new under the sun. Margaret Fuller said, "We may accept as women for ourselves that it was Isabella who furnished Columbus with the means of coming hither." This land must pay back its debt to women without whom it would not have been brought into alliance with the civilized world." Speaking of women of the present time, Victor Hugo was quoted as saying: "Man has been the problem of the 18th century; woman is the problem of the 19th century." The claim of women for education, for political enfranchisement, for social and industrial freedom owes its origin in England to a date as far back as 1792 when Mary Wollstoncraft wrote her "Vindication of the rights of Women." It was furthered in England by Sidney Smith and John Stuart Mill." In Germany the opening of politics to women has not been pressed as it is believed the lever that will raise them is education. The National Association of German women was founded in Leipsic in 1865, the first movement in favor of the woman question. Congresses have been held and subjects connected with women's advancement discussed. The women of Holland, Austria and Norway have also joined in the movement, while in Spain and Portugal there is greater ignorance and less enthusiasm for the emancipation of women. Russia stands at the very front rank as her

women are among the most scholarly in the world. In this country the subject has been agitated for nearly forty years. In 1850 a woman's rights convention was held in Worcester, Mass. and even Abigail Adams, wife of John Adams favored the cause. She wrote her husband; "I desire you would remember the ladies in the new code of laws and be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors. Remember all men would be tyrants if they could. Why, then, not put it out of the power of the vicious and lawless to use us with cruelty and indignity?" In the history of the Civil War it is well known that a woman planned an important campaign which resulted in Sherman's victorious march to the sea, and the thanks are due to Miss Carroll for her great service to the Union cause. In our own state women are allowed to fill the offices though they have no voice in the election. Iowa has three county recorders and ten superintendents of schools. Mrs. Hunting concluded her valuable paper with the hope that when the time comes, the women of Iowa shall take a more active part in politics, that they may be prepared to do it with seriousness and conscientiously. A general discussion followed, and as it was the first time the topic had been before the club there was no small interest of how the ladies regarded the question. Almost all expressed the opinion that a limitation of suffrage to sex was contrary to the principles of the government. Among those present were Mesdames Hunting, Hull, Berryhill, Andrews, Johnston, Patchin, Gatch, Abdill, Hussey, Getchell, Denman, Cook, Parsons, Edmundson, Gaylord, Pomeroy, Callanan, Orwig, Mills, Rutkey, Windsor, Lehman, Day, Dr. King and Dr. Gould, as guests were Lieut. Gov. Hull, Mr. Callanan and Mrs. McClain, Iowa City.

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The Des Moines Leader

May 12, 1887

The Woman's Club held a meeting yesterday afternoon with Mrs. Callanan. Mrs. Julia M. Hunting gave a very able address on "Women in Politics." It is requested that hereafter each member of the club bring a guest, the invitation to include husbands.

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Des Moines Daily News

June 6, 1887

The Women's Club will meet next Thursday instead of Wednesday, the meeting having been postponed one day on account of commencement exercises at Callanan College. Mrs. Galusha Parsons will entertain the club this week at her home on Sixth Street, Mrs. Jacob Mills reading the paper for the day.

October 27, 1887

The Des Moines Women's Club held a very interesting and in-

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September 27, 1887

The Des Moines Women's Club will hold its first meeting of the season at Good Templar's hall, corner of Locust and Seventh streets, at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Mrs. Martha C. Callanan, president of the club, will deliver the address and the meeting will otherwise be devoted to business. A full attendance is desired.

3 o'clock in the Good Templar's Hall. Mrs. L. P. Andrews will present a paper on the subject, "Present forms of Government."

The Iowa State Register

September 28, 1887

The Des Moines Women's Club will hold its first meeting for

the season in Good Templar's Hall in the Flynn Block at three o'clock p. m. today. The President, Mrs. Callanan, will deliver the opening address, and the remainder of the will be devoted to business.

The Des Moines Daily News

October 11, 1887

The Women's Club will hold its regular fortnightly meeting tomorrow at 3 p. m. in Good Templar's Hall. Mrs. Louis Ruttkay, of the committee on Art, will read a paper on the History of Art.

The Des Moines Daily News

October 15, 1887

At Wednesday's meeting of the Women's Club a very progressive domestic economy. Mrs. John Wynn will read a paper on Co-operative live. At Wednesday's meeting of the Women's Club the following women were elected to membership: Mrs. Parlin Porter, Miss Elizabeth Baehring, Mrs. F. A. Percival, Miss Racheal Clarke, Mrs. W. T. Clarke, Mrs. Robert Dempster and Miss Nora Sale. The next meeting of the club is in charge of the social committee, of which Mrs. James G. Berryhill is chairman, and Mrs. H. C. Potter will entertain the club at her pleasant home on Sixth St. The entertainment will be chiefly musical, the selections to be rendered being entirely from Mendelssohn, and Mrs. Warren Thummel will read a biographical sketch of the great composer.

The Saturday Evening Mail

October 22, 1887

The Women's Club will meet with Mrs. Dr. Potter next Wednesday when they will have an after-noon Mendelssohn. Mrs. Berryhill, will give a recitation to Music. A paper will be read on the composer's life and works, and solos will be rendered by Mrs. Col. Swords and Miss Mable Lanphere.

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October 25, 1887

The Des Moines Women's Club will hold its regular session tomorrow afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Dr. H. C. Potter, 923 Sixth St. The entertainment is to be musical and social

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October 27, 1887

The Des Moines Women's Club held a very interesting and instructive meeting yesterday afternoon at the home of Dr. H. C. Potter on Sixth Street.

November 8, 1887

The regular meeting of the Woman's club occurs tomorrow at 3 o'clock in the Good Templar's Hall. Mrs. L. F. Andrews will present a paper on the subject, "Present forms of Government."

Saturday Evening Mail

November 12, 1887

At the Women's Club meeting Wednesday the subject of the anarchist was introduced and the judgment of the ladies as to the advisability of hanging was taken by vote. All but one voted for capital punishment and Mrs. J. Wyman was the voter against. Mrs. Wyman's reasons for her decision are indeed worthy of consideration in that capital punishment is a relic of barbarism, and if it proves the best way of enforcing the law, that we are not yet ready for it.

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November 19, 1887

At next Wednesday's meeting of the Women's Club a very promising programme will be presented in the form of a symposium on domestic economy. Mrs. John Wyman will read a paper on Co-operative Housekeeping; Mrs. F. W. Lehman, on Housekeeping made easy; and Mrs. S. M. Orwig on Women in the Home.

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November 29, 1887

Miss Dr. Cleaves of this city is visiting her mother and sister in Davenport, from there she will go to New York to spend a few months in professional studies.

December 9, 1887

This evening witnesses the close of the Woman's Festival and Bazar after a successful week, when the following program will be given; music, Mrs. Swords; violin solo, Miss Grace Frisbie; toast and responses "Women in Journalism" Mrs. Ella H. Dyrley; Municipal suffrage; Lt. Gov. J. A. T. Hull "Women as Educators" Mrs. Lou M. Wilson; "Women Suffrage, a National necessity"; Hon. J. W. Akers; "The National Cause is Man's-They rise or sink together", Miss Rose Ankeny; "Women and the Profession", Dr. Carothers; "A voice from the Home", Mrs. J. G. Berryhill; "Women as Religious Teachers" Rev. A. L. Frisbie; Five minute speech, Dr. S. E. Wishard; "A Government of the People for the People and by the People". Hon. J. A. Lyons.

Saturday Evening Mail

December 3, 1887

A Woman on Clubs

Written for the Mail I was very much interested in the account of the last meeting of the Woman's Club of this city, but I think the number of mistaken ideas were advanced. I, for one, cannot agree that the highest degree of cultivation of a woman's brain is conducive either to the happiness or comfort of her family, and I do not believe that there lives in Des Moines a man who would not rather have his wife a good cook, housekeeper and a good-tempered woman, than have her able to read the Illiad in the original tongue.

I had in mind one woman, well-known in this city, whose intellectual abilities have never been questioned but whose greatest charm, in my eyes at least, lies in her beautiful character and her perfectly appointed home. I never belonged to a club in my life, I never had time, but my house and conscience are clear. They're clean enough to pass muster, and if my children are not, I do not feel entirely responsible for their hands but I am willing to answer for the rest of their anatomy. Now, women of the club, if I have stepped on any corn, I beg pardon but I honestly think if some of you would let your good sense conquer your ambition, that your families would be the gainers.

Mrs. Aleshine

The Saturday Evening Mail

December 3, 1887

As delegates to the International Council of Women that convenes March 25th at Washington, D. C. the following named ladies were elected this week: Mrs. J. R. Shaffer and Mrs. Jacob Mills. Mrs. James Callanan will go as an attendant, and Mrs. Harriet Bellangee will attend by virtue of her office as one of the vice-presidents of the National Association of Women.

The Mail & Times

December 3, 1887

Dr. Turner and family took possession of their elegant home on N. 8th St. The house is modern in every respect, large and handsome in an architectural way and provided with all the conveniences and we hope that in it the Dr. and his excellent family may enjoy many years is the wish of the many friends who have known them so long, and who know them to be so deserving of the good home which years of honorable industry has enabled them to build.

The Iowa State Register

December 8, 1887

The regular meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club was held in the parlors of the Good Templar Hall yesterday afternoon.

The Des Moines Daily News

December 9, 1887

"The Wits on Women"

The fortnightly meeting of the Women's Club occurred Wednesday and as usual there was a good attendance of the members, together with several visitors. During the business session, Mrs. B. S. Schermerhorn and Miss Ankeny were elected to membership. The paper of the day was by Mrs. C. W. Johnston, chairman of the miscellaneous committee on the "Attitude of the Newspaper of Today Towards Women." And it proved at her hands a most entertaining theme. Following is a synopsis:

When this subject was proposed one of our number declared

"That newspapers have no attitude toward anything." To me it seems otherwise. I believe that the newspaper of to-day is a stronger influence in shaping the minds and character of our people in building up new issues and institutions and suppressing the old, than all the biographies, fiction, sermon and lectures that are being written. To me it does not seem possible for any enterprise or any person dependent on public good will for furtherance, to succeed, if the newspapers work against or ridicule the effort. On the other hand, let the newspaper remain entirely silent touching any project and it may, on its own merits, succeed in a small neighborly way

Everybody reads the newspaper; herein lies the secret of its great weight. Convenient, inexpensive, daily or weekly, a brief resume of the doings of the whole world, delivered at your door, or free of postage in the face of such inducements what wonder that we all read it?

And again, often sacrificing truth to sensational make-up justice to the advocacy of a principle, often inconsistent, not above profanity, not above vulgarity, the principle medium for disseminating what we call "slang", the composition a gross offense against grammar and orthography--the newspaper, a power to be feared, respected and courted, is not always, but very often, a false education. Please understand that I refer not to magazines, or literary journals but to newspapers pure and simple, many of which are editorially beyond criticism.

We scan the editorial page and lo! the wisdom of Solomon, the logic of Bacon, the wit of Voltaire and the elegance of Samuel Johnson, every sentence bears the stamp of a master mind directing a ready pen! What a magnificent factor to enter every day or every week into the upbuilding of a mind! But, read the paper through even to the foot of the last column and somewhere we find a space where the questionable sentiment, the vulgar joke, the vapid pun, all find a place and thereby undo, as it were, all the fine things said editorially. I have in mind a paper brought regularly into my father's house, by a guest, for a few weeks, when I was a child of six years. I have never met with so much as the name of that particular newspaper in all the years since, yet so strongly were some of its features impressed on my childish mind, particularly its attitude toward women, that I have never forgotten them. One column was filled with small pictures or caricature representing women in all relations and positions; the maiden, the matron, the mistress, the fashionable belle, the drudge, the literary woman, the professional woman, the butterfly, the strong-minded woman, each pictured in characteristic position and dress, emphasized to a degree of hideousness. I could not read at that time, but imagine the editor must have very unfortunate family surroundings which caused him to take such a jaundiced view of feminine humanity. Victor Hugo wrote that man was the problem of the 18th century, woman of the 19th, and I sometimes picture to myself, an intelligence ripe for impression, which without any previous knowledge of womankind is seeking, by means of a common source of general information, the newspapers, to answer this crying question of the nineteenth century. Touching the external appearance of woman the following is noted in the New York Mercury:

Well shaped woman. -- A perfect, symmetrical, healthy woman of five feet, five inches in height must comply with the following standard: She should weigh 138 pounds. The distance between the tips of her two middle fingers when the arms are extended, should be exactly the same as the height, or ten times the length of her foot or five times the diameter of her chest from one arm pit to the other. The distance from the junction of the thighs to the ground should be the same as from the former point to the top of the head. The knee should be exactly midway between the junction of the thighs and the bottom of the heel.

The New York Mail informs us further that one of the rarest things in a city, is a woman who can walk and the woman who can run hardly exists. Most women possess feet and exact from them a certain service but they do not walk.

These quotations are sufficient to give an idea of the outward form and appearance of womankind, as set forth by the newspapers. The comments being of such conflicting expression, the research is not wholly satisfactory, but "it is the mind that makes the man" and why not woman? Some look further to see what the press has to say respecting the intelligence, tastes, character, etc. of this interesting creature. All the Year Round quotes this stanza speaking of women. "Where all is thought and said the heart still over rules the head," And another paper quotes "Where all is thought and said the heart still rules the head," And another paper quotes "When a woman will, she will, you may depend on't and when she won't she won't, and that the end on't." The San Francisco Post of recent date uses a column to tell the public that women are ultra superstitious.

The newspaper says repeatedly that the woman who can control her tongues is greater than he who ruleth a city and rarer; that woman always talk most of that about which they know least; that they cannot bear to be told the truth; that woman is by nature vindictive, envious, jealous, malicious and a babbler; that she is by nature intellectually and physically inferior to man and cannot, therefore successfully compete with man in business pursuits; that so long as woman is shut out from nearly every occupation untried, we cannot tell what her capacity is; also if many more avenues are opened to women, men won't have to work at all; that women are careless in money matters, bad investors and improvident; that in shopping or other buying they never count their change or know what their purses contain; that they are trustworthy in handling funds not their own; and that woman has always been regarded as an amiable blunder, and is in danger of more serious blundering. And, using the quotation marks, "Frailty, thy name is woman", and "the hands that rock the cradle rule the world."

The newspaper columns literally teem with headings like these: How a woman walks; How a woman washes her face; How a woman How a woman tries on new shoes, etc. These articles remind one of minute reports from institutions for feeble minded children, or the antics of some newly caged animal which is being studied for the benefit of zoological science.

The feminine wardrobe seems always to be a favorite theme. The Milwaukee Journal enlightens the public thus: "The reason why a woman is called a duck is, that the dressing is so much better than the bird." When I first saw Mother Hubbard house dress I thought here is a victory at last for the newspaper. This unpretentious garment seemed to preface the way for wonderful revolutions and revelations in the matter of dress. Out of all has grown a garment at once comfortable and graceful, the tea gown. What says the newspaper? "That with the return of loose garments a corresponding looseness of moral maybe looked for among women."

Women as to matrimony received countless numbers of thrusts. Much of the newspaper sentiment is summed up in a few lines by the Newman Independent when it says: "A Tennessee girl jumped into a cistern one night last week and was drowned. She was asleep at the time and thought she was jumping at an offer of marriage."

The St. Louis Republican uses the greater part of a column explaining to its readers that the object of womankind is dress and the object of dress is to catch a husband; and closes by saying that after having employed all the devices of dry goods many women having failed of the great object, are left to stand and wait, repeating the well known stanza about a goose never being too gray. And, after holding such efforts up to ridicule, the newspaper says further that the girl who does not expect to marry a husband and nurse a baby ought to be strangled when a child. The Buffalo Sunday News tells us that the girl who in any honorable way earns her own living has the best chance in the matrimonial race. And another paper says that a man looking for a wife, rarely looks below the surface and prefers the society girl. The New York Sun assumes that all women when married are very unhappy and sets about explaining the cause. Yet who is so tirelessly reviled by newspapers as the woman who has remained unmarried?

Women in relation to politics is a delightfully fruitful theme. A recent press comment read: "The women of England are greatly interested in politics. In fact they are making a study of politics, and they can already tell a tory from a liberal. The Nashville American relates that the Kansas women "put the ticket on the polls which matched her dress in color."

It is worthy of remark that in many of the newspaper criticisms, there is an implied, if not expressed, comparisons between woman and man, and in favor of man, while the very worst thing that can be said of a woman is that she is "manly". Before preparing this paper, I heard quite a number of opinions as to the subject, one of which I quote: "That woman viewed through the medium of the common newspaper comment, appeared a "thing for laughter, fleers and jeers," a scape goat upon whose head was to be heaped with impunity, the jibes of humanity." As to the cause for this attitude of the press toward women, I am without an idea. In such comment the newspaper says "women" or "woman" thereby making the application to all woman-kind. And I claim that such a sweeping disparagement is most unjust. As to the effect of such comment space forbids more than a passing word, yet I believe that it has an effect. Humanity does not reside wholly in cities and often in the country the newspaper is almost the only reading matter. To people thus situated the news-

paper becomes a powerful factor in moulding opinion, and the comment on woman is received and endorsed the same as the market report. But perhaps the most deleterious effect is on the impressionable mind of the child who does not read the editorial but in nine cases out of ten seeks something expressive of light ridicule directed at the great sisterhood of which his mother is a member.

The Mail & Times

December 10, 1887

Dr. and Mrs. Patchin expect to get into their new home on N. 6th St. in season to celebrate Christmas festivities. The house stands on one of the choice sites of the city and from every window the view is beautiful and far-reaching. The lawn slopes at the rear so that the view of the river can never be intercepted. Large trees surround the lawn and all together with a handsome house it makes one of the prominent homes of the city. (This home was bought by C. E. Rawson).

The Saturday Evening Mail

December 24, 1887

Woman in business undoubtedly has much to learn, but it is true that since it has been her privilege to explore the avenues open to men where she has been unable to tread she has made ways for herself. Scarcely a week passes that fails to record an incident of woman's ingenuity branching out anew in business ways. Often-times these ventures result in failure, but it is significant that women try and more are succeeding than failing. One young New York woman recently began to serve as guide to guests at the large hotels, her stock in trade being business cards, a stylish street suit and a thorough knowledge of the city, and she is proving her venture a success. A Chicago woman is making a nice living by doing darning and mending, going out by the day. Sweeping and dusting by the hour has been undertaken by a number of women who devote from one to three hours each week to as many houses as they can enlist. A little girl of this place does breakfast and dinner dishwashing for the neighborhood that brings her a nice income. There are a hundred and one things yet untried for women in business to discover.

The Des Moines Daily News

December 27, 1887

The Woman's Journal say; "The Des Moines School board has named two schools "The Howe" and the "The Alcott" in honor of Louisa Alcott and Julia Ward Howe." The children seemed to be pleased, and they enjoyed Mrs. Howe's visit to the school, and are all eager readers of Miss Alcott's books.

The Saturday Evening Mail

December 31, 1887

Dr. Margaret Cleaves is expected from New York City the last of next week.

The Des Moines Daily News January 3, 1888

A business meeting of the Women's Club will be held tomorrow afternoon and all the members are requested to be present.

The Saturday Evening Mail January 14, 1888

Dr. Margaret Cleaves has returned from New York City, and is accompanied by a lady friend who will spend some weeks here.

Mrs. A. B. Billington will read a paper for the Women's Club next Wednesday on "Women in Literature the Last Hundred Years." There is an old lady in our city better qualified to give an exhaustive review of the subject than Mrs. Billington, whose interest in it for years has led to wide research.

The Saturday Evening Mail January 21, 1888

Mrs. L. J. Lanphere is visiting her sisters, Mrs. Helen Gougar LaFayette, Ind. and Edna C. Jackson, associate editor, Cincinnati Post. She will return in February.

The Times January 23, 1888

The retiring of Mr. Hoyt Sherman as the president of the Equitable Life Ins. Co. closes another chapter of one of Des Moines' respected pioneer business men. Mr. Sherman retires with the hope that his remaining years may be spent in ease and comfort.

The Saturday Evening Mail January 28, 1888

Dr. Margaret Cleaves of this city was elected vice-president of the National Association for the Advancement of Women at the recent Congress in New York City. This is a fitting tribute to Dr. Cleaves capability.

The Des Moines Daily News January 31, 1888

The Woman's Club will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday at 3 o'clock, the paper of the day being by Dr. Laura Liebhardt on the subject of, "Hygiene Environment; its Effect on Character."

The Saturday Evening Mail January 31, 1888

Mrs. Isaac Hillis has a wonderful music box that came about six years ago direct from the birthplace of music-boxes--Geneva, Switzerland--a gift from her father, who was traveling in Europe at that time. It is three feet long, two and a half feet wide, and as high as a chest when standing on the floor. It plays forty numbers, thirty selections from operas and ten from oratorios,

and is encased in an elegant inlaid rosewood case. It is a beautiful thing and a source of great pleasure to the family and their friends, who have had the opportunity of hearing it. Mrs. Hillis has another curious, though small, music-box and cigar holder combined. It is upright and cylindrical in shape, and while playing it now and then opens up a compartment and discloses cigars hidden therein.

The Saturday Evening Mail February 4, 1888

Mr. Emerson Hough known to some of our readers as a former Newton and Des Moines boy has quite a talent for poetry, stories and literary work generally, has lately acquired an entry in and become Business-Manager of Wichita, Kan. Growler.

The Des Moines Daily News February 14, 1888

Mrs. Judge Wright will read a paper before the Woman's Club on Wednesday on the subject of "Charities." The subject will be well treated since it is one in which Mrs. Wright has longed been practically interested.

The Des Moines Daily News February 28, 1888

An unusually interesting session of the Women's Club is expected this week, Miss Rachel Clarke having the reading of a paper on the "Renumerative Occupation of Women." It is a topic to which extraordinary interest attaches, and Miss Clarke has made a close study of it.

The Daily Iowa Capital February 29, 1888

The Des Moines Woman's met this afternoon at Good Templar's Hall. Mrs. Rachael Clarke gave a paper on the "Renumeration of Women." Treasurer, Miss Rachel Clarke, Assistant secretary, Mrs. B. F. Andrews; Board of Directors; Mesdames Parsons, Ruttkay, Johnston and Clarke; ex-officers, Mesdames Callahan, Durlay, E. M. Gill. The Saturday Evening Mail March 3, 1888

Miss Rachel Clarke gave an excellent paper before the Woman's Club Wednesday, on the "Remunerative Employment of Women." Of great interest were the criticisms of the committee on criticism, Mesdames Gillette, Hulton and Ruttkay each well understanding the question from personal experience.

The Saturday Evening Mail March 10, 1888

THE DEATH OF LOUISA M. ALCOTT

Very generally and sincerely is mourned the death of Louisa M. Alcott. It is the little folks and young people of our land who hold her especially dear, while parents know not how much they owe

to Miss Alcott for the sweet, pure, blessed influence of her fascinating stories over the unformed minds of their children. Her career as a successful, famous writer has not been long, scarce twenty years in fact, for it was in 1868 that the first part of "Little Women" appeared which did not create much of a stir until the second part appeared the following spring. Very many laughable experiences came to Miss Alcott during the interval between the publication of the two volumes, not the least being the letters sent her by her enthusiastic readers. For example, here is one published in a recent account of Miss Alcott's life and career: "Dear Miss Alcott.--I have read the first part of "Little Women" and cried quarts over Beth's sickness. If you don't have her marry Laurie in the second part I shall never forgive you and none of the girls in our school will ever read any more of your books. Do! Do! have her, please."

Unlike the majority of authors, who did not walk the floor, shut herself up in a luxurious library, resort to a sequestered nook or demand a gold pen when the muse was upon her. Her favorite manner of writing was upon the back of an old atlas lying upon her lap. Miss Alcott is dead, but her works live and many generations will join with those who have known and read her in life in calling her blessed.

The Des Moines Daily News

March 13, 1888

An important meeting of the Women's Club occurs tomorrow. It being the annual election of officers. All members are requested to be present. The meeting is at the usual place, Good Templar's Hall at 3 P. M.

The Des Moines Daily News

March 15, 1888

The Woman's Club held the annual meeting yesterday and elected officers for the coming year as follows: President, Mrs. Galusha Parsons; Vice-president, Mrs. Louis Ruttkay, Secretary, Mrs. C. W. Johnston, Treasurer, Miss Rachel Clarke, Assistant secretary, Mrs. B. F. Andrews; Board of Directors; Mesdames Parsons, Ruttkay, Johnston and Clarke; ex-officers, Mesdames Callanan, Durley, E. H. Gillette, J. G. Day, F. A. Percival and Isaac Hillis.

Tonight is the last opportunity to see the great painting, "Christ before Pilot" in the First Baptist church. Thousands have come to Des Moines from a distance. One gentleman being present last evening having come a hundred miles, expressly to see it. Surely no citizen of Des Moines should lose the opportunity. It positively closes at 10:30 tonight.

The Saturday Evening Mail

March 24, 1888

The marriage of Miss Mable Lanphere to Mr. D. B. Conklin of Brooklyn, N. Y. will be solemnized at Plymouth church one week from today at 3 P. M. Dr. Magoun, Pres. of Grinnell College, will officiate assisted by Dr. Frisbie. Mr. and Mrs. Conklin will leave for

the East the same evening. The life and works of E. R. Still was the subject chosen for yesterday and a most delightful study it proved. The Daily Iowa Capital March 30, 1888

The Unitarian ladies have engaged the services of Prof. Cook, Boston, to lecture in this city in the early future. He will lecture before the Browning club on "Browning" and in the interest of the Des Moines Womens' Club, on "George Eliot."

The Des Moines Daily News April 11, 1888

Too much credit cannot be given the Reverend Dr. Stetson, who is making the First Baptist Church of this city not only prosperous as a church but also a center of artistic and literary culture. The exhibition of that noble picture, "Christ Before Pilot", proved a valuable lesson in art to the thousands who had the privilege of seeing it, and on Saturday evening of this week the public is to be given the opportunity of hearing Charles Dickens Jr., son of the great English novelist, read extracts from his Father's works, Mr. Dickens' New York readings have been remarkably successful showing that he possessed dramatic ability of a fine order as well as a rare gift and felicity in the interpretation of the Dickens characters. The First Baptist church should be crowded on Saturday evening. Admission \$.50.

The Des Moines Daily News April 27, 1888

Mrs. J. K. Macomber is rejoicing in the fact that her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Locke of Vinton have purchased the old Burnham place on Kingman Avenue and will this week take possession. This pleasant home is to be their permanent one and Mr. Macomber is building his new residence just across the street.

The Mail & Times May 9, 1888

Mr. L. B. Abdill's new residence on Terrace Hill summit is progressing rapidly, and will be ready for occupancy by October 1st.

The Des Moines Daily News June 4, 1888

The Women's Club will meet on Wednesday of this week with Mrs. J. C. Macy on West Locust Street. The miscellaneous committee will have charge, and Mrs. Julia Hunting will read a paper on "Prison Reform."

The Des Moines Daily News June 28, 1888

The closing session for the year of the Des Moines Women's Club was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. James G. Berryhill, the exercises being in the hands of the social committee. The programmes presented by this committee have always the

attraction which novelty lends and they have never failed to please in the highest degree. The life and works of E. R. Still was the subject chosen for yesterday and a most delightful study it proved. Mrs. Berryhill read a brief sketch of the poet's life, following which were select readings from his works by Mrs. J. H. Windsor, Mrs. Tac Hussey, Mrs. Dr. Poetter, Mrs. Mrs. J. C. Macy, Mrs. John Wyman, and later a beautiful song was rendered by Mrs. Col. Swords, the verses of which she had adapted to music. Miss Grace Frisbie gave variety to the programme by a violin solo and accompaniment both of which were greatly enjoyed. Among the out-of-town guests of the club were Mrs. Prof. Currier, Iowa City, Mrs. Julia E. Nichols, Frederick, Maryland; Miss Eva Hamilton, Sharon, Penn., and Mrs. Whittier, Indianapolis. After the literary exercises were over choice refreshments were served and the ladies separated feeling that the day was indeed a fitting a beautiful closing of a profitable year's work. *held in the Savory House Club rooms.*

The Des Moines Daily News

September 12, 1888

At the first meeting of the Women's Club, which is to be with Mrs. Galusha Parsons Wednesday, September 26th, the topic for general discussion will be the Baconian theory.. Mrs. Parsons setting for the Bacon side of the celebrated question and Mrs. W. S. Clark and others presenting arguments in favor of Shakespeare as the author of the works in dispute.

Mrs. Hoyt Sherman accompanied by Mrs. Ada Bacon Sherman leaves this week for a visit with Mrs. Adelle Sherman Fiberg in Cincinnati.

The Des Moines Daily News

September 13, 1888

The Dr. Margaret Cleaves (1st pres. D. M. W. C.) returned this week from her three months European visit, most of the time having been spent with friends in the rural districts of England and Scotland with a few weeks of professional work under the celebrated Dr. Apostoli of Paris. Dr. Cleaves trip was greatly saddened by the sudden death, during her absence, of her sister, Mrs. Alice R. Jones, Oskaloosa. The unwelcome tidings reached her while in London without a moments warning.

The Iowa State Register

October 10, 1888

The Des Moines Leader

September 15, 1888

Dr. Edith Gould, Rev. Ida C. Hultin and Miss Harvey, a teacher in the public schools, will make their home, at 1220-Grand Ave., hereafter. A talented trio of ladies.

The Des Moines Daily News

October 10, 1888

The Des Moines Daily News

September 25, 1888

The Women's Club will meet at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Galusha Parsons on Sixth St. This will be the first of the year's series of meetings.

Mrs. H. C. Alverson and daughter Jessie returned yesterday from their summer sojourn on the Jersey coast and among relatives.

The Des Moines Daily News

September 27, 1888

This morning at ten o'clock quite a number assembled at the

residence of Mrs. Delia E. Ruttkay on fifth street to organize a class for the study of current topics. It is expected to give systematic thought and study to the great events of the day, teaching leading political questions, matters pertaining to Government etc. Mrs. Ruttkay holds herself in readiness to form other classes in literature, history or art, as the demand may seem to warrant.

The Iowa State Register

September 28, 1888

The next meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club will be October 10th. The program will be under the direction of the Art Committee. Short papers on pottery will be presented by Mrs. Cora B. Hillis and Mrs. Mary J. L. Gaylord. The meeting of the Club will hereafter be held in the Savery house Club rooms. Estelle J. Smith, Susan Perigo and Mary J. Coggeshall.

The Iowa State Register

October 7, 1888

Major Hoyt Sherman contemplates a trip to Cincinnati this week.

The Des Moines Daily News

October 8, 1888

Mr. Hoyt Sherman accompanied by Mrs. Ada Bacon Sherman leaves this week for a visit with Mrs. Addie Sherman Wiborg in Cincinnati.

The Des Moines Daily News

October 8, 1888

The Des Moines Women's Club will hold their second meeting of the season on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Savery house club rooms. Papers on the subject of "Pottery" will be read by Mesdames Gaylord and Hillis.

The Iowa State Register

October 10, 1888

The Des Moines Women's Club has arranged to hold its regular meeting in parlor "I" of the Savery Hotel, and will convene there at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Short papers on pottery will constitute the literary program.

The Des Moines Daily News

October 10, 1888

Dr. Margaret A. Cleaves has found it necessary to open up a downtown office and she has accordingly fitted up handsome apartments where she spends a large part of each day.

Mrs. H. C. Alverson and daughter Jessie returned yesterday from their summer sojourn on the Jersey coast and among relatives in Wisconsin.

Several Des Moines ladies expect to attend the Congress of Des Moines Women's Club under the auspices of Mrs. Wynan, Chairman.

Women to be held at Detroit beginning on the 15th, among the number being Rev. Ida C. Hultin and Edith Gould.

The Iowa State Register October 16, 1888

The Iowa Women's Suffrage Association will hold its 17th annual convention at Ames, Iowa, October 18 and 19, 1888. Susan B. Anthony will speak the evening of the 18th. The Rev. Dr. Frisbie, The Rev. Ida C. Hultin from Des Moines and Rev. Melissa Terrell of Forest Home, Prof. and Mrs. Welch of Ames and other prominent speakers will address the convention.

The city will be represented in convention by the following state officers and delegates from the local societies. Margaret W. Campbell, Eliza H. Hunter, Martha C. Callanan, Annah H. Ankeny, Estella T. Smith, Susan Perigo and Mary J. Coggeshall.

Delegates - Jennie Breckinridge, Adelaide E. Thomas, Orilla M. James, Emma Vatch, Francis L. York, Nellie Fox and Nancy A. Miller.

The Iowa State Register October 23, 1888

The Women's Club will meet at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in parlor "I" in Hotel Savery. Miss Rose Ankeny will read a paper before the society on "Matthew Arnold, Poet and Critic."

The Iowa State Register November 7, 1888

The Women's Club will meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon in parlor "I" of the Hotel Savery. Mrs. L. T. Morrow will read a paper on "Amusements and Occupations for School Girls."

The Des Moines Daily News November 19, 1888

A social meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club is to be held on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. F. M. Hubbell. Out of town guests of any members of the Club are invited to be present. The afternoon will be devoted to miscellaneous work on different authors, and many impersonations will be given by the ladies.

The Iowa State Register November 20, 1888

The Women's Club will meet for social entertainment tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock with Mrs. F. M. Hubbell at Terrace Hill. An invitation is extended to out-of-town guests of the members.

The Des Moines Daily News

December 4, 1888

On Wednesday afternoon will occur the regular meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club under the auspices of Mrs. Wyman, Chairman

of the miscellaneous committee. "An Afternoon on Geology" is to be outlined by Mrs. Delia E. Ruttkay; the Nebular Hypothesis, Earthquakes and Volcanoes, Mrs. L. F. Andrews; Geysers, Mrs. Bina Wyman; Mountains, Mrs. W. T. Clark; Glaciers, Mrs. C. H. Gatch.

The Des Moines Leader December 12, 1888

The Des Moines Women's Club will meet at the Savery house club room at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The Des Moines Daily News December 18, 1888

Tomorrow afternoon the Women's Club will be occupied with the subject of pioneer women both before and during the rebellion. Papers will be read by Mrs. H. Wright and Mrs. Emma McCord and the meeting will be held in parlor "I" of the Savery Hotel.

The Iowa State Register January 1, 1889

The Women's Club will meet at half past two o'clock tomorrow afternoon in parlor "I" in the Savery Hotel. Mrs. L. B. James will read a paper on the "Relation of Industrial Art to Popular Education."

The Iowa State Register January 15, 1889

The Women's Club will meet at half past two o'clock tomorrow afternoon in parlor "I" in the Savery Hotel. Rev. Ida C. Hultin will read a paper on Emerson before the Society.

The Iowa State Register January 30, 1889

The Women's Club will meet at half past two o'clock this afternoon in Parlor "I" of the Savery Hotel. Dr. Frances Corrothers will read a paper on American schools compared with those of Europe.

The Des Moines Daily News February 4, 1889

A committee from the Des Moines with Mrs. M. C. Callanan as Chairman is about to present to the city council a petition asking that some good woman be placed in charge of women prisoners in the county jail, at a moderate compensation and suggesting that the wife of the present jailer, who has in her position shown no small interest in the welfare of the unfortunate women be chosen for the place.

The Mail & Times February 9, 1889

Ouida of Women's Clubs

The enormous increase in men's clubs is a singular feature of modern society. Their name is legion, their uses manifold and their influences complicated. Their latest effect is likely to be the most important of all; it is the creation, through imitation, of women's clubs. It may certainly be stated, without possibility of contradiction, that had there been no men's clubs there would never have been any women's clubs. The uneasiness of women to imitate men, politically, personally and socially is a distressing note of modern civilization. It is artically a mistake., it is probably also one morally. It is unlikeness which lends interest to intercourse quite as much as sympathy and it is difference which constitutes charm in companionship, as well as comprehension. The landscape which is uniform is tiresome, and so is uniformity of character.

The mere fact that women should wish for clubs indicate the immense change which has taken place in the habits and wishes of the sex. Clubs merely supply men, in a condensed shape, what they possessed before; but to women they offer a wholly new and possibly questionable advantage. If a woman wants a club it is indicative that her home does not give her much that she wants; she may be a busy or an idle person, but she is at all events one who loves the streets, like Dr. Johnson, and finds pleasure in being associated with strangers. To those who are still of the opinion that the finest flower of womanhood is a sensitive plant best cultured in shade and silence this indication will not be welcome. The kind of a woman who will enjoy a club will not be of the highest order; she will be a chatty, gregarious, sociable, probably fussy and gossipy woman, or she will belong to the unlovable class of women who is, in sporting phrase, "hard as nails," who wears glasses, dissects live kittens, and writes learned essays to prove the nothingness of everything; a truly horrible and appalling class which is the especial destination of the nineteenth century to have produced.

These two order of women, with those other women who are humdrum, hurried and occupied in gaining their own livelihood in the most meritorious but uncomfortable manner, will furnish the ladies' clubs with their members; at least those ladies' clubs from which men are excluded. Those to which men are admitted will so exactly resemble Hurlingham, Sandringham, the New Club and all other places where men and women already meet that they are not worth discussing. They will offer agreeable facilities for rendezvous and this will become their chief aim and object very naturally; possibly when one of two tremendous scandals have had their head quaters in them they will be shut up with a tremendous noise and uproar, and society will be neither the better nor the worse for them. What are essentially women's clubs are those to which women only are admitted, as men's clubs are essentially those to which men only have access; clubs to which both men and women go are mere places of promiscuous social resort, such as have existed from the days of Rawleight and the Palais Royal. They do not affect nor alter the social relations of the sexes in any way whatsoever.

Clubs which alone have greatly acted on those relations, although only extending liberties and publicities which men previously enjoyed, they have facilitated men's seeking and finding their

bien-etre, both mental and physical, elsewhere than at their homes, in general society or with the women to whom they are attached. They have increased the already large capabilities which men possess for enjoying themselves in the company of their own sex and they have as their greatest disadvantage the tendency to make men indolent and lax before the requirements of general society. But these influences are only extentions of those which surround all male life before the modern club existed; the corresponding influences of the same nature which club life for women will bring into women's temperaments, associations and habits is a very much wider and graver matter; the change which female clubs, should they obtain any great development, will occasion in the female sex, will be very extended, and it is not difficult to predict of what kind it will be.

The If, as men generally say, club life tends to make men absorbed in creature comforts and in a day of small things, it will tend to detach women more and more from those unselfish affections which demand continual sacrifices of both time and comfort. The comfortable lounging chair, the ready-cut journals, the well cooked dishes and the surrounding atmosphere of cheerful gossip will seem much more alluring than the vigil of the sickbed, the fretfulness of the feverish child or the long day alone with books or needlework and household accounts, which is the fate of the women of the middle classes when her father or her husband is away at his business offices, banks or law courts. The club, if she has once entered it, will draw her to it as surely as a magnet iron; opinions may differ as to the good or evil of the effect, but we may be quite sure that Penelope will not be satisfied with her web ever afterward; she will find out where her own comfort and convenience lie, and she will go to them. In the innumerable receipts which teem in the press for the concoction of human happiness it is significant that none of them ever suggest that it should be found at home. That idea is too old fashioned to be thought of for a moment; it has been put aside on the back shelf among the cobwebs with the letters of Mrs. Chapone. All amusement and interest must, it is taken for granted, come from without. The life of the woman of the world passes in incessant movement, political or social, according to the bias; it is filled and overfilled by incessant rounds of house parties, continual changes of scene and climate, often long and varied voyages, innumerable engagements crammed on the top of one another into every hour, now and then only, a brief, breathless, impatient pause, if any one, dies so near related that momentary retirement is as unavoidable as crape.

The schemes for making the working people happy, of which so much is said adnauseum, are all based on the same lines. They are to be asked out to rich people's drawing rooms or to be drawn as a swarm of bees is drawn by the tinkling of pots and pans, about a big organ in a large glass or brickwork building. It never seems to occur to anyone that they might by any possibility whatever be happy besides their own hearths. The infinite indulgence of a ceaseless restlessness is the sole modern receipe for the only form of enjoyment which modern society is capable of conceiving. The express train is ideal and symbol. To fly as fast as possible from

one point of the compass to another, scarcely taking breath to alight, is the modern incarnation of heaven. To be in Yosemite one day and in Yucatan the next, is the one form of enjoyment and instruction which the modern mind can compass; the multitudes who have only Sundays or public holidays or Easter or Whitsuntide weeks in which to imitate the example set them by their social superiors, cram themselves into excursion trains and waste their few rare leisure hours in noise, dust, labor, fatigue, perspiration and expenditure, to return jaded, out of temper, out of pocket and too often more than half drunk. They are incessantly told that they require "change"; nobody tries to make them understand that rest after toil, repose after exertion, silence after noise, the mere stillness of the limbs after long exertion, are in themselves happiness.

The Iowa State Register

February 26, 1889

The Des Moines Daily News

February 11, 1889

The Des Moines Women's Club will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday at the usual place, the social committee being in charge of the exercises of the day. An interesting session is expected.

The Des Moines Daily News

February 26, 1889

The Iowa State Register

February 12, 1889

The Women's Club will meet at half past 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in parlor "I" Savery Hotel. The entertainment will be under the auspices of the social committee.

The Des Moines Daily News

March 11, 1889

The Des Moines Daily News

February 14, 1889

The exercises of the Woman's Club were in the hands yesterday afternoon of the social committee, composed of Mesdames H. C. Potter, E. R. Clapp, F. M. Hubbell, C. H. Getchell, Henry Plumb, J. C. Macy, Walter McCain and Harry West who had as usual arranged an entertaining though impromptu program. The discussion as to the comparative merit of poets and what constituted poetry was continued, lead by Miss Rachel Clarke, and before it closed each lady was asked to name a favorite poem together with her reasons for its selection, and the poem selected were naturally as the literary taste of the members. Mrs. W. T. Clark gave as favorite poems Longfellow's "Building of the Ship" and "The Children's Hour". Mrs. Gaylord preferred Whittier's "Snowbound" mainly because of the associations it called up. Mrs. J. H. McCord gave as her favorite poets Longfellow and Browning, naming several poems that she especially liked. Mrs. J. C. Alverson chose Browning's "Resignation." Mrs. Hussey laughingly declared her fondness for "Mother Goose" and Mrs. Plumb said Bryant's "To a Waterfowl" gave her great pleasure as did also "The Day is Done". Mrs. D. C. Edmundson Longfellow's "Snowflake", Mrs. F. A. Persaval particularly liked "He Giveth His Beloved Sleep" by Mrs. Browning. Mrs. Macomber said she was something of a heretic, her favorite poet being Ella Wheeler Wilcox. Mrs. Ruttkay chose "Mother and Poet", Mrs. John Wyman, "Vision of Sir Launfel", Mrs. Denman, Gray's "Elegy Of A Country Church Yard." Mrs. Snyder, Whittier's "Snowbound" and Grey's "Elegy", Mrs. Clapp took Burn's "Cotter's Saturday Night" and "Snowbound", Mrs. Orwig,

"Day is Done", and "Will Carleton Over the Hill to the Poor House"; Mrs. C. E. Risser, Burn's "Cotter's Saturday Night", Mrs. Judge Day, Longfellow's "Maidenhood", Mrs. L. F. Andrews a "Poem of Holland", Mrs. M. P. Raymond, "The Closing Scene", by Thomas Buchanan Read.

Following the talk on poetry Mrs. Parsons and Mrs. Clapp each gave a select reading after which refreshments were served. Among the guests of the Club were Mrs. Julia Nickols and Miss Louise Butler her guest from New York and sweet little Esther Raymond who found herself for the first time in a ladies' club apparently to her own pleasure and to the delight of all.

The Iowa State Register

February 26, 1889

The Women's Club will meet at half past 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Savery Hotel. The entertainment will consist of impersonations under the auspices of the miscellaneous committee.

The Des Moines Daily News

February 26, 1889

Tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 will occur the regular meeting of the Women's Club, the miscellaneous committee being in charge of the exercises, which will consist of a series of impersonations.

The Des Moines Daily News

March 11, 1889

A very important meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club will be held Wednesday afternoon. It is the annual business meeting at which officers for the ensuing year will be chosen, and it is one of the two days of the year at which members may be taken into the Club. A large attendance is desired.

The Daily Iowa Capital

March 12, 1889

The Des Moines Women's Club will hold an annual meeting tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 in parlor "I" of the Savery. Officers and members of the board for the ensuing year will be elected.

The Iowa State Register

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The Des Moines Daily News

March 14, 1889

The annual business meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club called forth a large attendance of the organization yesterday

afternoon. The question of limiting the organization was discussed and it was decided for the present such a step was unnecessary, except so far as the required qualifications for membership constituted a limitation. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows; Mrs. Delia E. Ruttkay, President; Mrs. Ella Hamilton Durlley, Vice-Pres., Mrs. Rose Ankeny Lewis, Sec., Miss Rachel E. Clark, re-elected treasurer, the above ladies in lieu of their respective offices are members of the board of directors to which the following ladies were also elected; Mrs. Lt. Gov. Hull, Mrs. A. L. Frisbie, Mrs. J. T. Berryhill, Mrs. L. B. Abdill, Mrs. C. H. Gatch, and Mrs. F. A. Percival. There were then taken into the society by ballot, Mrs. J. C. Cummins, Mrs. E. J. Good, Dr. Jessie Ritchie, Mrs. S. B. Maxwell, Mrs. Col. Martendale, Mrs. J. J. Hartenbower, Mrs. Stella Bebout and Mrs. W. W. Wittmer. The meeting was adjourned before a consideration could be taken on a number of others whose names were to be presented. An expression was taken as to the more desirable place to hold the next Woman's Congress, a matter which is to be decided at the approaching mid-year, the question being particularly between Denver and Minneapolis. The mountain city of the west received a very decided preference in the votes cast.

The Des Moines Leader

March 26, 1889

On Wednesday afternoon the Des Moines Women's club will hold an adjourned meeting, to be followed by a regular literary session, at which Mrs. Mary Magoun Raymond will read a paper on, "Iowa Women in Literature and Education."

The Iowa State Register

April 10, 1889

The Des Moines Women's Club meets Wednesday afternoon in parlor "I" Hotel Savery at 3 o'clock.

The Des Moines Daily News

April 19, 1889

Tomorrow evening Dr. Margaret Cleaves will celebrate the fourth anniversary of her arrival in Des Moines by entertaining a few friends at a six o'clock dinner.

The Iowa State Register

April 23, 1889

At the regular meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club tomorrow afternoon, Mrs. F. A. Percival will read a paper on "Mrs. Brown-ing."

The Des Moines Daily News

May 6, 1889

At the regular meeting of the Woman's Club Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. D. G. Edmundson will read a paper on the educated woman of the past, present and future. The committee on Education, of

which Mrs. A. L. Frisbie is chairman will be in charge of the exercises of the day. The writer closed with a brilliant picture of woman's position today and her prospects for the future.

The Iowa State Register

May 8, 1889

The Des Moines Women's Club will meet today at parlor "I" at the Savery Hotel at 3 P. M.

The Des Moines Leader

May 9, 1889

The Women's Club held their regular meeting yesterday afternoon at the Savery house club rooms. The principal topic before the club was the novel, "Looking Backward," by Bellaney. The discussion was open by the reading of an interesting paper by Mrs. McCord.

The Des Moines Daily News

May 9, 1889

One of the interesting features of the meeting of the woman's Club Wed. afternoon was a discussion of Edward Ballamy's book "Looking Backward" which is now receiving so much attention at the hands of the eastern Philosophers and social Scientists. The discussion was led by Mrs. E. H. Gillette who presented an outline of the book that the plan therein presented a reforming of the present social system was entirely practicable, offering many cogent reasons therefore. Mrs. A. L. Frisbie, Mrs. L. M. Abdill who took part in the discussion, were of the opinion that in order to carry out the plan of an entire community of interest, human nature would have to undergo a radical change. The paper of the day was read by Mrs. D. G. Edmundson on the subject, "Educated Women of the past, present and Future." It was a very thoughtful and exhaustive production and received the closest attention throughout the reading period. The writer took the position and ably defended it, that it was christianity that gave women the proud position they now occupied. The Women of pagan times were often beautiful and in a sense attractive, but immorality robbed them of all true nobility. Cleopatra in her mad and selfish career was the representative of a godless but brilliant age. The house of Aspasia was the resort of poets and statesmen while Socrates was her pupil in eloquence. In those days women of domestic habits were not usually educated and their degradation was an index to the low principals which ruled the times. Women are now the peer of their husbands. The fine work accomplished in the early days in the university of Bologna was reviewed, together with the lives of several noble women who lectured within its walls. The learning and profundity of Madam De Stael, the grand morality and benevolence of Hannah More, and the wonderful acquirements of Mary Summerville in art, science and literature was reviewed. During the last half century all honor is due to the women who have carried the healthfulness of their strong souls into hospitals, schools and benevolent institutions. The names of Fredika Bremer, Harriet Martineau, Florence Cobb, Cathrine Beecher, Mary Lyons, Maria Mitchell and others were extolled. The elevation of literature owing to women's influence and the helpful-

ness of such books as Uncle Tom's Cabin and Ramona in working out practical reform was noted. The writer closed with a brilliant picture-a-woman's position today and her prospects for the future.

The Des Moines Leader June 14, 1889

The next and closing session of the Women's club is to be held at the suburban home of Mrs. C. H. Getchell on Wednesday evening next. The gentlemen are included in the invitation and each lady is to take a basket containing an individual lunch, which will be sold, the proceeds of which will go to the art fund.

The Iowa State Register June 15, 1889

The Des Moines Women's Club will give a social entertainment on next Friday evening at Moore's Hall (old opera house) on Fourth and Walnut streets, at which time Howell's play will be presented by Mr. Joe Christie, Miss Ruth Windsor, Miss Carolyn Schoffield and Mr. Howard Lucas.

The Des Moines Daily News September 19, 1889

The Des Moines Women's Club will be entertained at its first meeting, Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 25th, at the home of Mrs. J. H. McCord of North Des Moines, at which time Mrs. Delia Ruttkay, the president of the club, will deliver the annual address. Mrs. J. H. Windsor has extended an invitation to the club to be her guest on the occasion of the second meeting which was also accepted.

The Des Moines Leader September 29, 1889

The Women's Club held their first meeting of the season at Mrs. McCord's, last Wednesday.

The Des Moines Daily News October 10, 1889

A more splendid afternoon for a suburban meeting of the Women's Club could not have been found than yesterday proved to be and as many as fifty ladies availed themselves of Mrs. J. H. Windsor's invitation to meet at her home. The discussion of Current Topics which always preceeds the report of the committee of the day, was led with much clearness and skill by Dr. Frances Carothers who gave an outline of Austrian system of balloting, which proved both instructive and entertaining. Mrs. L. F. Andrews followed by presenting purposes of the pan-American Congress now in session and the reasons which led Sec. Blaine and Gen. Grant, years ago to desire such a Congress. She also called attention to some of the recent scientific discoveries notably an optical invention by which it is believed a man may sit in his office and by the adjustment of certain lens and glasses obtain a view of all that is going forward in any part of the building. Mrs. J. H. McCord who as chairman of

of the committee on Women's work, was in charge of the afternoon's program, then introduced Mrs. E. H. Conger who read an admirable and thoughtful paper on "Woman in Domestic Relations" worthy of the close attention which was given it. Excluding all individual personalities, woman's success was ascribed to what she is, not to what she does. In earlier times woman's mission seemed to extend no farther than to the cleaning of the house, the preparing of food and to the merely manual tasks; as her vision widened these labors came to be clothed with a new significance and every act became one of love; the whole world is becoming to her a part of the great universal home for which it is her duty to care with obedience and faithfulness. The star which has long beckoned her forward, she finds to be near at hand, to be within her. It is the dawn of truth, that messenger which always gives freedom, which affects the change. It is a part of woman's duty to unite womankind into one sisterhood. Mistress and maid must come to serve one another and with equal faithfulness. Love will come with equality. This is preeminently the children's age. The children are in the churches, in countless schools, in parties, picnics, everywhere. There are children's songs, stories, books and toys. To labor for the little-ones is woman's lovework. Let her kindle love in the hearts of children. The value of women decides the age itself as well as gives character to the home. A discussion of the paper followed, led by Mrs. A. L. Frisbie who brought out many strong points. Mrs. M. C. Callanan, Mrs. I. L. Hillis, Mrs. A. B. Billington, Miss Clark and others also added to the occasion by fitting remarks.

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The Mail & Times

October 12, 1889

The Woman's Club held their second meeting of the fall on Wed. P. M. with Mrs. J. H. Windsor, Greenwood Ave. Fifty ladies present and all thoroughly enjoyed the pleasant P. M. spent at this hospitable home. Well written and highly entertaining papers were read by Mrs. Frances Carrothers, Mrs. L. F. Andrews. Mrs. E. H. Conger's paper on "Woman in Domestic Relations" was especially fine.

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The Des Moines Daily News

October 22, 1889

The program for Wednesday afternoon's meeting of the Woman's Club bids fair to be unusually interesting. It is in charge of Mrs. Isaac Lea Hillis as chairman of the committee on Literature and the subject is "The Divine Commedia." An original poem will be read by Addie B. Billington; a sketch of the life of Dante will be given by Mrs. F. A. Percival. Short papers will be read as follows; Paradiso, Mrs. J. C. Cummins, Purgatorio, Mrs. E. E. Hubbard, Inferno, Mrs. A. L. Frisbie; Dantes' Treatment of Dante, Mrs. R. A. Patchin. The club has accepted an invitation from the Des Moines Club and will meet in their parlors. Mrs. Elizabeth K. Matthews will lead the discussion on current topics.

The Mail & Times

October 26, 1889

The Women's Club held their regular meeting on Wednesday at the Des Moines Club rooms. The subject for the afternoon was Dante and his works, and the programme was in charge of Mrs. Isaac Hillis. There was a large attendance of the members of the club and a number of guests were present, among whom were Mrs. J. B. Stewart, Cambridge, Mass., Mrs. Smith, Dubuque, and Mrs. D. T. Devlin, Chicago. A bright original poem was given by Mrs. Addie Billington and a well written sketch of the life of Dante by Mrs. F. A. Percival. Entertaining short papers were read by Mrs. J. C.

Cummins on Paradiso, Mrs. E. E. Hubbard on Purgatorio, Mrs. A. L. Frisbie on Inferno and Mrs. R. A. Patchin on Dante's Treatment of Dante. The programme closed with a discussion led by Miss Rachel Clarke, who called attention to the similarity between the life and suffering of Dante and Savonarola. The next meeting of the club will take place at the Plymouth Congregational Church, and the subject to be discussed is education.

The Des Moines Daily News

November 4, 1889

Mrs. Henry Plumb; Shall Patriotism and Hygiene be taught in the Public Schools, and shall Education be a Test for the Franchise? Mrs. A. N. Denman; What Constitutes an Educated Person To-day? Rev. Ida C. Hultin.

The Des Moines Leader

November 6, 1889

The Des Moines Women's Club will meet this afternoon in the Plymouth Congregational Church. Papers will be read by Dr. Ida C. Hultin, Mrs. S. A. Robertson, Mrs. Mary H. Wright, Mrs. Mary Plumb, and Mrs. A. N. Denman. The programme consists of a symposium on, "The New Era of Education."

The Des Moines Daily News

November 6, 1889

Des Moines Women's Club will meet Wednesday afternoon in the parlors of Plymouth congregational church. Mrs. E. H. Gillette chairman of committee on education, being in charge of the program, which is to consist of a symposium, subject "The New Era in Education." Brief papers will be given as follows; What will be the object sought in educating a child? Rev. Ida C. Hultin; To what age or what stage shall education be compulsory? Mrs. S. A. Robertson. The states duty in educations of children, Mrs. Mary H. Wright; Shall the industrial and fine arts be taught in the schools? Mrs. Henry Plumb; Shall patriotism and hygiene be taught in the public schools? and shall education be a test for the franchise? Mrs. A. N. Denman. What constitutes an educated person today? Rev. Ida C. Hultin.

The Des Moines Daily News

November 7, 1889

The subjects which were before the Women's Club yesterday afternoon were of so inviting a character as to call forth a full attendance, though unfortunately, the full expectation was not realized owing to the illness of some who were on the program. Mrs. E. H. Gillette, as chairman of the committee of the day, opened the symposium on the new era in education by a brief talk on the objects sought in the new era. Broadly considered, the purpose of an education is to render life happier broader more sympathetic and more virtuous for all; to prepare the child to enter this life with helping heads, hearts and hands; to enable him to receive from others what they may bring and to take to them

the best his faculties can give, when developed guided and strengthened by a perfect system of education. The proper training must nourish all the higher traits of the moral nature strengthen the mental faculties and develop a practical application by the hand; in a view of a perfect life; by his effort making a perfect life possible which by his training he is made capable of entering into the fullest participation and enjoyment of such a life.

The time is past when a man's duty is done to his race by simply putting into words his meditations and leaving to the distant future the application. The time is now upon us in which to the lesson of all ages. Preaching and practicing must go hand in hand in our new era, and that preaching which cannot be practiced is at a discount in our age. Results are demanded, and the educated child must be a practical illustration of our theories. It must be every child not a few out of a thousand as of old, that receives this rounded education, this complete development, since we must be a nation of educated men and women. The question of the time is not how to immortalize rare spirits but how to render life happier, more reflecting and more virtuous for the great body of people to whom the arts and creeds are as indispensable in modern ages as was the meditation of old to the cenobite or pomp to the privileged participator in courtly splendor. A paper was read by Mrs. S. A. Robertson on the subject of compulsory education followed by a talk on the states duty to the child, by Mrs. Mary Wright. The industrial and fine arts in school was briefly treated in a paper by Mrs. L. F. Andrews who at the last moment took the place of another. The remainder of the time was taken up by a discussion on the various points that had been brought out. The club decided for the present to continue to meet in the parlors of the Congregational church. It was also thought advisable in the future to admit guests only upon presentation of tickets. A fee of \$.25 being charged for a ticket.

The Mail & Times

November 9, 1889

The regular meeting of the Women's Club occurred Wednesday at the Congregational church, and a symposium of educational topics was given. Mrs. Gillette, chairman of the Committee, and in the absence of Miss Hultin gave an impromptu talk on the subject. Several good papers were given, Mrs. S. A. Robertson's on "To What Age or Stage shall Education be Compulsory?" being especially well written. In the future, members of the club can invite a friend, by paying 25¢ for a ticket or any lady can attend by paying 25¢. Tickets may be obtained by Ruttky. This is a very wise step and one generally adopted by all the leading clubs in the eastern cities. The club contemplates giving several entertainments of different natures this winter in order to start the art gallery they guaranteed for the new Y. M. C. A. Building. The proceeds from their entertainments as well as their regular meeting will be used for that purpose. The club will hereafter meet in the church as the parlors of the Des Moines Club were found too small to accommodate them.

The Mail & Times

November 23, 1889

A very interesting meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club was held at the Plymouth Church Wednesday afternoon. The subject discussed was the study of art and very entertaining papers were read by Mrs. H. C. Alverson on Italian art, Mrs. C. E. Risser on French Art, and Mrs. Edgar Lewis on Flemish and Dutch art. Mrs. Lewis's paper was especially good showing an exhaustive research and thorough understanding of the subject. The study of photographs of the works of the various masters closed the afternoon programme.

The Des Moines Daily News

December 2, 1889

The program for the Des Moines Woman's Club for Wednesday afternoon next includes "Bits of Foreign Travel", by Mrs. E. R. Clapp and the paper on "The System of Education in Russia" by Mrs. Theodore Walker. The meeting will be as usual in the parlors in the Congregational church.

The Des Moines Leader

December 3, 1889

The programme of the Des Moines Women's Club for Wednesday afternoon next includes "Bits of Foreign Travel", by Mrs. E. R. Clapp, and a paper on "The System of Education in Russia", by Mrs. Theodore M. Walker. The meeting will be as usual, in the parlors of Plymouth church.

The Des Moines Daily News

December 5, 1889

Mrs. E. R. Clapp gave much pleasure to the members of the Des Moines Women's Club yesterday afternoon by reading a short paper descriptive of her foreign travels. Her main descriptions were of the sights which she had seen in Rome, St. Peters in its significant, Colisseum the Forum, the Appian Way, the Catacombs, etc. Mrs. Theodore M. Walker also favored the club with a very thoughtful production on education in Russia, which was highly instructive. Following the reading of her paper, a general discussion was entered into, led by Mrs. J. K. Macomber. It was decided to postpone for the present the next meeting of the club which is in the hands of the social committee because of the nearness of the date to Christmas. Several ladies were elected members of the club, including Miss Louise M. Hughes, Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Vorse, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Annah Ames and Mrs. George Lindrum.

The Daily Iowa Capital

January 13, 1890

The Women's Club will meet Wednesday afternoon at the Congregational church. The subject will be art, and Mrs. Patchin and Mrs. Witmer will each read a paper.

The Des Moines Leader

January 16, 1890

The Woman's Club, composed of the members of the Congregational church, met in the church parlors yesterday afternoon. The subject for discussion was "Art", and interesting papers were read by Mrs. Patchin, Mrs. Witmer and others.

The Daily Iowa Capital

January 29, 1890

The Des Moines Women's Club met this afternoon at the Congregational church. The main paper of the meeting was read by Mrs. Henry Sabin upon "Schools of Philosophy".

The Iowa State Register

January 30, 1890

The Des Moines Women's Club held a meeting yesterday afternoon at the Congregational church.

The Mail & Times

February 1, 1890

The Des Moines Women's Club held their regular meeting in the Congregational church Wednesday P. M. Program in charge of Mrs. Gillette, Chairman of the Committee on Education. A well written paper on the "Schools of Philosophy" given by Mrs. Supt. Sabin and Mrs. Andrews gave a very interesting talk on "The Angelus." Program of the next meeting will be in charge of Mrs. McCord, chairman of the Committee on "Woman's Work" and the subject will be lace making. Papers will be read by Mrs. Dr. Potter, Mrs. Hull and Mrs. Dr. Ritchie.

The Des Moines Leader

March 9, 1890

The Women's Club will elect officers Wednesday evening.

The Des Moines Daily News

March 11, 1890

The session of the Des Moines Women's Club, which will be of unusual interest, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The twenty-five directors, to whom will be entrusted the business of the club, will then be elected, after which the officers of the club will be chosen from their number.

The Des Moines Leader

March 12, 1890

A session of the Des Moines Women's Club will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The twenty-five directors, to whom will be entrusted the business of the club, will then be elected, after which the officers of the club will be chosen from their number.

March 14, 1890

The annual meeting of the Women's Club occurred Wednesday afternoon, the chief business being the election of twenty-five directors, resulting in a choice of the following ladies: Mesdames L. B. Abdill, J. G. Berryhill, J. C. Day, P. B. Durley, E. H. Gillette, J. A. T. Hull, I. L. Hillis, R. A. Patchin, Edgar Lewis, H. C. Potter, Henry Sabin, J. H. Windsor, A. L. Frisbie, Charles E. Risser, James Callanan, C. L. Watrous, C. H. Gatch, E. R. Clapp, J. K. Macomber, W. W. Witmer, E. A. Percival, J. H. McCord, C. H. Getchell, Ruttkay and Miss Rachel Clarke. A meeting of the directors will be held on next Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Miss Clark for the purpose of electing officers.

March 20, 1890

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club Wednesday afternoon, held at the home of Miss Rachel Clark, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. J. H. Windsor; Vice-President, Mrs. A. L. Frisbie; Secretary, Mrs. C. E. Risser; Treasurer, re-elected, Miss Clarke. It was determined, as soon as feasible, to add three new committees to those of the club, viz. those of political economy, music and history and the following ladies were chosen chairmen: Art, Mrs. J. A. T. Hull; Literature, Mrs. Calista Halwey Patchin; Education, Mrs. J. C. Cummins; Woman's Work, Mrs. M. S. Orwig; miscellaneous topics, Mrs. Henry Sabin; social, Mrs. J. C. Macy; current topics, Mrs. E. E. Hubbard; and for the new committees when they shall be established, political economy, Mrs. E. H. Gillette; history, Mrs. D. E. Ruttkay; music, Mrs. Edgar Lewis. To fill vacancy in the board caused by the resignation of Mrs. C. L. Watrous, Mrs. F. W. Lehmann was chosen.

The Iowa State Register

March 21, 1890

The following have been elected officers of the Des Moines Woman's Club; President, Mrs. J. H. Windsor, Vice-President, Mrs. A. L. Frisbie; Secretary, Mrs. C. E. Risser; Treasurer, re-elected Miss Clark.

The Iowa State Register

March 27, 1890

Fiction for Children

An interesting paper, by Mrs. Sara B. Maxwell, before the Women's Club

The Des Moines Women's Club held its regular meeting at the Congregational church yesterday afternoon. The principal paper was read by Mrs. Sara B. Maxwell upon the subject of "Modern Fiction for Children". It was an interesting paper in every way and Mrs. Maxwell showed that she had given the subject much consideration.

"All so-called fiction for Children", she said, "is modern". She quoted from Dr. Porter to the effect that all the known books for children two generations ago were some half a score. The present time books for children are turned out by hundreds. The child begins to own books and its mind is stimulated by these before it has reached the age of three.

Leaving aside early fairy tales and folk lore, Mrs. Maxwell said that it was probably about 1850 when the fashion was set for children's books, or "Juveniles", as classifiers call them—a fashion that is bound to largely affect the public taste in the future. She then went on to discuss the influence of these books upon the formation of the minds and morals of the children—the future men and women. "So great has become the demand for sensational stories and so many of them have been literally devoured that parents, teachers and librarians and library boards have become alarmed and a weeding out of this sort of literature has been begun in many of the best libraries." The paper then quoted at some length from the opinions expressed during a discussion of the subject of such men as John Quincy Adams, Jr., Dr. Poole of Chicago, James Freeman Clark, etc. At this meeting at which the author of the paper was present she says many different opinions were expressed, but the majority agreed that the reading of sensational works is demoralizing. The paper discusses these matters at considerable length, quoting from many good authorities. The following paragraphs indicate the conclusions reached:— "I spent some time in a public library where the children, boys especially, read from five to eight books a week. I held my peace until the goading of my conscience became unbearable when I remonstrated with the librarian, telling her that she was guilty of a great wrong to the children. She replied it was the duty of the mothers to see to that. I finally convinced her that she had a rare opportunity to do some missionary work, and the limit was set at two books a week, which I think is one too many for every child and one and a half too many for most children.

Upon the subject of fiction for children, I have talked with teachers, with Mothers and with experienced librarians and my conclusions may be expressed in the words of Miss Bean, Librarian of the Brookline Library, Mass. in the Library Journal— "From unlimited supply and reading of fiction, among the evils attending it, is surreptitious reading in school hours, inattention, want of application, distaste for study and unretentive memories, all directly traceable to that ill directed and inordinate use of light literature."

Undirected and indiscriminate reading does not educate, it only amuses for the time being and is a waste of time and energy. I would regulate, but not prohibit the reading of fiction, except love stories. I would not allow a boy or girl under eighteen to read a love story.

In closing Mrs. Maxwell gave a list of books which she recommends as safe for children to read.

The Iowa State Register

April 9, 1890

The Woman's Club will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock and a special meeting of the directors will be held at four thirty at Plymouth Congregational Church.

The Iowa State Register

April 22, 1890

Mr. and Mrs. James Windsor, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hubbell and Mr. Perkins will go to Chicago Wednesday to attend the German Opera. Abdill proved very interesting and the club was highly entertained.

The Iowa State Register

April 23, 1890

The Woman's Club will meet at two-thirty p. m. April 23, in the parlors of the Congregational Church. Mrs. Berryhill will present a paper on George Elliot.

The Des Moines Leader

April 23, 1890

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The Iowa State Register

May 1, 1890

Dr. Margaret A. Cleaves starts east tonight, expecting after short visits in Davenport, Chicago and Boston to make her permanent home in New York City. She has had strong inducements held to her to engage in practice in New York, with many personal friends there, she anticipates much pleasure in her work in her new home. A large circle of friends in Des Moines will hear with regret of her departure. During the years which she has resided in the city, she has become known and respected for her superior ability as a physician and her culture and refinement as a woman. She has taken an active part in the literary life in the city, and all who have known her will regret that she is to leave Des Moines but will unite in wishing that great success may attend her in her new field of labor. Miss Hamilton Durley, will be presented.

The Des Moines Daily News

May 6, 1890

A very interesting subject will be before the Woman's Club at its regular session tomorrow afternoon. It is "Co-operative Communities as Teachers of Political Economy" and will be treated by Mrs. L. B. Abdill of the committee on education.

The Iowa State Register

June 6, 1890

Mrs. A. L. Frieble will accompany her husband in a tour of Europe this summer. Her Bible Class concluded that she too was

The Iowa State Register May 7, 1890
 The Women's Club will meet in the parlors of the Congregational church at 3 P. M., May 7th. A paper will be presented by Mrs. L. B. Abdill.

The Daily Iowa Capital May 8, 1890

There was a good attendance at the Woman's Club at the Congregational church last evening. The paper read by Mrs. L. B. Abdill proved very interesting and the club was highly entertained.

The Mail & Times May 10, 1890

The regular meeting of the Women's Club was held at the Congregational church, Wednesday afternoon. Co-operative Communities was the subject for the afternoon. Mrs. Abdill read a very fine paper upon the subject, which was followed by an interesting discussion led by Mrs. Gillette. Plans for the arrangement of the art gallery at the Y. M. C. A. building were then discussed and there is talk of holding an art loan exhibition there for an opening. The ladies have already taken some steps toward getting some busts, casts and medallions.

The Iowa State Register May 21, 1890

The Women's Club met this afternoon in regular session in the parlors of the Plymouth church. The subject to be discussed will be; "The work of the Smith College girls-New York City-The new Coyndee Hall." The papers have been prepared by Miss Rachel Clark and Mrs. D. E. Hubbard.

The Iowa State Register June 4, 1890

The Woman's Club will hold its regular monthly meeting this afternoon, June 4, at three p. m., in the parlors of the Plymouth church. A paper:-Subject-"Race Characteristics in Literature" by Mrs. Ella Hamilton Durley, will be presented.

The Des Moines Daily News June 5, 1890

The papers at the Woman's Club yesterday were exceptionally fine. Mrs. Macomber presented one on German literature. Mrs. Cummins one on Russian literature, Mrs. Ruttkay one on French literature and Miss Rachel Clarke one on Saxon.

The Iowa State Register June 6, 1890

Mrs. A. L. Frisbie will accompany her husband in a tour of Europe this summer. Her Bible Class concluded that she too was

deserving of a vacation trip; and as a token of high esteem in which they are both held in Sunday school and congregation, it was insisted that both should go. The trip will be enjoyed by both Rev. A. L. Frisbie and wife. (Mrs. Frisbie is vice-president of the Woman's Club)

The Des Moines Leader

October 11, 1890

The Mail & Times Morning Mrs. James J. Berryhill June 14, 1890

though not serious accident, at her home on Pleasant street.

The Des Moines Women's Club has adjourned for the summer but will reorganize again in the fall. One of the new committees appointed this winter was on music, with Mrs. Edgar Lewis as chairman. The committee will not supply music, but musical papers. Mrs. Frank Green will give one on the growth and formation of the German and Italian opera, and Miss Ames, one on the oratorio. The papers will be given sometime in January and Mrs. Martindale of Minneapolis, who studied for six years under Liszt, is expected to be present and will illustrate some of the works of the great composers.

The social committee of the Women's Club has decided upon giving an entertainment and party at Moore's old opera house hall next Friday evening for the benefit of the art hall of the new Y. M. C. A. building. Mrs. Clapp is chairman of the committee and the ladies desire to sell a large number of tickets at fifty-cents each. The stage sketch, "The Social Register", will be given by a local cast of four or five high school pupils, led by Miss Ruth Windsor, as Ethel Reed, Miss Caroline Schofield as Miss Spaulding, Howard Lucas as Grinnidge and Hoe Christy as Mr. Ransom. Dancing will close the programme.

The Iowa State Register

June 15, 1890

The Woman's Club of Des Moines are trying to lay the foundation for an art collection, which is hoped in the future, may grow into something that will be a credit to them and to the city. It is, of course, necessary to begin in a small way, but it is hoped that the friends of art, and those interested in all enterprises for the growth and advancement of our city will lend a helping hand and that something will be seen that will be encouraging for the future of this project. The Club gives a social entertainment on next Friday evening, June 20th at eight o'clock at Moore's Hall, corner of Fourth and Walnut streets. A short comedy will be given by some of our young people, and the rest of the evening spent socially and in dancing. The proceeds of the evening will be used in buying casts and so forth for this art collection. All friends of the club and art, are cordially invited to be present. Tickets 50¢ each. Chairman, Committee

The Des Moines Daily News

November 6, 1890

The Des Moines Leader Meeting of the Women's Club September 16, 1890

On the last Wednesday of the present month the Des Moines Women's Club will re-assemble to enter upon its sixth year's work. which she so conspicuously adorns, Miss Matthews traced with enthusiasm the slow but certain development of the methods of educa-

The opening meeting will be devoted to a talk on her Alaska trip by Mrs. J. H. Windsor, president of the club, and a history of the club, by Mrs. James G. Day.

The Des Moines Leader October 11, 1890

Yesterday morning Mrs. James J. Berryhill met a painful, though not serious accident, at her home on Pleasant street. The kitchen girl was engaged in heating up a mixture of wax and turpentine in a small kettle on the oil stove and the stuff boiled over and caught fire. The girl screamed and Mrs. Berryhill rushed to her assistance and with both hands caught the handle of the kettle and started to throw it out of doors. The mixture exploded and Mrs. Berryhill's clothing caught fire and her face and hands were severely burned. Her hair was also badly scorched. The girl helped her to extinguish the flames with clothing and then went to Policaman Reoch's house; and that officer as soon as he could understand what she said hurried to the scene of the accident and summoned Mr. Berryhill by telephone. He came, bringing a physician with him, and the lady's injuries were properly attended to.

The Iowa State Register October 22, 1890

The Woman's Club will hold its regular meeting today October 22nd at two thirty p.m. in the club rooms of the Y. M. C. A. Subject Tolstoy—a paper on the subject will be read by Mrs. A. B. Morse. Mrs. Charles E. Risser, Sec.

The Iowa State Register November 6, 1890

The Woman's Club will hold its regular meeting this afternoon at the beautiful new rooms in the Y. M. C. A. building. Miss Lizzie K. Matthews reads an able and original paper on the modern feature of Education.

The Daily Iowa Capital November 6, 1890

The Des Moines Woman's Club met this afternoon in the new rooms of the Y. M. C. A. building. A large number of the members were present and Mrs. Cummins presided. The paper of the meeting was read by Mrs. A. K. Mathews upon "Modern Features of Education," and was interesting and instructive.

The Des Moines Daily News November 6, 1890

At a well attended meeting of the Woman's Club yesterday, a very spirited discussion on some of the modern phases of education was called out by the presentation of an admirable paper on the subject by Miss Elizabeth K. Matthews. With fidelity to a profession which she so conspicuously adorns, Miss Matthews traced with enthusiasm the slow but certain development of the methods of educa-

tion, dwelling with special pride upon the advancement made in this country in the public school system. Her subject was treated with the clearness which its thorough acquaintance with it could alone give. Mrs. Whiting S. Clark led the discussion which followed, speaking with pride of the liberality exhibited in the treatment of the public schools of the state. Miss Louise E. Hughes of the West Des Moines high school was called upon to speak of the new industrial department of the high school and did so in a very interesting manner. The school is starting out very satisfactorily, the boys and girls both taking instructions in drawing, while the former have their shops and tools for working in them and the girls their kitchen in which they are taught to cook. Some of the boys expressed a desire to take lessons in cooking, but they could not be accommodated. Mrs. Jay Macomber desired to criticise in some particulars the instruction given in the public schools to pupils between the ages of 7 and 15. In history she stated that they were taught by the lecture system, which was manifestly beyond their years. In grammar she had confidence in the old fashioned memorizing of rules and definitions and offered the opinion that pupils were better taught in English twenty years ago than now. Mental arithmetic has been relegated to the past also and she entered a protest thereto. The average pupil today is not able to spell correctly. Mrs. Macomber's spirited talk, while it was roundly applauded, elicited a good deal of opposition. Mrs. Billington defended with zeal some of the modern features, as schools of method for teachers, the improved schoolrooms, the beautiful books, pictures, etc. The discussion throughout was in the best spirit and greatly enjoyed by all.

The Mail & Times

November 15, 1890

The ladies of the Women's Club deny that there has been any trouble whatsoever between them and the Y. M. C. A., as reported in regard to the equipment of a stage in the Y. M. C. A. hall for amateur performances.

The Des Moines Daily News

December 2, 1890

The meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club will be held tomorrow in the basement parlors of the Congregational church at half past two o'clock. This arrangement is but temporarily necessitated by the condition of the stairway leading to our rooms, and the absence of any adequate provision for heating. All members are earnestly requested to be present. A paper upon the "Morals of Cooking" will be read by Miss Hutchinson. Mrs. J. H. Windsor.

The Des Moines Daily News

December 3, 1890

The Woman's Club held a meeting this afternoon in the parlors of the Congregational church. A paper was presented by Miss Hutchinson on "Morals of Cookery".

The Des Moines Leader

December 3, 1890

The Des Moines Women's Club will meet today in the basement of the Congregational church, at half past two o'clock. This arrangement is but temporary, necessitated by the condition of the stairway leading to our rooms and the absence of any adequate provision for heating. All members are earnestly requested to be present. A paper upon the "Morals of Cookery" will be read by Miss Hutchinson. Mrs. J. H. Windsor, president.

The Des Moines Leader
The Iowa State Register

January 2, 1891
December 3, 1890

The meeting of the Des Moines Woman's Club will today be held in the basement parlors of the Congregational church at two thirty. This arrangement is simply temporary on account of no adequate arrangement for heating our own rooms and on account of the condition of the stairway. All members are earnestly requested to be present. A paper will be read by Miss Hutchinson on the Moral of cookery. Mrs. C. H. Windsor, president.

The Iowa State Register

December 17, 1890

The Des Moines Women's Club will hold its regular meeting today, Dec. 17th at two thirty p. m., in the parlors of the Congregational church. A full attendance is desired as the subject of the temporary meeting place is to be brought before the club for discussion. The directors are especially requested to be present at the board meeting immediately after the club. The subject for the afternoon: "Cause of Decline of American Shipping from Protection and Free Trade Points of View" will be discussed by Mrs. L. F. Andrews and Mrs. F. W. Lehman.

The Des Moines Leader

December 17, 1890

The Women's Club will hold its regular meeting today, December 17th at 2:30 p. m., in the parlors of the Congregational church. A full attendance is desired as the subject of a temporary meeting place is to be brought before the club for decision. All directors are especially requested to be present at the board meeting directly after the meeting of the club. Subject for the afternoon is: "Cause of Decline of American Shipping from Protection and Free Trade Points of View", Mrs. L. F. Andrews and Mrs. F. W. Lehman.

The Des Moines Leader

December 31, 1890

On account of the funeral of Judge Mitchell, the Women's Club will hold their regular meeting Friday, instant, 2:20 p. m. at Mrs. F. M. Hubbells. The board of directors meeting will occur at 1 p. m. Sunday at Mrs. Abdill's.

The Women's Club will meet with Mrs. F. M. Hubbell, Wednesday, January 28th at 2:30 p. m. The exercises will be in charge of the Social committee. All persons bringing guests will please notify Mrs. J. C. Hady by Tuesday evening. Members will pay 25 cents for each guest.

The Iowa State Register

January 2, 1891

The Women's Club will meet this afternoon at two thirty with Mrs. F. M. Hubbell. Directors meeting at one p. m., at Mrs. Abdill's. All persons bringing guests will please notify Mrs. J. C. Macy. Members will pay twenty-five cents for guests.

The Des Moines Leader

January 2, 1891

The Woman's Club will meet this afternoon at 2:30 with Mrs. F. M. Hubbell. Directors meeting at Mrs. Abdill's at 1 p. m.

The Des Moines Daily News

January 13, 1891

The Woman's Club will meet tomorrow in the parlors of the Congregational church at 2:30 o'clock. The paper on "Judism and Civilization" will be read by Mrs. Dr. Frisbie.

The Des Moines Leader

January 14, 1891

The Des Moines Women's Club will hold their regular session Wednesday, January 14th, at 2:30 p.m. in the parlors of the Congregational church. The history committee of which Mrs. D. E. Ruttkay is chairman, will have charge of the afternoon. A paper on, "Judaism and Civilization" will be presented by Mrs. A. L. Frisbie.

The Iowa State Register

January 14, 1891

The Des Moines Women's Club will hold its regular session Wednesday, at two-thirty p. m., January 14th, in the Congregational parlors. The History committee, of which Mrs. D. E. Ruttkay is chairman will have charge of the afternoon. A paper on, "Judaism and Civilization" will be presented by Mrs. A. L. Frisbie.

The Des Moines Daily News

January 24, 1891

The Women's Club will meet with Mrs. F. M. Hubbell Wednesday, January 28th, at 2:30 p. m. The exercises will be in charge of the "Social Committee." All persons bringing guests will please notify Mrs. J. C. Macy by Tuesday evening. Members will pay 25 cents for each guest.

The Des Moines Leader

January 25, 1891

The Women's Club will meet with Mrs. F. M. Hubbell, Wednesday, January 28th at 2:30 p. m. The exercises will be in charge of the Social committee. All persons bringing guests will please notify Mrs. J. C. Macy by Tuesday evening. Members will pay 25 cents for each guest.

The Iowa State Register

January 28, 1891

The Women's Club will meet with Mrs. Mrs. F. M. Hubbell at two-thirty p. m. The exercises will be in charge of the social committee. All persons bringing guests will please notify Mrs. J. C. Macy. Members will pay twenty-five cents for guests.

The Iowa State Register

January 29, 1891

The Des Moines Women's Club had the good fortune again to be entertained by Mrs. F. M. Hubbell at Terrace Hill yesterday afternoon. About seventy-five members were present and a goodly number of guests and all present enjoyed the lovely home which was a veritable bower of beauty, with its luxurious banks of flowers filling the air with perfume and its magnificent appointment. The weather outside was dreary and unpleasant, but within all was warmth and beauty. Mrs. Windsor, president of the club, called the company together at three o'clock and put the afternoon's exercises into the hands of the social committee of which Mrs. J. C. Macy is chairman. Mrs. Macy opened the exercises with a neat and humorous little speech, bringing in the names of many of the members in her play upon words. It was very ingenious, and was greatly enjoyed by those present. Then came the reading of selections from, "The Blot on the 'Scutcheon'" by Mesdames Durley, Potter, Plumb, Macy and Clapp. The readers seem to fully appreciate and enter into this, the finest and most pathetic of Brownings tragedies, and it was well received by the Club. The company was then favored by some of Chopin's fine compositions, given by Mrs. Highleyman who is a musician of high order and so sympathetic that all came under her spell. It was a treat and much enjoyed by all. Then followed a very social time, visiting and drinking coffee and chocolate, interchanging thoughts and ideas, and all were sorry when the time came to leave this lovely home, so full of good cheer and genuine hospitality.

The Iowa State Register

February 11, 1891

The Woman's Club will hold its regular session today at two-thirty p. m. in the parlors of the Congregational Church. A paper, "The Development of an Idea-from Moore's Utopia, 1516-to Bellamy's Looking Backward 1890", will be presented by Mrs. A. R. Paul. A directors meeting will be held at the close of the session.

The Des Moines Leader

February 11, 1891

The Women's Club will hold its annual session today, Wednesday, February 11th, at 2:30 p. m., in the parlors of the Congregational church. A paper, "The Development of an Idea-from Moore's Utopia, 1576-to Bellamy's Looking Baackward-1890," will be presented by Mrs. A. R. Hall. A directors meeting will be held at the close of the session.

A paper on "American Fiction" will be presented by Mrs. Tac. Hussey.

The Des Moines Daily News

February 12, 1891

A subject of more than ordinary interest that of nationalism, was before the Women's Club Wednesday afternoon, the paper of the day being by one of the most talented ladies of the club, Mrs. A. R. Hall. Under the title, "The Development of an Idea—from Moore's Utopia, 1516, to Bellamy's Looking Backward, 1890." Mrs. Hall gave her ideas as to the most effective means for the vanishment of poverty and the amelioration of the conditions of the laboring classes. She reached the conclusion that nationalism is the logical outcome of humanitarianism, supporting her views by a course of cogent reasoning. No class of society, the writer said, was so greatly to be dreaded as the ignorant and illiterate, those representing generations of ignorance. The family should be the care of the nation. No one under twenty should be obliged to earn bread, but that time should belong to each for the work of preparing for the business of life. Especially should children be free from anxious care added to work. If each individual over twenty did a portion of the work, it has been shown that no one need labor more than four hours a day. The broad ground was taken that all rights are for all. Women, particularly, had been obliged to battle against prejudice, the old idea being that their sole mission was to bear, to nurse, to train the young. But all women are not mothers and women's empty hours need occupation. It is a far wiser policy to give work than to breed criminals. In November last, as told in the papers in one of the large cities of this country, a young girl who had lost her place in a factory by the closing of work, after vainly seeking employment, had laid down and died rather than part with her only possessions—her virtue. In a whole city there was none to reach a helping hand. Speaking of those who make discoveries of gold, oil, etc. Mrs. Hall thought they should be paid for their discoveries, while the products themselves should be the property of the nation. It is reliably stated that 25,000 men own more than one half of the United States. It is now time for action for the advancement of the masses of the people. A spirited discussion followed the reading of the paper, led by Mrs. Gillette, chairman of the committee on political economy, and participated in by Mesdames Macomber, Frisbie, Berryhill, Morse, Miss Gowdy and others. It was decided that hereafter the meetings of the club will be held in the clubroom in the new Y. M. C. A. building, the stairs leading to them having been finished.

The Des Moines Leader

February 22, 1891

The Des Moines Women's Club will meet on next Wednesday, the 25th, at two-thirty p. m. in the club rooms in the Y. M. C. A. building. A paper on "American Fiction" will be presented by Mrs. Tac. Hussey.

The Daily Iowa Capital

February 23, 1891

The Des Moines Women's Club will meet on next Wednesday, the 25th, at 2:30 p. m., in the club rooms in the Y. M. C. A. building.

A paper on "American Fiction" will be presented by Mrs. Tac. Hussey.

The Des Moines Leader

February 25, 1891

The Women's Club will hold its regular meeting today at 2:30 p. m., in the parlors of the Congregational church. A paper will be presented by Mrs. Tac. Hussey on "American Fiction". A directors meeting will convene at 2 at the same place.

The Mail & Times

February 28, 1891

The Women's Club of Des Moines will give an entertainment at Foster's opera house on the evening of March 24th, the proceeds to go to the "art collection fund." It is well known that the ladies of the club have undertaken the establishing of an art collection in the art rooms on the fifth floor of the Y. M. C. A. building of this city, and it is to be hoped that in the enterprise they will meet with the hearty co-operation of the citizens of Des Moines. This entertainment will be under the supervision of Miss Mabel Allison Yates, teacher of Delsarte at Drake University, and will consist of reading by Miss Yates and tableaux mourant by nine of our popular and beautiful young ladies. The subjects being taken from old Grecian friezes and statuary, will be something unusual and attractive. The tickets will be sold by all members of the club, and will also be on sale at the opera house pharmacy, and at Mr. Cless's store on Walnut Street. The young ladies taking part are Miss Ethel Mills, Miss Henry, Miss Robertson, Miss Given, Miss Young, Miss Goodrell, Miss Ankeny, Miss Gilcrest and Miss Witmer, and these names alone bespeak success.

The Des Moines Daily News

March 10, 1891

The annual business meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club occurs tomorrow in the club rooms in Y. M. C. A. The election of officers takes place. A full attendance is desired. The board of directors will meet at 2 p. m. at the same place. Mrs. Charles E. Risser, secretary.

The Iowa State Register

March 13, 1891

The Woman's Club has elected the following directors: Mesdames H. Windsor, L. B. Abdill, A. L. Frisbie, L. H. Durley, J. G. Berryhill, M. Callanan, E. R. Clapp, Emma McCord, Rachel Clarke, J. Macomber, E. Lewis, Henry Sabin, Luella Clark, Mrs. Judge Day, Dellia Ruttkay, C. H. Gatch, Tac Hussey, Isaac Hillis, Dr. Potter, E. E. Hubbard, A. R. Hall, C. H. Gilchrist, F. A. Percival, A. B. Cummins and C. E. Risser. The new board of directors will meet next Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. in the club rooms to elect officers, appoint the chairman of the different committees and transact other business.

The Mail & Times

March 14, 1891

At the meeting of the Women's Club of Des Moines held in their new room at the Y. M. C. A. building on Wednesday, the following directors were elected: Mesdames Abdill, Berryhill, Callanan Clark, Clapp, Cummins, Day, Durley, Frisbie, Gatch, Getchell, Hillis, Hussey, Hall, Hubbard, Lewis, Macomber, McCord, Potter, Percival, Risser, Ruttkay, Sabin, Windsor and Miss Rachel Clark. These newly elected directors will meet on next Wednesday to elect officers and chairmen of standing committees for the coming year. Mrs. Windsor, as president; Mrs. Risser, as secretary and Miss Clark, treasurer, having proved very efficient officers during the past year, received a rising vote of thanks by the club for their work. At the next regular meeting a paper will be presented by Mrs. Frank Vorse on the "Psychology of Education." The new carpet was greatly admired and the club is very cozy and home-like. There seems to be a good deal of enthusiasm about the entertainment to be given by the club, under the direction of Miss Yates on the 24th inst. The same entertainment cleared \$ 600 in Kansas City a few weeks ago and it is hoped that the friends of the club will make it profitable here. It is to help swell the fund for the art collection, which the ladies have taken under their charge.

The Iowa State Register

March 18, 1891

The Board of directors of the Woman's Club will meet today, March 18th, at the club rooms in the Y. M. C. A. at two-thirty p.m. to elect officers and transact other business.

The Iowa State Register

March 19, 1891

The Woman's Club held their election yesterday in their room in the Y. M. C. A. building. Mrs. Ella Hamilton Durley was elected President; Mrs. E. R. Clapp, Vice-president; Mrs. C. E. Risser, Secretary and Miss Rachel Clark, Treasurer.

For the information of the many who have purchased tickets for the Greek entertainment of the Woman's Club next Tuesday evening, it is announced that the tickets can be reserved henceforth without extra charge at the Opera house pharmacy.

The Daily Iowa Capital

March 19, 1891

At a meeting of the board of directors the Des Moines Women's Club, March 18th, the following were elected as officers for the coming year: President, Mrs. Ella Hamilton Durley; vice-president, Mrs. E. R. Clapp; secretary, Mrs. Chas. E. Risser; treasurer, Miss Rachel Clark; chairman of art committee, Mrs. H. C. Alverson; literature, Mrs. Wyman; education, Mrs. E. H. Carter; woman's work, Mrs. J. G. Edmundson; miscellaneous, Mrs. Thummel; music, Mrs. Henry

Plumb; history fillers, Mrs. Frank Vorse; social, Mrs. B. L. Harding; current topics, Mrs. T. M. Walker and Mrs. C. L. Watrous.

The Des Moines Leader

March 20, 1891

At the last meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Ella Hamilton Durley, vice-president, Mrs. E. R. Clapp; secretary, Mrs. Chas. E. Risser; treasurer, Miss Rachel Clark; chairman of art committee, Mrs. H. C. Alverson; literature, Mrs. Wyman; education, Mrs. E. H. Carter; woman's work, Mrs. J. G. Edmundson; miscellaneous, Mrs. Thrummel; music, Mrs. Henry Plumb; history fillers, Mrs. Frank Vorse; social, Mrs. B. L. Harding; current topics, Mrs. T. M. Walker and Mrs. C. L. Watrous.

Mail and Times

March 21, 1891

The most elaborate series of tableaux ever given in Des Moines will be presented at Foster's opera house Tuesday evening, March 24, under the auspices of the Des Moines Women's Club. The presentation will require three quarters of an hour during which the young ladies assuming the classic poses of the marbles of antiquity never leave the stage, but with graceful, rhythmic motion pass from one tableaux to another, drawing you as if by a magic spell through the mazes of the old Athenian city, disclosing truthful facsimiles of historic treasures inherited from ages long since past. In addition to the Tableaux will be presented an interesting programme of music by Mr. A. C. Weaver and Miss Flo Brundage and readings by Miss Yates. This entertainment will be given for the benefit of the art fund of the Women's Club, and all of those who have an interest in seeing an art gallery established in this city must lend a helping hand. The various clubs of the city are especially requested to attend en masse. The West End Club, sixty in number, have reserved the entire first row in the dress circle and three of the boxes

The Iowa State Register

March 24, 1891

Gallery tickets for the Woman's Club entertainment this evening will be twenty-five cents and they will be on sale this morning at Forster's Opera house pharmacy.

The Iowa State Register

March 25, 1891

The Des Moines Woman's Club will hold its regular meeting Wednesday, March 25th, at two-thirty p. m. in their club room. A paper by Mrs. Frank Vorse on Psychology of Education will be presented. The board of directors will meet at the close of the session.

The Iowa State Register

April 8, 1891

The Des Moines Woman's Club will meet today, April 8th, at two-thirty p. m. in the club rooms. A paper "Women as Wage Workers" will be presented by Dr. Jessie Ritchie. A board of Directors meeting will be held at two p. m. in the club rooms.

The Daily Iowa Capital

April 9, 1891

The women's club held their regular meeting yesterday afternoon at their rooms in the Y. M. C. A. building. Miss Ritchie presented an interesting paper on "Women as Wage Workers," and it was very fully discussed by Mesdames Callanan, Hummel and Gillette. A witty and entertaining letter was read by Mrs. Judge Day, said letter being from Aunt Melissa Fogg, of wayback, giving her views on women as wage workers. The afternoon's program closed with an excellent paper on Aladdin's oven, by Mrs. Dr. Hubbard.

The Iowa State Register

April 22, 1891

At two-thirty o'clock today the Des Moines Woman's club will hold its regular session in the club rooms. Dr. Edith M. Gould will present the paper of the day on the subject of "Hypnotism." A meeting of the board of directors will follow.

The Des Moines Daily News

April 23, 1891

This afternoon at 3 the Des Moines Women's Club and the ladies of Unity club gave a reception at the Savery to Mrs. Celia P. Woolley, Chicago.

The Iowa State Register

May 6, 1891

All persons interested in the "Seni-Om-Sed" will please meet at the Commercial Exchange room this morning at 11 o'clock.

May 7, 1891

It will be perhaps interesting to know that the little daughter who came last week to Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Hume on North St., is a silver cup baby of the class of '88 of Wellesley College. When the class was graduated it was voted that from the treasury a silver cup should be bought to be presented to the first baby girl which should come to anyone of the seventy-one members. Mrs. Hume, then Miss Angie Hatton, was a member of the class and little Miss Mary Hume, as the first daughter of the daughters of Wellesley of '88 is the winner of the prize.

The Daily Iowa Capital

May 8, 1891

At the meeting of the Woman's Club Wednesday afternoon, a well written and comprehensive paper on "Water Color Painting" was read by Mrs. R. R. Peters. During the half hour devoted to current topics, the Jewish Immigration question, recent excavations in the United States and other topics of interest were discussed, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Fred Lehman and Mrs. Hubbard taking leading parts in the discussion. The Y. M. C. A. building will be open for public inspection May 16th. During the afternoon the ladies of the clubs will be glad to welcome all friends in their rooms. Tea will be served by them and every effort will be made to make the afternoon a pleasant one. It is hoped that all who are at all interested in women and women's work will be present.

The Daily Iowa Capital

May 18, 1891

The Y. M. C. A. building was thrown open for public inspection on Saturday and from early in the morning till late in the afternoon, it was thronged with visitors. The gymnasium in the basement, the perfectly appointed parlors and inviting library on the second floor and the beautiful auditorium room came in for a large share of admiration. The long climb up the many flights (5) of stairs brought me to the club rooms of the Des Moines Women's club and the reception held there in the afternoon formed a fitting termination for the trip through the magnificent building. Among the ladies of the club might be seen prominent members of the Y. M. C. A. enjoying their hospitality as well as the pleasure afforded by the admiring comments made during the inspection of the building, by the visitors. The Women's club quarters consist of their auditorium room, a large and well arranged apartment handsomely carpeted and furnished in antique oak, two well lighted rooms thrown together, where in time they hope to have an art gallery, dressing room, kitchen and store room.

Mrs. Tac Hussey and Mrs. Edgar Lewis assisted by Mrs. Stewart Goodrell acted as the committee on decorations as the drapings of red, white and blue artistically arranged over the doorway and windows could well testify. Upon the center table in the audience room was an immense basket of calla lillies, roses, carnations, hyacinths, etc., while through the rooms were scattered bunches of lilacs. The receiving ladies made each and every guest feel at home, the ladies upon the committee being Mesdames Tac Hussey, Dr. Frisbie, Alverson, Green, J. A. T. Hull, S. A. Robertson, C. E. Risser, Rutkay and Durley. Over three hundred guests were served with tea, cocoa and wafers during the afternoon, Mrs. Berryhill presiding over the tea and Miss Rachel Clark over the cocoa. They were ably assisted by Mesdames Abdill, Lewis, Green, Bailey, Hillis, and Bibbins. The cordial hospitality and the beautiful rooms amply repaid one for visiting the building, the only thing lacking being the elevator. When it is placed in the building, the club will consider their quarters as perfect. On Wednesday afternoon at their regular meeting, the program will be in charge of the committee on music, Mrs. Edgar Lewis being the chairman. A paper

on the "Oratorio," will be read by Miss Nannie Ames, and owing to recent presentation of the Elijah in the city, more than usual interest is felt in it. Last music day at Terrace Hill was such an undoubted treat to the club that the coming program is eagerly anticipated.

The Des Moines Daily News

May 19, 1891

The fortnightly meeting of the women's club will occur at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, preceded by a meeting of the board of directors at 2:30 p. m. Business of the utmost importance is to be transacted and it is hoped that there will be a full board meeting. At the literary session Miss Ames will read a paper on "The Oratorio," the music committee, Mrs. Edgar Lewis chairman being in charge.

The Iowa State Register

May 20, 1891

The Woman's Club will hold its regular session today at 3 p. m. in the club rooms. A paper by Miss Ames, Subject "The Oratorio," will be presented. The board of directors will meet at 2:30 p. m.

The Daily Iowa Capital

May 20, 1891

The Women's club will hold its regular session today at 3:30 p. m. in the club rooms. A paper by Miss Ames on the "Oratorio" will be presented. The board of directors will meet at 2:30 p. m.

The Daily Iowa Capital

May 22, 1891

The regular meeting of the Woman's club Wednesday was preceded by a business session of the board of directors. The current topic committee opened the program with an interesting talk by Mrs. Dr. Carter on the recent views concerning the use of the oyster and also its culture. The regular program was in charge of Mrs. Edgar Lewis who in a brief address introduced Miss Ames who gave the paper of the afternoon. Her subject, The Oratorio, was most fully as well as ably treated. Owing to the threatening weather the discussion following it was very short. Mrs. Alverson, chairman of the art committee, at their meeting at the close of the club session, assigned a paper to Mrs. Lewis, for next year, the subject being the "World's Worship in Stone". Another one will probably be given by Mrs. J. H. Windsor.

The Mail & Times

May 23, 1891

Mesdames Tac Hussey, I. Hillis, Rose Ankeny-Lewis, Abdill, Berryhill, S. Goodrell, J. A. T. Hull, Frank Green, H. C. Alverson, S. A. Robertson, C. E. Risser, Ruttkey, Bibbins, Bailey, Durley and Miss Rachel Clark, assisted by Mrs. Frisbie, received

300 callers at the Y. M. C. A. art hall and Women's Club rooms last Saturday afternoon, dispensing cocoa, tea and cake with their charming and pardonably proud hospitality. The Women's Club and Art Gallery, consisting of four rooms and a kitchen are on the fifth floor of the Y. M. C. A. and will some day be reached by the promised elevator. Last Saturday the guests bravely climbed the five flights of stairs but the receiving ladies did more than this as they carried their china, silver, cake, linen and beverages, even the water--to the appointments. A gas stove in the kitchen seemed like a luxury and served the double purpose of boiling the cocoa and tea and dish water. The Art hall and decorating in the rooms of the Women's Club were very much admired by the three hundred climbers. Some philanthropic citizens with money to bequeath to the public weal should make the Y. M. C. A. the present of an elevator since there is little hope of one being provided otherwise until the debt of \$31.000 on the building has been wiped out.

The Des Moines Daily News June 1, 1891

The Des Moines Women's Club will hold its regular meeting at 3 o'clock Wednesday, at which time Miss Joella Gowdy of the history committee will read a paper on "Egyptian Civilization." An important meeting of the directors will be held at 2:30 P. M. Wednesday.

The Daily Iowa Capital

June 2, 1891

The Des Moines Women's club will hold its regular meeting at 3 o'clock Wednesday, at which time Miss Joella Gowdy, of the history committee, will read a paper on, "Egyptian Civilization." An important meeting of the directors will be held at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday.

The Daily Iowa Capital

June 3, 1891

The Des Moines Women's Club will hold its regular annual meeting at 3 o'clock today, at which time Miss Joella Gowdy, of the history committee, will read a paper on "Egyptian Civilization." An important meeting of the directors will be held at 2:30 p. m.

The Iowa State Register

June 3, 1891

The Women's Club will hold its regular meeting today at 3 p. m. in the club rooms. A paper on "Egyptian Civilization" will be presented by Miss Joella Gowdy. The board of directors will meet at 2:30 p. m. in the club rooms.

The Des Moines Daily News

June 12, 1891

The Women's club will hold a picnic Wednesday, June 17th, at Mrs. Callanan's at 3 p. m. Members are requested to bring a spoon and plate in well filled baskets.

Harry Polk, Harry Rawson, Nellie Rawson, Will Johns, Jay Tine,
The Daily Iowa Capital, June 16, 1891

The Des Moines Women's Club will hold a picnic on Wednesday, June 17, at 3 P. M. Members are requested to bring a spoon and plate in well filled baskets.

The Des Moines Daily News

June 17, 1891

The Des Moines Woman's Club holds a social at the home of Mrs. Callanan this afternoon.

September 5, 1891

Major Hoyt Sherman fell in a faint in the post-office lobby on Monday afternoon and the report was speedily circulated about town by the sensationalists that he had dropped dead like ex-mayor Sneer. It was simply a fainting attack caused by a stagnation of blood at the base of Major Sherman's brain, a not serious ailment for which he has been under the treatment of a Philadelphia expert for one or two years, and from which he ultimately expects to recover. The faintings are caused by over exertion in the heat, and Major Sherman on Monday unthinkingly exercised himself beyond his physical endurance. He was all right again in a few hours and has since been about town and his affairs as usual.

Mail and Times

September 12, 1891

The party at Sherman place Saturday night was a ghostly affair, the carriages depositing sheet and pillow case gowned occupants at the threshold. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sherman and Mrs. Maude Polk received and chaperoned the guests, about twenty-five young couples, the party being given in honor of Miss Jordan, of Cincinnati, who has been summering with Miss Nellie. A highly enjoyable dance program of some twenty numbers was divided by unmasking and partaking of a sumptuous supper of salads, sandwiches, jells, cream, coffee and confections. Miss Nellie and Miss Jordan left Wednesday evening for Cincinnati, where the former resumes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Wiborg on Clifton Heights and continues in a private school. Miss Jordan is the daughter of a noted Cincinnati lawyer and a neighbor of Miss Sherman's and the young ladies have been inseparable companions. The following is Miss Nellie and Mr. Arthus's list last Saturday evening; Miss Jennie Fowle and Clara Ashley, of Iowa City; Miss Ada Hemingway, of Rock Island; Miss Nellie Johnson, of St. Joseph; Misses Margaret Christey, Merle Marine, Della Marquardt, Emily Foote, Alice Hills, Frances Knight, Louise Elbert, Louise Gilmore, Winnie Lucas, Alice and Lora Ankeny, Wills Welling, Beulah Hubbell, Helen Getchell, Kate Cummins, Allie Wingate, Flossy Wingate, Miss Miller, Miss Ansbach, Ruth Carpenter, Clara Blow, Mrs. John Polk, Ella Allen, Mell Howell, Bazelle Hatch, Anna and Nettie Wyman, Miss Anderson, Jefferson, Henrietta Grinnell and Nellie Rawson. Messrs Albert Tuttle, Joel Tuttle, John Tuttle, Craig Wright, Harry Hewitt,

Harry Polk, Harry Rawson, Hollis Rawson, Will Johns, Jay Tone, Will Hazard, Fred McCartney, Robert McCartney, George Messenger, Arthur Liddle, Albert Gates, Ernest Allen, Will Harback, Will Chase, Will Hasket, John Mott, Howard Lucas, Frank Kauffman, Earle Smith, Martin Smith and Robert Osgood.

September 26, 1891

Major Hoyt Sherman has decided against attempting to move his brick mansion down the hill to a frontage on Woodland Avenue, with a view to platting his spacious grounds, now in the center of the city, into residence lots. The Chicago house-moving experts figured that the cost of Major Sherman's proposed change would be in the vicinity of \$10,000. Apropos, the Major will find on his return that the sidewalk botchers have done a characteristic job at the entrance to his grounds on Fifteenth and Woodland. They have bunglingly left a slant that in sleet times will throw pedestrians, and there are also a couple of semi-steps calculated on dark nights to trip people who chance to be unacquainted with that corner, openings just large enough to catch the toe and trip pedestrians. A lady fell violently in this way there one evening this week and it will probably result in a suit for damages against the city. Major Sherman will undoubtedly order the work done over again when he sees the situation.

September 29, 1891

The first meeting of the Des Moines Women's club will occur Wednesday afternoon next at 3 o'clock, to be preceded by a board meeting at 2:30 p. m. The annual address of the president will be given by Mrs. Ella H. Durley, and the historian's report will be read by Mrs. J. G. Day.

The Iowa State Register

October 2, 1891

The first meeting of the year of The Woman's Club was largely attended, both by members and visitors. The programme consisted of the historian's record of the events of the year previous, read by Mrs. Day and the annual address delivered by President Mrs. Ella Hamilton Durley. Mrs. Day's paper was in the lady's best style, and was flavored throughout with a delicious vein of humor. Mrs. Durley, after fully speaking in general of the club, took of the life and character of Margaret Fuller Ossoli. She spoke of her early devotion to intellectual life, of the personal charm she possessed which gathered around in cultured Boston, probably the most select circle that was met and knew each other this side of the water, of the great influence, which by her grace and abilities she wielded, and how that influence had been used to widen the life of the women of the land. Passing then to her life abroad Mrs. Durley spoke of the devotion Margaret Fuller showed to the cause of Italy. Last of all she came to her marriage, her children, and the beautiful side of her character which then shone through. Margaret Fuller, the brightest woman of her time, showed that keen and vivid intellectual life was not incompatible with the noblest of woman's

duties, those that grow out of home relations. Margaret Fuller was the leader of that select band of women of which Julia Ward Howe has come over to this generation, and impressed her ideas on all. Julia Ward Howe was the president of the Woman's Congress which met in this city seven years ago, and as a result of which the Des Moines Women's Club was founded. The connection, therefore between Margaret Fuller and the Des Moines Club was apparent. Mrs. Durley's address gave great pleasure to the ladies and she received many compliments. The regular calender of the year was not ready for distribution but will be out soon.

The Daily Iowa Capital

October 3, 1891

The Woman's club Wednesday, Sept. 30, unanimously extended a vote of thanks to everyone who helped them to make the carnival successful, financially and socially.

Mail and Times

October 3, 1891

The Woman's Club has reorganized for regular work this season and reconvened Wednesday in the Y. M. C. A. hall. The president, Mrs. Ella Hamilton Durley, delivered the annual address, and Mrs. Judge Day read a paper on historical records that was seasoned to the queen's taste with wit. The club season opens very auspiciously.

The Iowa State Register

October 3, 1891

The Women's Club on Wednesday, September 30, unanimously extended a vote of thanks to everyone who helped to make the carnival so successful, financially and socially.

Mail and Times

October 10, 1891

Major Hoyt Sherman attended the Grant monument unveiling in Chicago this week and stopped at the Grand Pacific, where a Herald reporter cornered him and extracted the following interview: "Major Hoyt Sherman of Des Moines is the youngest brother of the famous Sherman family and a member of the Army of Tennessee. Major Sherman said that he does not believe there is any bitterness on the part of his brother towards ex-Governor Foraker of Ohio over the United States senatorship, though the injudicious friends of both may display some acrimony. He was also positive that there is not any ill will on the part of Foraker toward Senator Sherman. Major Sherman stated that prohibition in Iowa was the only issue of importance in the present state campaign there, and that the fight was very bitter in the cities and towns, where it has been found almost impossible to enforce the law against the sale of liquor. In some counties men are fined \$50 for selling a single glass of beer and \$100 for selling two, and yet it is sold every day in the hotels and in the cellars of drug stores. The constables and searchers employed to enforce the law have in many counties proved to be mercenary scoundrels who could be bought off with a \$5 bill." The Herald thereupon savagely scores the law instead of the scoundrels.

The Iowa State Register

October 14, 1891

At two o'clock this morning when a reporter called at the residence of Whiting S. Clark, there had been no particular change. Judge Clark was sleeping, but breathing stertorously and with difficulty. The greatest fears are still entertained.

The Iowa State Register

October 14, 1891

In Boston women enjoy the right of suffrage on school questions, but the experiment has been anything but successful. Last year there was considerable interest taken in the election on account of the question of sectarian in the public schools. An unusually large vote was the result and still in the whole city of three quarters of a million people only 8,292 women were enrolled on the polling list. This fact called out the famous lament of that good woman, Julia Ward Howe, a leader who is respected by all and loved by many, that "women did not vote on the school question more than they do." But if last year Mrs. Howe was discouraged, this year her courage must sink to the point of extinction. The total number of women who have qualified themselves to vote at the coming election is only 1,589 for the whole city. This shows that women in spite of all the agitation that has taken place during a period covering a quarter of a century, do not care. Which in a city like Boston where one naturally expects every lady to feel a deep interest in school questions, only 1,589 women care to exercise the right the right to vote, it must occur to all that the women do not want the right to vote. This is the strongest objection against woman suffrage even in homeopathic doses. It may be urged that men do not take as much interest in school elections as they ought to do. This is probably true, but nevertheless in the same city of Boston, 134, have qualified to vote this year as against 1,589 women.

The Daily Iowa Capital

October 27, 1891

The Women's Club meets tomorrow, Oct. 27th, at 3 p. m. in the club rooms. A paper entitled, "Living Lamps or Literature that Endures" by Mrs. A. B. Billington will be presented.

The Iowa State Register

October 28, 1891

The Women's Club meets today, Oct. 28th, at three p. m. in the club room. A paper entitled, "Living Lamps or Literature that Endures" by Mrs. A. B. Billington will be presented.

The Iowa State Register

November 11, 1891

The Women's Club will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock at their room in the Y. M. C. A. building. A paper on "The Aims of True Education" will be presented by Mrs. Tyler Scoville. The Board of Directors will meet at 2:30 p. m. at the same place.

At the meeting of the Women's club Wednesday afternoon a choice program was carried out which was very greatly enjoyed by the upwards of fifty ladies present. Under the head of Current Topics Mrs. J. H. Windsor gave an interesting sketch of the terrible oppression of the Russian Jews, the spirit of hatred and intolerance toward them coming in for severe censure. Mrs. E. H. Carter as chairman of the committee on education then took charge of the exercises introducing Mrs. Tyler Scoville who read a paper on "Aims of True Education" which for both thought and diction was one of the best of the year. Mrs. Scoville made a strong plea for heart education, placing the spiritual development of the individual, the rounding out of the character in all that makes for nobility of purpose and true living as far beyond any intellectual growth. The superficiality of society and the critical and ungenerous spirit so often found there were denounced in strong terms and a better era was foretold for America. Mrs. Carter followed briefly, presenting the needs for a more symmetrical physical development. The necessity of providing children with a variety of food in order to secure a satisfactory development, the proper clothing of the body, the needful exercise to rightly develop the muscular tissues were points well brought out. President Dwight of Yale was quoted as saying to his students that it was of far more consequence that they learn the binomial theorem as they will have so much use for the former. Dr. Ritchey spoke upon the value of hand training which in these days of much machinery, is becoming a thing of the past. Some cogent reasons for but one daily session of the high school were given by Mrs. S. A. Mariner under the head of practical aids to education. The one session system has been adopted in many of the larger cities and only in one instance has there been a return to the old system and that was inspired by a change in the principal. In large cities pupils are obliged to go long distances and two trips are out of the question, and so irregularity of meals or haste in eating can scarcely be avoided. With one session a day lessons must be prepared at home and pupils gain more self-reliance than when all their preparation must be made under the eye of the teacher. It may be argued in opposition that pupils would not have sufficient opportunity for consulting with teachers on difficult points, but this could be arranged for by setting apart stated hours for that purpose. Mrs. A. L. Frisbie's suggestion in regard to school entertainments for the raising of money given in the evening were in the line of criticism. They were taxing the pupils too severely. It had been her observation in her own family and she spoke as a friend of the public schools that high school pupils had quite enough to do to go through with regular work. These entertainments entailed much extra work. It was equally deplorable whether this work was done in school or out of it. If the board could not get the necessary things for which money was desired, then it would be better that parents should give this money. If they could not afford to do this, much less could they afford to take the time and strength of the children. Others spoke in the same vein, Dr. Gould Fosnes contributed a short paper to the discussion of the day and Mrs. E. E. Hubbard and Mrs. James G. Berryhill also added some valuable thoughts.

Caste on a Republic will be read by Mrs. E. H. Conger. A board meeting will be held at 2:30 p. m.

The Mail & Times

November 28, 1891

At the meeting of the Woman's Club Wednesday afternoon, one of the best written and most interesting papers of the season was read by Mrs. N. B. Raymond on "Women as a Factor in Sociological Reform."

The Iowa State Register

December 8, 1891

The Women's Club on next Wednesday afternoon at their club room in the Y. M. C. A. building will be addressed by Mrs. Whiting S. Clark, member of the Board of Lady Managers of the Columbian Commission from Iowa, upon the women's part in the World's Fair work. Mrs. Clark, without compensation of any kind is devoting a great deal of time to the Columbian Commission, and is determined that Iowa women shall be properly represented. Her ideas will be listened to with interest. Mrs. Stewart Goodrell will also read a paper on "Theosophy."

The Daily Iowa Capital

December 8, 1891

The Woman's club on next Wednesday afternoon, at their club rooms in the Y. M. C. A. building, will be addressed by Mrs. Whiting S. Clark, member of woman's part in the World's fair work. Mrs. Stewart Goodrell will also read a paper on "Theosophy."

The Mail & Times

December 12, 1891

One of the most successful meetings of the Women's Club occurred Wednesday at their rooms in the Y. M. C. A. building. A talk of fifteen minutes was given by Mrs. Whiting Clark on the world's fair and was very interesting. The paper of the afternoon was then given by Mrs. Goodrell, her subject being Theosophy. The paper was well written, well prepared and well read, showing much careful preparation and intimate knowledge of her subject. It was listened to by the club with unabated interest and at its close an extended discussion began. The anti-theosophists were led by Mrs. J. Macomber who made one of the finest extemporaneous addresses ever listened to in the club. Rarely if ever before has the club had such an interesting session throughout as that of Wednesday afternoon.

The Iowa State Register

December 18, 1891

At the next year's meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club, January 6th, Mrs. Whiting S. Clark will deliver an address on "Iowa Women at the Columbian Exposition."

The Iowa State Register

December 22, 1891

Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock will occur the regular meeting of the Des Moines Women's club, when a paper on the "Effects of Caste on a Republic" will be read by Mrs. E. H. Conger. A board meeting will be held at 2:30 p. m.

The Des Moines Leader

January 6, 1892

The Women's Club will hold its regular session today, Jan. 6, at 3 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Henry Plumb, 916 Eighth Street. All members of the club are cordially invited to attend. A paper entitled "Women in Music", will be presented by Mrs. J. B. Hatton.

The Mail and Times

January 9, 1892

The Women's Club instead of holding their meeting in the Y. M. C. A. building were delightfully entertained by Mrs. Henry Plumb at home on Fifth Street, Wednesday afternoon. The program in her charge was devoted to music, and Miss Julia Plumb gave two artistic selections, "THE ELVES at PLAY" and "THE SPINNING SONG" by Rolfe that delighted her audience. Mrs. A. A. Belknap, whose rich voice is always so pleasing gave two vocal selections. The paper of the afternoon on "Women in Music" read by Mrs. Dr. Hatton was very good. In the discussion which followed Mrs. A. B. Cummins, Mrs. Gillette and Miss Rachel Clark under current topics, Mrs. C. O. Nourse read an interesting paper. As the three ladies on this committee were absent, Mrs. H. Sabin was called upon to address the club. In her remarks she called attention to the charitable work of the Chicago Women's Club and suggested that the Des Moines Club was slightly selfish in not going beyond their intellectual work. Several philanthropic ideas were suggested by her, which will result probably in the club doing some such work in the near future. With her address the afternoon program closed.

The Des Moines Leader

January 20, 1892

The Women's Club will meet today Jan. 20 at 3 p. m. in the Club Rooms. A paper entitled "The Poets as History Fillers" will be presented by Mrs. J. C. Cummins.

The Des Moines Register

January 20, 1892

The Woman's will hold its regular session today, Jan. 20, at 3 p. m., in the club room. A paper entitled, "Poets as History Tellers", will be presented by Mrs. J. C. Cummings.

The Des Moines Register

February 2, 1892

Miss Alice French, Octave Thanet, is to be entertained by the Woman's Club at the residence of Mrs. S. A. Robertson's on Pleasant St.

The Des Moines Register

February 3, 1892

The Woman's Club will be entertained at the Mrs. S. A. Robertson's this p. m. at 2:30, 1409 Pleasant St. Miss French of Davenport, Mrs. Dr. Shaeffer of Iowa City, and Mrs. J. Duncan, Fort Dodge will be present. All members of the club are invited to attend.

The Des Moines Leader

February 4, 1892

The Women's Club was entertained yesterday afternoon by Mrs. S. A. Robertson. Among the visiting was Mrs. Charles A. Schaeffer, wife of the president of the State University, who is in the city in connection with the Russian relief Committee's work.

The Mail & Times

February 6, 1892

If the Clerk of the weather had been interviewed and all the fates propitiated, surely the Women's club would not have had a more perfect day than Wednesday for its social gathering. Mrs. Robertson, chairman of the committee, threw open her hospitable home on Pleasant Street for the entertainment of the club, and few more delightful afternoons have ever been enjoyed by them. Hyacinths, roses and carnations adorned the house and the pretty feature of the afternoon was a gift of roses to the visiting ladies. After an enjoyable paper by Mrs. Judge Day, Mrs. Clapp gave a toast on "Clubs" which was wittily responded by J. A. Macomber. Instead of devoting the remainder of the afternoon to music as had been intended, Miss French of Davenport was called upon and gave an interesting talk upon the work done and plan of Russia's starving people. At her suggestion a charity ball was planned by the ladies of the club, The proceeds to be devoted to this object. Delicious refreshments were served, and with the adious of the ladies came many thanks to the hostess and social committee for the enjoyable afternoon.

The Des Moines Daily News

February 9, 1892

The recent meeting of the Woman's Club at the home of Mrs. S. A. Robertson was a red letter day in the history of that popular society. The charming hospitality of the hostess and her corps of assistants from the the members of the social committee, the beautiful parlors tastefully decorated with blooming plants and cut flowers, the presentation of a programme full of wit and wisdom and above all the coterie of elegant ladies entertained as guests on that occasion, all served to make the day one long to be remembered. Among these distinguished guests were Miss Alice French, Davenport, as brilliant as in the social magazines, Mrs. President Schaeffer, Iowa City, Mrs. John F. Duncombe, Ft. Dodge, Miss Boies and Mrs. Senator Yeomans, Sioux City. The programme opened with the reading by Mrs. Judge Day of a letter of regrets from Aunt Foggy, a mythical personage whose occasional communications are greatly enjoyed. Then followed the toast "Our Friends from over the Way," responded to by Mrs. Jay Macomber in a very spirited and highly entertaining manner, after which Miss French spoke for a half-hour on the terrors of famine as experienced now by millions in Russia and the remainder of the afternoon was spent chiefly in discussing methods of helping in this hour of need. Though as a club, these ladies will attempt nothing, yet many of them are all ready members of the auxiliary to the Red Cross and are thereby pledged to do all in their power to help on this good work.

The Des Moines Leader

March 2, 1892

Ira Coak and Hoyt Sherman are a committee, to take charge of any funds which may be contributed in this city for the purpose of securing an oil Portrait of Bishop Lee, a pioneer church man of Iowa, to be painted if possible by an Iowa artist and have a place in the State House. Bishop Perry is at the head of the movement.

The Mail & Times

March 5, 1892

Mrs. H. C. Alverson's residence on Fourth Street was thrown open Wednesday for the entertainment of the Women's Club. The program for the afternoon was opened in current topics. Mrs. F. A. Percival, as chairman of the committee, gave a short talk on "Bon Marche" and "Bouciault" and was followed by Miss Rachel Clarke in a comprehensive review of current events. The regular program for the afternoon was in charge of Mrs. Wyman, chairman of the literary committee. She introduced Mrs. Durley who read the paper of the afternoon on Louisa Alcott, prepared by Mrs. Berryhill. Few papers presented heretofore to the club have been given such a reception as that accorded to her's on Wednesday. Written in a forceable and elegant style, the diction was at all times smooth and easy. Yet the peculiar charm of the writer, her sympathy and insight into the life of the gifted author, made itself felt and had a wonderful effect on the audience, moving many of them to tears. Mrs. Berryhill though wintering in the South seemed to be present for so thorough and complete were all her arrangements for the afternoon, this program being in her charge. In her beautiful sketch of Miss Alcott the chief enjoyment of the afternoon was found, though much pleasure was taken in the poems following it, several of them being also selected by Mrs. Berryhill, the one, "To My Mother" was effectively read by Miss Addie Billington. Mrs. W. W. Witmer followed her in that charming piece of humor, "The Gray Goose", written by Miss Alcott while in Switzerland, and wherein she likens herself to the gray goose that laid the golden egg. Mrs. Gillette read an ode "To Thoreau." The members of the club were profuse in their thanks to Mrs. Alverson for so kindly entertaining them and to Mrs. Berryhill for preparing such an enjoyable program.

The Des Moines Daily Capital

March 12, 1892

The following board of directors has been chosen by the Des Moines Women's Club for the ensuing year: Mesdames Abdill, Berryhill, Callanan, Clapp, Dr. Carter, A. B. Cummins, Day, Durley, Edmonson, Frisbie, Gatch, Getchell, Goode, Hubbard, Hussey, Lewis, Macomber, McCord, Risser, Rutkay, Sabin, Thummel, Windsor, Witmer and Miss Clarke. The new board has elected the following officers: President, Mrs. James G. Berryhill; Vice-President, Mrs. E. R. Clapp; Secretary, L. B. Abdill; Treasurer, Miss R. C. Clarke.

and Mrs. J. W. Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lighty, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Kottke, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Houser, and Mr. and Mrs. Harfield, Mr. and Mrs. Harry West, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Will Marquardt, Mr. and Mrs. Green, Mr. and Mrs. J. B.

The Des Moines Leader March 12, 1892

At the regular meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club the following board of directors was chosen: Mesdames Abdill; Berryhill; Callanan; Clapp; Dr. Carter; A. B. Cummins; Day; Durley; Edmundson; Frisbie; Gatch; Getchell; Goode; Hubbard; Hussey; Lewis; Macomber; McCord; Risser; Ruttkay; Sabin, Thummel, Windsor, Witmer, and Miss Clarke.

The Mail & Times March 19, 1892

The regular meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club was held Wednesday in their rooms Y. M. C. A. building. The program opened with a half hour devoted to current topics by Mrs. Frank Green, being the chairman. On current events brief talks were given by Mrs. Reichard and Mrs. Begum. An interesting sketch of Hamil Garland and a comprehensive review of his book, "Main Traveled Roads" was given by Mrs. Edgar Lewis. The regular program for the afternoon was in charge of Mrs. Doctor Carter, chairman of the educational committee. She introduced Mrs. Marine, who presented an excellent paper to the club on the "Practical Utility" of Higher Education." In the discussions which followed, Mrs. Doctor Frisbie, Mrs. Hubbard, Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Cook and Miss Matthews took an active part. The program with a reading by Mrs. Carter of a letter from Mrs. B. L. Harding on the subject of higher education, special attention being given to the work accomplished by the trained nurses.

The Des Moines Register March 23, 1892

The district Court has dissolved the temporary injunction restraining the Woman's Club from constructing an iron grating across a hallway in the Y. M. C. A. building. The injunction was secured by the management of the Iowa Business College, which has rooms in the same building and desired the hall for the of his students.

The Mail & Times March 26, 1892

The last of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Mitchell's series of parties occurred last Friday evening, with progressive euchre was the order of the evening. The house as before was abundantly trimmed with flowers - carnations, marigolds and hyacinths predominating. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell were assisted by Mrs. Ed Cox, Miss Eva Williams and the Misses Howell. Ten tables were surrounded and the prizes consisted of exquisite handpainted cup and saucer and bonboniere with seconds of books. They were won by Mrs. J. S. Clark, Mr. A. D. Crain, Mr. E. R. Clapp, Mr. Norman Lichty and Mr. A. E. Clark. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Christy, Mr. and Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Clapp, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lichty, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Knotts, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nourse, and Mr. and Mrs. Warfield, Mr. and Mrs. Harry West, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Will Marquardt, Mr. and Mrs. Green, Mr. and Mrs. J. S.

Carter, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Clark, Dr. and Mrs. McCarty, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Talbott, Mr. Orson Luin, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Crain, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Marquardt, Mrs. Fannie Brown, Mrs. B. C. Israel, Mrs. Jennie Bowe, Mrs. Guthrie, Cheyenne, and Mrssrs. Fracker, Clint Nourse and Stevenson.

The Des Moines Leader

March 30, 1892

The Women's Club will hold its regular session today, March 30 at 3 p. m. at the Club rooms. The afternoon will be in charge of Mrs. D. G. Edmundson, chairman of woman's work, a paper on Zenanna work will be presented by Dr. Frances Carrothers. A board meeting will be held at 2:30 p. m. to elect the chairmen of the various committees.

The Mail & Times

April 2, 1892

The Women's Club held their regular meeting Wednesday afternoon, the ladies having five long flights of stairs to ascend before reaching their rooms in the Y. M. C. A. building. On current topics Mrs. Tac Hussey and Mrs. Frank Green gave very interesting talks, the former on Women's work and what they were doing, many interesting items being told by her. The latter gave a bright account of an electric railway that is being planned between Chicago and St. Louis. Mrs. Edmundson the chairman of the committee on women's work introduced Dr. Frances Corouthers who read the paper of the afternoon. It commanded the closest attention of the audience being a "zenani" work a topic that appeals strongly to the sympathies of educated people. In the discussion that followed Mrs. Doctor Frisbie and Mrs. James took part. During the latter part of the afternoon Mr. Huntington and the noted Turkish scholar Dr. Actenai came in. Dr. Actenai spoke at length on the relation of philosophy to everyday life which was enthusiastically received by the ladies. He has been recently giving lectures in Moline, Davenport and Rock Island with great success. Those interested in the university extension lectures are greatly in hopes that the gentleman in charge will add a course on philosophy by him to that of natural science. He will give a course of Greek lectures beginning with the time of Thales and extending down to a comparison of Ne-platonism with christianity. He makes it a point to show how each school of philosophy is a growth of its predecessor. Later of course of general philosophy to be followed perhaps by a course in practical ethics will be given. As a Ph. D. of Ann Arbor under Professor John Dewey who is undoubtedly at the head of the department of philosophy in this country he could not be excelled in these lectures and they would add greatly to the university extension course.

The Des Moines Leader

April 13, 1892

The board of Directors of the Women's Club, which has its regular meeting at three p. m. today, meets at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Robertson, and Mrs. J. G. Berryhill.

The Des Moines Leader

April 14, 1892

The woman's club will hold its regular session today, April 13, at 3 p. m. at the club rooms. The program will be in charge of Mrs. Tac Hussey.

The Des Moines Leader

April 30, 1892

Previous to the literary session of the Women's Club, the board met and it was decided to send Mrs. J. Macomber as a delegate to the Federation of Clubs in Chicago, May 11-13, also the President of the Club, Mrs. E. H. Durley. Mrs. E. H. Carter was elected secretary of the Club for the coming year, and to fill the vacancy in the board caused by the resignation of Mrs. C. H. Getchell, Mrs. T. M. Walker was chosen. The following chairmen of committees for the ensuing year were also elected. Art, Mrs. Stewart Goodrell; Literature, Mrs. W. H. Bailey; Education, Mrs. S. A. Marine; Woman's Topics, Mrs. Frank Vorse; Political economy, Mrs. Stella B. Morse; Music, Mrs. Howard A. Johnson; history, Mrs. Julia M. Hunting; social, Mrs. Harry West; current topics, Mrs. R. R. Peters and Mrs. W. T. Clark.

The Mail & Times

May 9, 1892

Mrs. E. R. Clapp, Mrs. F. A. Percival, Mrs. J. K. Macomber, Mrs. Ella Hamilton Durley, Mrs. R. R. Peters, Mrs. S. A. Robertson and Mrs. J. G. Berryhill, members of the Women's club of Des Moines, left this morning for Chicago to attend the federation of Women's clubs. Mrs. Berryhill will accompany the delegation and continue to Arenx City to visit.

The Mail & Times

May 10, 1892

The Des Moines Women's Club will meet in the Y. M. C. A. parlors on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The programme will be in the hands of Mrs. Henry Plumb, chairman of the music committee, and the paper will be by Mrs. Dr. Potter on the subject "Old Violins."

The Des Moines Daily Capital?

May 10, 1892

A delegation from the Woman's club of Des Moines, left yesterday for Chicago, to attend the Federation of Women's clubs. The party consisted of Mrs. E. R. Clapp, F. A. Percival, E. Durley, R. R. Peters, D. A. Robertson and J. G. Berryhill.

The Des Moines Register

May 10, 1892

The delegates of the Woman's Club of Des Moines, chaperoned by Honorable J. G. Berryhill, left yesterday for Chicago, to attend the Federation of Women's Clubs. The party consisted of Mrs. E. R. Clapp, F. A. Percival, E. Durley, R. R. Peters, E. A. Robertson, and Mrs. J. G. Berryhill.

The Des Moines Leader of Clubs in Chicago was pr May 10, 1892

Mrs. J. K. Macomber left yesterday for Chicago where she goes as a delegate from the Des Moines Woman's Club to the Federation of Woman's Clubs.

The Des Moines Leader May 11, 1892

The Woman's Club will hold its regular session today in the parlors of the Y. M. C. A. The music committee will have charge of the afternoon. A paper entitled "Old Violins" will be presented by Mrs. H. C. Potter.

The Mail & Times Mrs. C. H. Gatchell's on Grand May 14, 1892

The Woman's Club held their regular meeting Wednesday afternoon in the Y. M. C. A. building with a goodly number of members in attendance. Owing to the absence in Chicago of the president and vice-president the meeting was called to order by Mrs. Dr. Carter, the secretary, and Mrs. Ruttkay was elected temporary chairman. Under the current topics committee an unusually large amount of interesting items were brought up. Mrs. T. M. Walker spoke of the Red Cross movement and Clara Barton's book on Women's Work, Miss Vorce on several subjects of interest among them being a Chicago school for boys, and Mrs. Rose Lewis on current topics in musical circles. Mrs. Carter read an article on the Federation of Clubs from the Chicago Tribune which was very interesting. The regular program of the afternoon was on music. Mrs. Henry Plumb being the chairman of the committee. She introduced Mrs. Potter who read the paper of the afternoon "Old Violins" in which especial mention of the Italian school was made. Mrs. Lewis followed her with a description of those of the German school. Miss Rachael Clark of the French school and Mrs. Plumb of the English and American schools. Mrs. A. B. Cummins gave a very interesting article on the "Great Violinists." Mrs. Plumb in her address on the various collections and their values also added a fund of information to the afternoon's program. It was closed by Mrs. A. B. Cummins reading a charming poem on "My Violin" and in the history of the club few afternoons have proved more enjoyable than that of Wednesday devoted to musical topics.

The Des Moines Leader

May 25, 1892

The Des Moines Women's club meets at 3 o'clock in the parlors of the Y. M. C. A. The afternoon will be in charge of the history committee. A paper entitled "China as painted by themselves" and another on the history of the middle kingdom will be presented by Mrs. Stella B. Morse.

The Mail & Times

May 28, 1892

The Women's Club held their regular meeting Wednesday afternoon in the Y. M. C. A. building. A report of the work done at

the recent Federation of Clubs in Chicago was presented by Mrs. J. K. Macomber who attended the meeting as Des Moines' delegate. Interesting remarks were made upon the same subject by Mrs. Peters. In current topics, Mrs. Stewart Goodrell gave a brief talk on China. The paper of the afternoon prepared and read by Mrs. Morse, was "China as Painted by Themselves and Others." It was a splendid description of the Chinese Empire, and the way in which it was looked upon by the Chinese and Americans. In the forcible discussion that ensued, Mrs. Bailey led the talk by giving a vivid description of the importation of opium into India by the British soldiers. Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. Frisbie also gave interesting talks, Mrs. Frisbie being in favor of christianizing the Chinese. A crying need in China is Chinese missionaries to teach them the Christian religion. The discussion closed the program for the afternoon, the club adjourning to meet again and picnic a week from Wednesday at Mrs. C. H. Getchell's on Grand Avenue.

The Mail & Times

May 31, 1892

An important meeting of the board of directors of the Des Moines Women's Club will be held tomorrow, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A full meeting is greatly desired.

The Des Moines Leader

June 4, 1892

The Women's Club will be entertained at the home of Mrs. Harry West next Wednesday afternoon instead of meeting at the home of Mrs. Getchell.

The Des Moines Leader

June 5, 1892

The Des Moines Women's Club will be entertained by Mrs. Harry West on Greenwood Avenue Wednesday, June 8, at 3 p. m. by the social committee.

The Des Moines Register

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The Des Moines Register

June 8, 1892

The Des Moines Women's Club will be entertained this afternoon at 3 o'clock by the social committee at the home of Mrs. Henry Wise on Greenwood Drive.

The Des Moines Register

June 10, 1892

"At a swell reception to the D. M. W. C. yesterday," says an evening Harrison paper, "a straw vote was taken showing 39

votes for Harrison and 19 for Blane. "The swell" reception was held at the home of a noted Democrat and a large majority of the ladies were Democrats. The Register's authority is one of the democratic ladies who was present and voted for Harrison.

The Iowa State Register

June 11, 1892

The Gue portrait of Bishop Lee is on exhibition at L. B. Abdill's store window.

The Des Moines Leader

June 15, 1892

The board of directors of the D. M. W. C. will hold a meeting this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Savery Hotel with Mrs. A. B. Cummins.

The Iowa State Register

June 24, 1892

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cummins on West Grand Avenue are the happy parents of a baby boy, which arrived at their home Wednesday night. Mother and child are doing well. Mr. Cummins is the popular secretary of the Iowa Equitable Insurance Company, and is so happy over the event that he put in the day yesterday telling his friends all about it--about how much it weighed and how much it looked like his father.

General Cyrus Bussey, assistant secretary of Interior, Washington D. C. is in the city visiting his daughter, Mrs. Izaak Lea Hillis, at 1776 Fourth Avenue.

The Des Moines Leader

September 27, 1892

The Des Moines Women's Club will hold its first meeting at 3 o'clock Wednesday in the parlors of the Central Church of Christ. The president, Mrs. J. G. Berryhill will deliver her annual address and the historian, Mrs. J. G. Day will make a valuable and interesting report.

The Des Moines Leader

September 29, 1892

The Women's Club held its first meeting yesterday afternoon in the parlors of the Christian Church. About seventy-five members were in attendance who began the winter's work with much enthusiasm. The afternoon opened with the annual address led by the president Mrs. J. G. Berryhill. It was an exceptionally fine address, not only in its literary merit but in the manner of delivery. Mrs. Judge Day then gave an interesting history of the work of the Club for the past year. The program closed with a beautiful address made by the retiring president, Mrs. Ella Hamilton Durley.

The Des Moines Leader

October 12, 1892

The Des Moines Women's Club will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the parlors of the Christian Church. "American Art" is the subject of the day. Admission to visitors 25¢. Board meeting at 2 o'clock. (note: First record of paid admission to Des Moines Women's Club.)

The Mail & Times

October 15, 1892

The second meeting of the Women's Club occurred Wednesday afternoon at the parlors of the Christian Church. The program was in charge of Miss Stewart Goodrell, chairman of the art committee. A paper on ("American art and the Artists of the Present Century") was read by Mrs. Lafe Young and was pronounced one of the finest papers ever given before the club. In the discussion that followed Mrs. Jaquith, Mrs. Dr. Frisbie, and Mrs. W. T. Thummell, made some interesting remarks. The attendance was very large, a number of the members of the Marshalltown Women's Club being present as well as a good many of the P. E. O. delegates. The next meeting will occur a week from Wednesday, the program being in charge of the educational committee.

The Mail & Times

October 22, 1892

The Women's Club will meet on Wednesday at the parlors of the Christian Church. The program is in charge of Mrs. F. A. Percival, chairman of Women's Work committee. A paper on ("Woman in Philanthropy") will be read by Mrs. Henry Sabin.

The Des Moines Daily News

October 29, 1892

Those who were so fortunate as to be present at the Women's Club, Wednesday, enjoyed a most delightful afternoon. Mrs. Peters of the current topics committee called upon Mrs. Thummell who discussed Gladstone and his cabinet. Mrs. Wyman gave items and statistics concerning the world's fair and Mrs. Durley spoke regarding Des Moines' plans for an exhibit at the exposition. The afternoon was then given over to the literature committee of which Mrs. W. H. Baily is chairman. She announced the subject of the day to be Nathaniel Hawthorne, and then introduced Mrs. H. L. Stetson, who held her listeners enraptured from the opening to the close of her exquisite analysis and delineation of Hawthorne's genius, character and productions. To her delightful subject she lent a golden light, delicious humor, touching pathos and womanly appropriation of Hawthorne's ideal family life, in harmony with her own personality, and utterly beyond the reporter to reproduce. It was a most ideal and artistic paper, charmingly real and the applause that followed but faintly expressed the satisfaction of the listeners. Mrs. E. E. Hubbard gracefully and fittingly led on the thoughts of the club to a sketch of Julian Hawthorne, and an acute criticism of his literary work. Mrs. Louise Hughes gave a delightful talk on Rose Hawthorne Lathrop and Hawthorne's connection with and associates at Brook Farm, throwing much light on the

Brook Farm scheme and Hawthorne's life there. Mrs. McCord in her characteristic and able way gave a fine review of Blithedale Romance. Mrs. Wallace in her finely appreciative and beautiful remarks on Hawthorne, paid a lovely tribute to that wonderful soul, and most appropriately closed a programme of unusual excellence and originality. The club added to its membership as follows: Mrs. John Trepanier, Mrs. T. N. Newell, Mrs. Martha Stevens, Miss Mary McClelland and Miss Louise Baily.

The Des Moines Daily News was especially in November 8, 1892

Regular meeting of the Woman's club occurs Wednesday, November 9, at 3 p. m. at Central Christian church. Programme in charge of Mrs. Marine, chairman of the committee on education. The papers will be as follows: "Learning in Queen Isabella's Time", Mrs. A. L. Frisbie; "Education in the Colonies", Miss Margaret Cox, and "Education in the United States", Miss Elizabeth K. Matthews.

The Des Moines Leader of the Woman's Club November 8, 1892

The Women's Club will hold its regular meeting Wednesday afternoon in the parlors of the Christian church. Mrs. S. A. Marine, who is chairman of the committee on education, will have charge of the program. A paper on "Education in the United States" will be given by Miss Elizabeth Matthews. One on "Education in the Colonies" by Miss Margaret Cox and "Learning in Queen Isabella's Time," will be given by Mrs. A. L. Frisbie.

The Des Moines Leader at 2 o'clock. November 9, 1892

Regular meeting of the Women's Club will occur Wednesday, November 9th at 3 p. m., at the Central Christian Church. Program in charge of Mrs. Marine, chairman of committee on education. The papers will be as follows; "Learning in Queen Isabella's Time," Mrs. A. L. Frisbie; "Education in the Colonies," Miss Margaret Cox; and "Education in the United States", Miss Elizabeth K. Matthews.

The Iowa State Register is very good. In the November 9, 1892

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At the meeting of the Woman's Club next Wednesday afternoon at the Christian Church, the program will be in charge of Mrs. Frank Vorce, chairman of the Miscellaneous Topic Committee.

The Des Moines Daily Capital November 10, 1892

An interesting program was listened to by the members of the Woman's Club and their friends yesterday afternoon. The committee on education had the day's proceedings in charge. Mrs. Marine, as chairman, introduced Mrs. A. L. Frisbie, who, in her inimitable style delivered a rare address on "Learning in Isabella's Time." Miss Margaret Cox read a carefully prepared paper on "Education in the Colonies," followed by a thoughtful production on "Education in the United States." "Current Topics," under R. R. Peters' leadership, was especially interesting. Mrs. A. B. Cummins, giving a most pleasing sketch of the recent Arctic exploration, and Mrs. W. E. Ballard a delightful talk on "The Parliament of all Religion," to convene in Chicago next year animated discussion followed, led by Mrs. Billington.

The Des Moines Leader November 20, 1892

In the parlors of the Christian Church the Woman's Club will hold its regular meeting Wednesday afternoon. The program is in charge of the chairman of the Woman's Committee, Mrs. F. A. Percival. Mrs. Henry Sabin will read a paper on "Woman in Philanthropy."

The Des Moines Daily News November 22, 1892

Regular meeting of the Women's club Wednesday, November 23, 3 p. m. at Christian church parlors. The programme is in charge of Mrs. F. A. Percival, chairman of the woman's work committee. A paper on "Woman in Philanthropy" will be read by Mrs. Henry Sabin. Board meeting at 2 o'clock.

The Mail & Times November 26, 1892

The Woman's club held their regular meeting Wednesday afternoon in the parlors of the Christian Church. The current topics were in charge of Mrs. W. T. Clark and some interesting facts concerning the election of popes were given by Miss Mary McClelland. Mrs. Percival, chairman of Woman's Work committee introduced Mrs. Henry Sabin. She gave the paper of the afternoon on (Woman in Philanthropy), and it was very good. In the discussion that followed Mrs. Edmundson, Mrs. C. E. Risser, Mrs. Ruttkay, Mrs. Macomber and others participated. At the next meeting the program will be in charge of Mrs. Frank Vorse, chairman of the Miscellaneous Topics.

The Mail & Times December 3, 1892

At the meeting of the Woman's Club next Wednesday afternoon at the Christian Church, the program will be in charge of Mrs. Frank Vorse, chairman of the Miscellaneous Topic Committee.

Papers will be given by Mrs. Frank Green and Dr. Jessie Ritchie.

The Des Moines Leader

December 6, 1892

The woman's Club will meet Wednesday afternoon and the program will be in charge of the miscellaneous topics committee. Papers on England and Germany and South Africa will be read by Mrs. Frank Green and Dr. Jessie Ritchey.

The Des Moines Leader

December 7, 1892

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club will be held Wednesday, December 7, at 3 p. m., at the Christian Church parlors. Mrs. Frank Vorse, chairman of the committee on miscellaneous topics, has charge of the programme. Papers on "England and Germany in South Africa" will be read by Mrs. Frank Green and Dr. Jessie Ritchey. There will be a meeting of the board of directors after the adjournment of the club.

The Mail & Times

December 10, 1892

The Woman's club held their regular meeting Wednesday afternoon at the parlors of the Christian church. The program was in charge of Mrs. Vorse, chairman of the Miscellaneous Topics committee. The papers of the afternoon were on Germany and England in South Africa. Dr. Jessie Ritchie gave an interesting account of the German occupation in Africa. Owing to the absence of Mrs. Frank Green, her paper on the English in South America was read by Mrs. Vorse it was exceptionally well prepared and was one of the best papers ever presented before the club. The Woman's club have disposed of their quarters in the Y. M. C. A. building and expect when able to erect a club-house of their own.

The Des Moines Leader

December 15, 1892

At the last meeting of the Des Moines Woman's Club Mrs. Berryhill read an invitation from the woman's club of Marshalltown, asking the attendance of the Des Moines organization at the meeting today of the Marshalltown club. Mrs. Henry Sabin and other Des Moines members of the club left yesterday afternoon for Marshalltown, where they will enjoy the entertainment of one of the very intellectual ladies organizations of the literary nature in the entire state.

The Mail & Times

December 17, 1892

The Woman's club will hold its regular meeting next Wednesday in the parlors of the Christian church. The program is in charge of Mrs. Stella B. Morse, chairman of the political economy committee. A paper on civil service reform will be given by Mrs. Virginia Richard.

The Des Moines Daily News

December 20, 1892

Regular meeting of the Woman's club Wednesday, December 21, at 3 p. m. at the Central Christian church. Mrs. Morse chairman of committee on political economy has charge of the programme. A paper will be read by Mrs. Virginia Reichard on "Civil Service Reform." Meeting of the board of directors at 2 o'clock.

The Iowa State Register

January 4, 1893

The Des Moines Leader

December 20, 1892

The Women's Club will meet tomorrow afternoon in the parlors of the Central Christian Church. The program will be in charge of Mrs. Stella B. Morse, chairman of the committee on political economy. Mrs. Virginia Reichard will read a paper on "Civil Service Reform."

January 6, 1893

The Des Moines Leader

December 21, 1892

Regular meeting of the Women's Club, Wednesday, December 21 at 3 p. m., at Central Christian Church. Mrs. Morse, chairman of the committee on political economy has charge of the programme. A paper will be read by Mrs. Virginia Reichard on "Civil Service Reform." Meeting of the Board of Directors at 2 o'clock.

The Mail & Times

December 24, 1892

Owing to the approach of Christmas the regular meeting of the woman's club was but slimly attended Wednesday afternoon at the Christian church. Current Topics were in charge of Mrs. W. T. Clark and in accordance with the season, Mrs. C. E. Risser gave some interesting information on Christmas pictures and Mrs. Edmundson on the monetary affairs of the world. The regular program was in charge of Mrs. Stella B. Morse, chairman of political economy committee. A comprehensive and well written paper on Civil Service Reform was read by Mrs. Virginia Reichard. In the discussion that followed Mrs. Gillette and others participated. With but thirty-four in attendance Wednesday afternoon meeting probably was the smallest that has occurred since the club has reached its present large membership.

The Des Moines Daily News

January 3, 1893

Regular meeting of the Woman's Club Wednesday, January 4, at 3 p. m., at Central Christian Church. Mrs. Howard Johnston, chairman of the music committee, has charge of the programme. Mrs. Grefe will read a paper on "Music as an Educational Factor."

January 14, 1893

The Woman's club will meet next Wednesday afternoon at the Christian Church. The program is in charge of Mrs. Julia M. Huntington, chairman of the historic committee, and a paper on the Revolutionary War will be read by Mrs. L. F. Andrews.

The Des Moines Leader

January 4, 1893

Regular meeting of the Women's Club Wed., Jan. 4, at 3 p. m. at Central Christian Church. Mrs. Howard Johnson, chairman of the music committee has charge of the program. A paper on "Music as an Educational Factor" will be read by Mrs. Grefe.

The Iowa State Register

January 4, 1893

The regular meeting of the women's club will be held at 3 p. m. at the Central Christian Church. Mrs. Howard Johnston chairman of the musical committee has charge of the program. A paper on "Music Educational Factor" will be read by Mrs. Grefe.

January 6, 1893

The Women's Club is indebted to Mrs. Howard A. Johnston and the music committee of which she is chairman for what was pronounced by all a very charming session on Wednesday afternoon. After a discussion of the events of the day by Mrs. E. E. Hughes, who spoke with ease and fluence and excellent discrimination. Mrs. Johnston introduced Mrs. Al Grefe, who read a paper on "Music as an Educational Factor." The subject was treated with thoroughness and artistic finish. It could only have been written by one possessing a real love for the best music and a keen sense of what is fine in the art. Mrs. Grefe believes that music should form a part of everyone's education; that it is essential to the highest development of the individual, and that the question of a special aptitude for the study is one of minor importance. The mental characteristics which are strengthened in securing a good musical education are the very same which will lead to success in other departments of knowledge. To say that a child does not have time for music when engaged in regular school duties is to argue illogically since music, if properly pursued, is a means of rest and recreation, and will become more and more so as the irksomeness of practice wears away. Music is essential to a perfect home life. It aids more than does any other one thing to home enjoyment. At the close of Mrs. Grefe's admirable paper, Mrs. S. S. Stephenson was introduced and sang "Pierrot" very beautifully. She also favored the club with two other selections, closing with a charming rendition of a familiar Scotch ballad. Mrs. C. O. Nourse also sang in a very enjoyable manner a serenade song. Mrs. J. K. Wilson led the discussion in a brief talk on sacred music, and was followed by entertaining talks by Mrs. W. W. Witmer, Mrs. Henry Plumb and others. In the absence of Mrs. Berryhill, Mrs. E. R. Clapp, vice-president, filled the chair.

The Mail & Times

January 14, 1893

The Woman's club will meet next Wednesday afternoon at the Christian Church. The program is in charge of Mrs. Julia M. Hunting, chairman of the historic committee, and a paper on the Revolutionary War will be read by Mrs. L. F. Andrews.

The Des Moines Leader

January 17, 1893

The Women's Club will meet tomorrow afternoon in the parlors of the Central Christian church. The program is in charge of the History committee, Mrs. Julia M. Hunting. Mrs. Elliot Andrews will read a paper on the "Revolutionary War."

The Des Moines Leader

January 18, 1893

Regular meeting of the Women's Club Wed., Jan. 18, at 3 p. m., at Central Church. Mrs. Hunting, chairman of the History committee has charge of the program. A paper on "Revolutionary War" will be read by Mrs. Andrews.

The Mail & Times

January 21, 1893

The Woman's club held its regular meeting Wednesday afternoon in the parlors of the Central Church of Christ. The program was in charge of Mrs. Hunting, chairman of the history committee. An excellent paper on the Revolutionary War was read by Mrs. F. L. Andrews and followed by an animated discussion.

The Mail & Times

January 28, 1893

The Woman's club will vary its program by a social meeting Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. R. Clapp on Grand Avenue. A play will be given in which several of the parts will be taken by the members of the social committee, of which Mrs. Harry West is chairman. The other ladies of the committee are Mesdames Stewart, Goodrell, Martha C. Callanan, A. B. Cummins, J. J. Towney, S. A. Robertson, A. N. Denman, Walter McCain, B. Harding, E. R. Clapp, J. B. Hatton, C. H. Getchell, J. S. Carter, F. A. Percival, H. C. Potter, E. H. Carter and Fannie Browne.

The Iowa State Register

January 29, 1893

The woman's club will be entertained next Wednesday, Feb. 1 at the beautiful new home of Mrs. E. R. Clapp. The social committee will provide the program. A Greek Drama, (Sappho,) will be given, followed by a social hour, in which refreshments will be served. Each member is privileged to take one guest, and it is desirable that all guests be seated before the play begins, the club is asked to come together at 2 o'clock.

The Iowa State Register

February 1, 1893

Those who are fortunate enough to the Woman's Club or to have an invitation from a member, will see a very pretty little Greek play at the meeting at the elegant new home of Mrs. E. R. Clapp on the Avenue. A stage has been put up and the rooms thrown together and decorated in a very attractive manner.

Iowa State Register

February 3, 1893

SHERMAN HOMESTEAD HISTORY

The sale of the Sherman property to be converted into a new residence plat, recalls some early history. The new addition will be styled Sherman Place and consists of twenty-five lots located on the corner of Fifteenth Street and Woodland Avenue. The property has been in the possession of Major Hoyt Sherman for over forty years and has been occupied as a homestead by him over twenty years.

He bought it for \$115. at the sale of the Pursley estate, and he has now sold it for the neat figure of \$85,000, a very profitable investment. Before Major Sherman built the house at Fifteenth and Woodland Avenue, he lived in a frame house near where Norman Lichty's drug store now stands.

In the summer of 1871 a fire broke out in this block and destroyed every building from Sixth street to the alley and from Walnut to Locust street. At that time Des Moines did not have water works to protect it from fire and when one broke out it meant that everything that was in its reach would be burned unless it was stamped out in its incipency. At the time of the fire above referred to the hose was laid clear to the river to get water. Several cisterns in the streets were pumped dry, and the women and children in the neighborhood drew water from the wells which the men and boys carried in buckets to the fire. The officers of the new company are D. D. Fleming, president W. E. McMillen, vice-president W. H. Harwood sec. R. O. Green treas. and additional directors are W. M. McCain and J. A. Jackson.

The Daily Iowa Capital

February 3, 1893

The Hoyt Sherman homestead on the corner of Fifteenth and Woodland avenue, just east of the old Baptist college tract, was sold to the Sherman Place Land company for \$85,000. The land embraces five acres and includes lots 1 to 25 inclusive. The transfer was made by Mr. Sherman to H. J. Burleigh, who again transferred it to the new company, Cyrus Kirk, as trustee, taking a trust deed for \$40,000. The plat of the tract was subsequently filed with the county recorder. It is understood that the lots will be placed on the market.

The Mail & Times

February 4, 1893

Despite the intense cold of Wednesday the Woman's club with few exceptions, attended the entertainment prepared for them by the social committee at the residence of Mrs. C. R. Clapp, the acting president of the club in Mrs. Berryhill's absence. This is the first time her beautiful new home has been thrown open since its completion and her kindness in entertaining the club was very thoroughly appreciated by the members. Upon entering the house the guests were ushered to the dancing hall which had been arranged for the presentation of the Greek play, "Sappho." The hall was darkened and in front of the stage were found the footlights. The stage set-

things were wonderfully pretty and effective, being appropriate in every particular. The back was draped in black, a Grecian border of gold finished it. Upon the floor were soft rugs while a couch covered with innumerable cushions, Grecian chairs beautiful statuary and other furnishings, gave the stage a most oriental appearance. The play itself is an artistic little Greek drama, and when so excellantly interpreted as on Wednesday, deserves a much higher rank than a mere amateur performance.

Sappho living 600 B. C. founded a school of poetry on the island of Lesbos. So great was her fame that disciples were attached to her court from all over Greece. Among these were Erinna and Damophila, Erinna worshiping Sappho as a star of the brightest hue Sappho the cold and unapproachable poetess, falls in love with Phaon, who, however, does not return her love but bestows his upon Damophila. When Sappho discovers this she throws herself from the far famed "Lovers Leap" and perishes. Errina who worships her dies of a broken heart over her fate. Damophila does not return Phoans love so she sends him to live with shepherds on the mountains and herd sheep for a time. When he is absent she discovers her love for him and longs for his return. When he does return, after simulated indecision she finally bestows her hand upon him. In the assigning of the characters to those best suited to the parts Mrs. Harry West showed the tact and capability which has made her the efficient chairman of the committee. Mrs. Stewart Goodrell as Sappho was an ideal character, being learned, dignified, and having the great nobility of character so often associated with the brilliant poetess. Mrs. John Trepanier as Errina the adoring worshiper of Sappho, showed in her acting an artistic finish, not often seen in amateur performances. Especially touching is the scene in which the ghost of Sappho appears to the answer of the longing of Errina and telling her of the future life. On the ghost's departure Errina dies and the beauty and pathos of the scene were most marked. The part of the crowd Damophila was admirably suited to Mrs. Homer Cope, who first replies to Phaon's love with scorn and later gives him her heart. When he returns from the mountains she has just confessed to herself her absorbing love for him but to him hesitates and desires a little more space in which to decide the question. Here is found one of the sweetest and prettiest bits of acting in the whole play. The transformation of the cold Damophila into the loving maid being a piece of clever acting by Mrs. Cope. The interpretation of the character Phaon was finely done by Miss Parce, her makeup and acting being perfect. Mrs. A. B. Cummins and Miss Marion Watrons were the two graceful attendants of the play, while Miss Catherine Cope was the dear little page. The costumes were very pretty ones, the Grecian idea being thoroughly carried out. The audience were most thoroughly surprised and delighted with the performance, and the actresses were warmly congratulated upon their success. It is hoped that at some future date the play will be repeated and an opportunity given to witness its beauty and artistic production. The ladies of the social committee in keeping with their entertainment, wore their hair in Grecian style it being

in all cases most becoming. Shortly before the curtain rose, the chairman Mrs. West, requested that the hats of the ladies be removed. This was a woman's club and it was fitting that the innovation be here begun. After the applause had died away, the hats were removed. Dainty refreshments were served consisting of ambrosia and nectar, the china and linen used being exquisite. For a most successful entertainment and an afternoon of rare enjoyment the social committee received the thanks of many present, for each member was privileged to invite a guest for the occasion. The members of the committee were Mesdames Harry West, Stewart Goodrell, Martha C. Callanan, A. B. Cummins, J. J. Towne, S. A. Robertson, Walter McCain, E. R. Clapp, J. B. Hatton, C. H. Getchell, J. S. Carter, E. H. Carter, H. C. Potter, F. A. Percival, Fanny Browne, Homer Cope, John Trepanier, and Miss Watrons.

Note. Repeat was at Foster's Opera House April 10, 1893 to benefit Art Fund.

The Des Moines Leader

February 12, 1893

The Woman's Club will meet at the Christian church on Wednesday afternoon. The program is in charge of the art committee. Mrs. Stewart Goodrell will read a paper on "Some modern uses of Art."

The Des Moines Register

February 15, 1893

The regular meeting of the D. M. W. C. will be held Wednesday afternoon in the parlors of the Christian Church at three o'clock, the art committee in charge. A paper by Mrs. Stewart Goodrell—"Some Modern Uses of Art."

The Des Moines Daily News

February 28, 1893

An unusually interesting programme under the leadership of Mrs. W. H. Baily has been prepared for the Women's Club which meets Wednesday afternoon at the usual time and place. Short papers will be presented on "The Provincial Literature of America," by Mrs. Henry Wallace; "Some Thoughts on Dialect," Mrs. Tac Hussey; "Two Successful Literary Women of America," Mrs. M. W. Bibbins; "Iowa Writers," Mrs. E. F. Hughes.

The Des Moines Leader

February 28, 1893

The Woman's Club will meet tomorrow afternoon and the program will be in charge of Mrs. Alice Bailey, chairman of the literature committee. A paper will be given by Mrs. Henry Wallace on "Provincial Literature in America."

The beautiful Greek play "Sappho" which was given several weeks ago at the home of Mrs. E. R. Clapp, will be repeated after Lent by the Woman's Club for their Art fund. This was undoubtedly one of the most charming and successful little plays

ever given by home talent in Des Moines.

The Daily Iowa Capital

February 23, 1893

The beautiful Greek play "Sappho", which was given a few weeks ago at the home of Mrs. J. A. Clark, will be repeated after lent by the Women's Club, for the benefit of their art fund. This was undoubtedly one of the most charming and successful little plays ever given by home talent in Des Moines.

The Daily Iowa Capital

February 28, 1893

The former pages closes the work of Runyard Elliott, though handicapped, his excellent typing speaks for itself. He had done the minutes of the Des Moines Womens' Club for years. He died of heart failure in January, 1940. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Elliott.

The Women's Club will meet this afternoon at the parlors of the Central Church of Christ. The programme, prepared by Mrs. W. H. Bailey is as follows: "The Provincial Literature of America" by Mrs. Henry Wallace; "Some Thoughts on Dialect" by Mrs. Van Hise; "The Successful Literary Women of America" by Mrs. M. W. Bibbins; "Our Iowa Writers", by Mrs. E. E. Hughes.

Iowa State Register

March 2, 1893

The Women's Club met in the parlors of the Central Christian Church yesterday afternoon and listened to some very ably written and pleasantly read papers on the literature of America and the part women have made it. The first, by Mrs. Henry Wallace on "Provincial Literature of America", was very fine and closed with an original poem, in which was predicted a lofty height on fame's ladder to be gained by our local poet Mr. Van Hise. The other paper, "Some Thoughts on Dialect", by Mrs. Hughes, "The Literary Women of America", by Mrs. Bibbins, and "Iowa Writers" by Mrs. Hughes, were all listened to with much interest and enjoyment. The club decided to invite delegates from all clubs in the state to meet here in the early spring in a convention to form a state council. The time for calling a convention has not yet been decided. The Greek play, "Sappho", which has been so favorably criticized by all who have seen so far, is to be repeated after lent for the benefit of the club art fund. It is to be hoped that no change will be made in the cast, as in the first production each actor seemed to be especially fitted for the part filled, and the play was a poem in its perfect harmony. As it only requires one hour to present this drama, however, it is probable that a sketch portraying medieval life, and a farce representing our present times and ways will be added, making the entertainment fill the usual time.

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The Daily Iowa Capital

February 28, 1893

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Iowa State Register

March 1, 1893

The Women's Club will meet this afternoon at the parlors of the Central Church of Christ. The programme, prepared by Mrs. W. H. Bailey is as follows: "The Provincial Literature of America" by Mrs. Henry Wallace; "Some Thoughts on Dialect" by Mrs. Taz Hussey; "Two Successful Literary Women of America" by Mrs. M. W. Bibbins; "Our Iowa Writers", by Mrs. E. E. Hughes.

Iowa State Register

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Des Moines Daily News

March 2, 1893

A largely attended and interesting sessions of the Women's Club was held Wednesday afternoon, the literature committee, of which Mr. W. B. Baily is chairman, furthering the program. The time usually occupied by the committee on current events was devoted to a talk by the president, Mrs. Berryhill in talking of the matter of forming a state federation of women's clubs, different ladies expressing their opinions. Most of the ladies approved of such a plan, believing it would be helpful to all to meet the progressive women of the state from time to time and get their ideas and methods. The regular programme was opened by a paper on "Provincial Literature" by Mrs. Henry Wallace. The subject was treated in a broad sense and a very instructive as well as entertaining review of American authors in poetry and fixtion was given the writer analyzing critically in each case the characteristics which led to the populatiry of the individual. In closing, Mrs. Wallace spoke of writers of dialect and paid a high compliment to Mr. Tac Hussey of this city, whose dialect poems are so much sought after. "Some Thoughts on Dialect" proved lightly entertaining as given by Mrs. Hussey. She would have the reader discriminate between real dialect and the poor imitation so abounds. Her short paper was very much appreciated, as was also that of Mrs. M. W. Bibbins, who wrote of "Two Successful American Literary Women". Mrs. E. E. Hugh had made a study of Iowa writers and her subject coming so near home, including, indeed, several members of the club, was listened to with close attention. Any partial review of Mrs. Hughes' paper would fail to do it or the writer therein mentioned justice. Before closing, the club extended a vote of sympathy to Mrs. Frank Dodson in her recent severe affliction in the loss of a beloved and only child. The annual business meeting for the election of a board of directors will take place on Wednesday, the 8th.

Des Moines Leader

March 2, 1893

The Women's Club held an interesting meeting yesterday afternoon in the parlors of the Christian church. The program was in charge of the committee on literature, of which Mrs. W. H. Bailey is Chairman. Owing to the absence of Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Dudley presided. A most excellent paper was given by Mrs. Wallace on "Provincial Literature". Interesting papers were given by Mrs. Tac Hussey, on "Dialect", by Mrs. Dr. Hughes and Mrs. Bibbins. Before the close of the meeting it was decided to invite the various womens clubs of Iowa to Des Moines to assist in organizing a Federation for the State.

The Mail and Times

March 4, 1893

The Woman's Club held their regular meeting Wednesday afternoon in the parlors of the Christian church, a program of

unusual interest calling forth a large attendance of ladies, Current Topics were omitted, the President, Mrs. J. G. Berryhill speaking instead upon the federation of Iowa Women's Club. For the purpose it was decided to invite delegates from all clubs of the state to meet here in the spring. Owing to the absence of the chairman of the literature committee, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Durley, in a few well chosen words introduced Mrs. Henry Wallace, who gave an excellent paper on "Provincial Literature of America". It was closed with an original poem in which a high tribute was paid to the poetical genius of Mr. Tac Hussey, who, the writer predicted would ere long reach the topmost round in the ladder of fame. A short paper, "Some Thoughts on Dialect" by Mrs. Tac Hussey, was full of bright and witty ideas that make that estimable ladies papers so interesting to the club. Mrs. Bibbins in her paper on "Two Literary Women of America", spoke in glowing terms of Mary Wilkins of the East and Augusta Evans Wilkins of Mobile, whom she regarded as among the foremost authors of America. Mrs. Dr. Hughes gave an excellent paper on "Iowa Writers", and as many of them are well known in the city, the paper was extremely interesting. Soon after Lent the Greek play, "Sappho", which was so successfully given recently by the club, will be repeated, and in connection with this will be given a farce. The entertainment will be given for the benefit of the art fund, as the club is most anxious to increase the present fund.

Iowa State Register

March 5, 1893.

It has long been well known in their respective circles that many women are of a high order of talent and culture have permanent homes in the capital and metropolitan city in Iowa, but their real number was scarcely suspected until the organization of the Women's Club brought them into closer association. This club has proven that Des Moines may fairly lay claim to being the center of general culture and social refinements, as well as being the center of agriculture, commercial and industrial activities. The fact, if it be truly a fact, that the west has no literature of its own will not long remain after our splendid home talent has been turned to such studies as made the programme of the meeting of the club. The literature of the people takes distinctive character from their own environment, receiving the impress of the things animate and inanimate, spiritual and material, which make their lives and characteristics what they are. The environment of the people of the West has been, and is, different from that of any other people, and their literature, if faithful, must bear distinctive characteristics. The very carefully prepared, thoughtful and discriminating people on "Provincial Literature", read before the club last Wednesday by Mrs. Henry Wallace, gave a forcible illustration of the

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general truths and is well calculated to stimulate closer study of Western environment as will lead to a literature distinctively Western. Beginning with Colonial times, and embracing all sections of our country to the present day, it was shown that the Provincial Literature of America bear the distinct impress of the peculiar environment of the people that produce it.

The Daily Iowa Capital

March 9, 1893

The annual business meeting of the Women's Club took place Wednesday afternoon, at which time the election of a new board of directors was announced, the vote having previously been taken. The twenty-five ladies comprising the new board are Miss Rachael Clarke, Mesdames W. F. Thummel, J. O. Berryhill, E. H. Carter, J. G. Day, P. B. Durley, A. L. Frisbie, Tac Hussey, J. K. Macomber, E. R. Clapp, A. B. Cummins, Lowry Goode, J. H. Windsor, W. W. Witmer, L. B. Abdill, James Callanan, J. C. Cummins, D. G. Edmundson, Howard Johnston, J. H. Mc Cord, M. Helen Peters, Henry Sabin, Frank Vorse, T. M. Walker, C. L. Watrous. A session of the board was held, at which the following officers for the coming year were chosen: For president, Mrs. E. R. Clapp; vice-president, Mrs. A. B. Cummins; recording secretary, Mrs. E. H. Carter; corresponding secretary, Mrs. D. G. Edmundson; treasurer, Miss Rachael Clarke; auditing committee, Mesdames Witmer and Mc Cord. The new board goes into power at once, but the new officers do not take their seats until next September. The club decided to repeat in the near future under the auspices of the social committee, the beautiful Greek play, "Sappho", given in the operat house for the benefit of the art fund.

Des Moines Leader

March 10, 1893

The Women's Club at its last regular meeting elected the following officers: President, Mrs. E. R. Clapp; Vice-president, Mrs. A. B. Cummins; Secretary, Mrs. E. H. Carter; Corresponding secretary, Mrs. D. G. Edmundson; Treasurer, Miss Rachel Clarke; Auditing committee, Mesdames Witmer and Mc Cord. The following is the new board of twenty-five directors; Miss Rachel Clarke, Mesdames W. F. Thummel, J. G. Berryhill, E. H. Carter, J. G. Day, P. B. Durley, A. L. Grisbie, Tac Hussey, J. K. Macomber, E. R. Clapp, A. B. Cummins, Lowry Goode, J. H. Windsor, W. W. Witmer, L. B. Abdill, James Callanan, J. C. Cummins, D. G. Edmundson, Howard Johnson, J. H. Mc Cord, M. Helen Peters, Henry Sabin, Frank Vorse, T. M. Walker and C. L. Watrous.

Des Moines Leader

March 15, 1893

The regular meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club will occur this Wednesday afternoon at Central church. A paper will be read by Mrs. L. M. Walker on "Our Daughters--How Shall They Be Educated". An important board meeting will follow.

The Daily Iowa Capital.

March 10, 1893

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Iowa State Register

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Mail and Times

March 10, 1893

The Women's Club held their annual business meeting Wednesday afternoon, the election of the new board of directors, for which a vote had been previously taken, being announced. At a session of the board, officers for the coming year although they do not take their seats until September, were elected. Mrs. E. R. Clapp was chosen for President; Mrs. A. B. Cummins, Vice President; Mrs. E. H. Carter, Recording Secretary; Mrs. D. G. Edmundson Corrsponding Secretary; Miss Rachel Clark, Treasurer; Mesdames McCord and Witmer Auditing Committee. The new board which goes into power at once, consist of Mesdames J. G. Berryhill, Tac Hussey, James Callanan, E. R. Clapp, J. K. Macomber, E. H. Carter, J. H. McCord; C. L. Watrous, A. B. Cummins, Lowry W. Goode; D. G. Edmundson, L. B. Abdill,

A. L. Frisbie ; J. H. Windsor, W. F. Thummel, J. G. Day, P. B. Durley, J. C. Cummins, W. W. Witmer, Howard Johnson, Henry Sabin, Mrs. Peters, Frank Vorce, T. M. Walker, Miss Rachel Clarke.

The Daily Iowa Capital March 14, 1893

At the regular session of the Women's Club next Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. S. A. Marine, chairman of the committee on education, will have charge of the programme. The paper of the day will be read by Mrs. T. M. Walker on the subject, "Our Daughters: How Shall They Be Educated?"

The Daily Iowa Capital March 14, 1893

Major Hoyt Sherman has bought what is known as the Willis Place on West Fourth Street and will immediately occupy it as a home. The Major also gets twelve feet of ground to the North, which added to the original Willis lot, makes a very desirable piece of ground in a fine locality.

Iowa State Register March 15, 1893

The regular meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club will be held this afternoon at the Central Christian Church. A paper will be read by Mrs. T. M. Walker on "Our Daughters: How Shall They Be Educated?". An important board meeting will follow.

Mail and Times. March 18, 1893

At a regular meeting of the Women's Club Wednesday afternoon in the parlors of the Christian Church a large number of ladies were in attendance. The presentation of the Greek play "Sappho" at the opera house in the near future was the subject of a vigorous discussion, the club being about equally divided as to whether or not it shall be given. No definite plans, however, were taken upon the matter. Mrs. R. R. Peters, in charge of current topics, spoke of the present aspect of the Hawaiian question, the war on fads being raged in the public schools of Chicago and the recent threatened panic in the gold market. The program was in charge of Mrs. S. A. Marine, chairman of the educational committee, who in a neat little speech introduced Mrs. T. M. Walker. The paper of the afternoon "Our Daughters: How Shall We Educate Them?" was given by her. The paper was full of helpful ideas and called forth many comments. In the discussion that followed it Mrs. A. B. Billington, Mrs. P. B. Durley, Mrs. Dr. Frisbie, Mrs. Judge Day and Miss Mc Clelland took an active part. Whether it was wise or not to introduce so many special branches in the public schools, and as to how great a benefit was derived from physical training, were subjects vigorously discussed.

Mail and Times March 25, 1893

The Women's Club will meet Wednesday afternoon in the parlors of the Christian Church. The program will be in charge of Mrs. F. A. Percival, chairman of Women's Work Committee. A paper on "Hints of Household Hygiene" will be read by Mrs. J. A. Macomber.

The Daily Iowa Capital March 28, 1893

The beautiful Greek drama, "Sappho", will be given at Foster's opera house on the evening of April 10, under the auspices of Mrs. Stewart Goodrell, Mrs. John Trepanier, Mrs. Homer Cope, Miss Parce, Mrs. A. B. Cummins, Miss Marion Watrous, Miss Caroline Cope. The evening's entertainment will begin with a popular little farce---a sort of a curtain raiser. "Sappho" was recently given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Clapp and its rendition was so excellent and popular that a public performance was made imperative.

Register & Tribune March 29, 1893

The regular meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club will be held at 3 P.M. in the parlors of the Christian Church. A paper by Mrs. J. K. Macomber on "Hints on Household Hygiene". Board meeting at 2:30 sharp.

Register & Tribune March 30, 1893

The Women's Club held an interesting meeting at the Central Christian Church yesterday afternoon. The paper was by Mrs. J. K. Macomber on "Household Hygiene."

Mail and Times April 1, 1893.

The Women's Club met Wednesday afternoon in the parlors of the Christian Church, the program being in charge of Mrs. F. A. Percival, chairman of the Women's Work Committee. The paper of the afternoon was "Hints on Household Hygiene" by Mrs. J. K. Macomber. It was full of valuable ideas on this all important subject and showed a thorough study of it by the writer. Strong, forcibly and logical it held the closest attention of her 150 listeners during the reading. Miss Marion Talbott, Dean of Woman's College of Chicago, was an honored guest of the club and gave an interesting account to the club of her work in Chicago. The program for the afternoon closed with a short paper on the "Healty of Young Girls" by Dr. Belle Reynolds.

Iowa State Register April 5, 1893

The entertainment by the Women's Club Monday evening promises to be a happy combination of the droll and the aesthetic. Comedy in the hands of Mrs. M. B. Compton and Miss Parce will be well brought out, while the aesthetics who present "Sappho"

will spare nothing to make it historically correct. The wealth of Greek fabrics and furnishings are already in the hands of the committee in charge.

Iowa State Register

April 7, 1893

The Women's section of the Women's Club will meet with Mrs. Dr. Hunting, corner of eighteenth and Pleasant street, at two-thirty this afternoon. A paper will be given by Miss Harriet Stowe on the Salvation Army.

Mail and Times

April 8, 1893

The Women's Club has issued invitations to the Women's Clubs of the state for a meeting in the city April 27, when a state federation will be formed. All clubs are eligible to membership which are regularly organized, and it is hoped that the numerous Des Moines organizations will send delegates to this convention. Each club is entitled to two delegates and the afternoon of the 27th will be devoted to hearing their reports. In the evening a reception will be tendered the out of town guests at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Hubbell, Terrace Hill.

The Des Moines Leader

April 8, 1893

The Women's Club entertainment to be given at Foster's next Monday evening promises to be a treat to amusement loving people. The Greek Play, "Sappho" will be followed by the droll comedy, "A Happy Pair", to be given by Mrs. M. B. Compton and Miss Parce, April 8. The Women's Club of Des Moines have issued invitations to all the women's clubs of the state to attend a meeting April 27. The purpose for which the clubs of the state are invited is to form a state federation and to become members, the club must be regularly organized. The afternoon of April 27 will be devoted to hearing reports from the two delegates to which each club is entitled to send. The Women's Club will entertain the visiting guests in the evening with a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hubbell on Grand Avenue.

The Daily Iowa Capital

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The Daily Iowa Capital

April 11, 1893

Regular meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club will be held in the parlors of the Christian Church Wednesday, April

12, at 3 o'clock. Program in charge of Mrs. Frank Vorse. A paper will be read by Dr. Frances Carrothers on "Our Physical Needs". Board meeting at 2 o'clock. Secretary.

Des Moines Leader

April 12, 1893

Every member of the Women's Club serves in some capacity on a committee. The list is as follows:

Art Committee. Mesdames William Jaquith, Lafayette Young, A. L. Frisbie, Dr. Patchin, C. L. Watrous, John Trepanier, C. P. Holmes, M. J. L. Gaylord, Dr. Hatton, Lucille B. James, H. C. Alverson.

Literature Committee. Mesdames B. Bullington, J. G. Berryhill, Howard Johnson, Alice Bailey, J. D. Day, Henry Sabin, William Mc Farland, A. N. Denmon, Frank Dodson, William Kennedy and Louisa Hughes.

Education Committee. Mrs. E. K. Matthews, Miss Mary Mc Clelland, Mesdames Lowrie Goode, J. C. Cummins, H. L. Stetson, Dr. Jessie Ritchey, M. C. Callanan, L. B. Abdill, S. B. Maxwell, Miss Anna Goodrell.

Women's Work Committee. Mesdames E. H. Conger, Henry Wallace, H. J. Macomber, D. G. Edmundson, Julia Hunting, Isaac Hillis, C. H. Gatch, Dr. Carter, J. J. Towne, M. W. Bibbins, J. J. Hartenbower.

Miscellaneous Topics Committee. Mrs. Martha Johnston, Miss Marion Watrous, Mesdames Stewart Goodrell, R. R. Peters, Frank Vorse, T. M. Walker, Dr. Gould Fosness, Tac Hussey, Paelin Porter, F. T. Hammill, A. E. Mc Murray.

Political Economy Committee. Mesdames Virginia Reichard, W. E. Ballard, Ella H. Durley, W. W. Witmes, W. F. Thummell, E. H. Gillette, Martha Stevens, Francis Carrothers, E. E. Hughes, S. A. Robinson.

Music Committee. Mesdames Alfred Grefe, C. O. Nourse, Miss Rachel Clarke, Mesdames S. A. Marine, Homer Cope, E. C. Spinney, Emily Mc Cord, Harry West, T. N. Newell, J. C. Cook.

History Committee. Mesdames John Lyman, C. E. Risser, Stella B. Morse, J. H. Windsor, Henry Plumb, Martha E. Boggs, Clinton Douglas, B. E. Isreal, Miss Louise Bailly, E. C. Martindale.

Social Committee. Mesdames Browne, J. S. Carter, Walter McCain, Frank Green, Dr. Potter, J. K. Wilson, A. B. Cummins, J. C. Macy, C. H. Getchell, W. T. Clarke, F. M. Hubbell, E. R. Clapp, Lowry Goode, John Trepanier, Homer Cope, C. O. Nourse, J. C. Hume, Henry Plumb.

Current Topics. Mesdames Delia E. Ruttkey, in charge of October; Whiting S. Clark, in charge of November; E. E. Hubbard, in charge of December; Eva Begun, in charge of January; F. A. Percival in charge of February; Tyler Scoville, in charge of March; L. F. Andrews, in charge of April; Miss Margaret Cox, in charge of May.

Des Moines Daily News April 15, 1893

The Women's Club held its regular meeting Wednesday afternoon at the Central Church of Christ. A large attendance was present and the paper of the day on "Our Physical Needs" by Miss Frances Carrothers, M. D., was excellent, also the Current Topics by Mrs. Martha B. Johnson.

Des Moines Daily News April 18, 1893

The ladies of the Des Moines Women's Club with whom rests the management of the approaching Federation of Iowa Clubs for women, are making every preparation for the comfort and entertainment of the large number of guests expected. Some sixty clubs throughout the state have been invited and such as accept will be represented by two delegates each. Already a large number have signified their acceptance. The meetings will be held in the lecture room of the Central Christian Church, the opening one to be Thursday afternoon, April 27, at 2:30 o'clock. At this time Mrs. James G. Berryhill, president of the Des Moines Women's Club, will deliver the address of welcome, and there will be reports from the various clubs represented regarding their work. Thursday evening an elaborate reception will be given at Terrace Hill, the stately home of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hubbell, the use of which has been kindly tendered the Des Moines Club for the occasion. Friday morning will be devoted to the organization of the proposed state federation, the meeting occurring at 9 o'clock. These two meetings will be open to all clubs sending delegates and every member of the Des Moines Women's Club is permitted to take with her a guest, which is also permitted at the reception.

Des Moines Daily News April 18, 1893

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Boone--Monday Club: Mrs. P. S. Bibbs, Mrs. A. A. Deering. Lowell Club, Mrs. C. A. Mc Cune, Miss Fanny Munn.

Clinton--First Division in Literature; Mrs. H. O. Jones

Clarence--Literary Society: Mrs. Margaret Hect, Mrs. Margaret Creig.

Cedar Rapids---Clio Club: Mrs. C. D. Ives. Ladies' Literary Society: Mrs. H. E. Hones, Mrs. H. M. Hubbard.

Clarinda---Study Club: Mrs. T. E. Claek, Miss Julia Ester.

Charlton--Clio Club: Mrs. Jessie-Wilson-Manning.

Council Bluffs--Thursday Club: Mrs. George E. Wright, Mrs.

Horace Everett; alternate, Mrs. Nathan P. Dodge.
 Creston--Mrs. B. N. Torrey, Mrs. W. N. Scott.
 Des Moines--Anthana Chautauqua: Mrs. Alice Longley, Mrs. Will Mc Henry. Unity: Miss Emelie Stowe, Mrs. Babbett. Frank Russell Circle: Mrs. J. H. Mc Cord, Mrs. Tucker; History Class: Mrs. John Wyman, Mrs. Tyler Scoville.
 Grinnell--History Club: Mrs. Prof. Carpenter, Mrs. Alice Berry.
 Marshalltown--Woman's Club: Mrs. J. M. Whitaker, Mrs. H. J. Howe. Hawthorne Club: Mrs. T. J. Fletcher, Mrs. D. T. Dermead.
 Entre Nouse: Mrs. A. R. Sincling, Mrs. A. Janney. Shakespeare Society: Mrs. J. M. Fritz, Mrs. Gardner.
 Jefferson---Ladies' Reading Club: Mrs. J.J. Ryssell, Mrs. G. G. Lawrence.
 Iowa City---N.N. Club: Mrs. E. E. Barrett, Mrs. Milton Remley.
 Mason City---Maria Mitchell Club: Mrs. J. A. Farrell, Mrs. N. P. Knapp.
 Newton---Friday Club: Mrs. O. N. Wagley, Miss Eliza Ainsworth.
 Nevada---Mrs. Mary S. Scott, Mrs. A. M. Payne.
 State Center--Ladies' Reading Circle: Mrs. E. H. Schiffling, Mrs. W. N. Gilbert.
 Vinton--Class in Literature: Mrs. G. M. Gilchrist.
 Waterloo---Ladies Literary Society: Mrs. J. Williams, Mrs. B. F. Richards; alternates, Mrs. J. O. Stevenson, Mrs. Florence Crouse.
 West Union---Mrs. Ira M. Weed.

The Daily Iowa Capital

April 21, 1893

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Iowa State Register

April 23, 1893

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(This item repeated on April 27, 1893.)

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said there was nothing of the mannish woman--never a suggestion of the kind of woman who, by her coarseness and unwomanliness brings reproach on the cause of woman's advancement. They were all ladies of culture, modesty in manners, in speech and in attire.

The meeting was called by Mrs. J. G. Berryhill, president of the Des Moines Women's Club. Mrs. Dr. Carter, secretary of the club acted as secretary of the meeting.

Miss Hill sang a solo, "My Margerite" from the enthusiasm with which the ladies received it, it is fair to presume that they approved the sentiment of the son in favor of the fair little flower so sweetly praised.

Mrs. Berryhill's Address.

Mrs. Berryhill explained the origin of the meeting. Believing that the interests of Women's clubs would be furthered by the organization of a federated of clubs. The Des Moines Women's Club sent out an invitation to all the women's clubs in the state that it could learn of, other than sectarian and political clubs, inviting each to send accredited representatives to Des Moines at this time as the guests of the Des Moines club for the purpose of forming a state federation of women's clubs. To this invitation forty-four hearty responses were received.

The speaker briefly stated the object of such an organization to be the fitting of the sex for the larger duties that are so surely coming to their lives. She quoted Canon Farrar's famous tribute to the memory of his mother, whose daily hour of meditation and reading and prayers so helped her through her day's work and strengthened her for many duties. Mrs. Berryhill said she thought that the women of today did not take time enough for meditation and that the club movement would help them to think more seriously.

Women have not long shown their power in organization, but whenever they have associated themselves in any great movement they have been successful as in the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and now in preparation for the women's department in the world's fair. They have shown their ability and accomplished their purpose. The value of the personal association and intercourse of ideas cannot be overestimated. Mrs. Berryhill continued: "The objection is made that this will be destructive of the influence of the home, but I do not think this can stop it. There is a great work set for women to do; a work for righteousness to accomplish certain purposes. Until this is done, until women have attained a greater sphere of usefulness, it cannot stop. Some sacrifices must be made and we must carefully see that the cost is not too much. But it is all coming out grandly and for the greatest good in the end. The women of Des Moines want you all to enjoy this meeting and this visit to the greatest possible extent and make it of the greatest usefulness to yourselves and to those you represent."

Reports of the Delegates

After she had concluded her address, Mrs. Berryhill called upon the representatives of the clubs for reports of their work.

The first was the Marshalltown Woman's Club. Mrs. Whitaker made the report. The club was organized in 1885, numbers eighty members at present, its aim is literary and educational. It has twenty meetings on alternate Wednesdays. The work is divided into five departments. One of the new features has been an evening devoted to the study of parliamentary law, which resulted in the adoption of the Woman's Manual as our standard instead of Robert's Rule of Order. The report took strong ground in favor of a state federation.

The Nevada reported, through Mrs. Payne. It was organized last November and has a membership of nineteen. Meetings are held on alternate Mondays at the homes of members. One leading paper is read at each meeting and is then discussed by each member from three to ten minutes each, and there are none by active members.

The Friday Club from Newton was represented by Miss Ainsworth. It has twelve members who are studying the history of our country and are doing thoroughly what they do. The club has been accepted by the general federation of women's clubs.

The Tourists of West Union, reported through Mrs. Ira M. Weed. The club is the outgrowth for a desire for travel among those whose home cares have prevented them from going abroad. Our purpose is a tour of the world, and having unlimited time at our disposal, we go over each country thoroughly. This year we have devoted our attention to our own country, in preparation for the world's fair.

The Shakespeare Club of Ottumwa was reported by Mrs. Tisdale, who said it was one of the oldest clubs in the state, but she feared it was organized in a very unparliamentary way, having no constitution nor by-laws. It was fifteen members, who meet in the parlors of members. The club has studied Shakespeare and contemporaneous history. The past two years, the hour has been spent in the study of current events, which has been very profitable and agreeable. During the past season we have added an hour for the study of the Columbian Exposition.

The Tuesday Club of Cedar Falls was represented by Mrs. Clay. It numbers twenty-five and has studied art with special reference to the Columbian Exposition. The club is enthusiastic and harmonious. The club was unanimous in favor of joining the state federation to secure the numerous advantages thus to be obtained.

The study of the world's fair has been a feature of the past year. It was strongly in favor of a federation.

The Study Club of Clarinda reported by Mrs. W. P. Hepburn. It was the outcome of a desire of two women for literary study and is limited to ten members. It meets once a month six months a year. The program is made out for the entire year including papers, discussions, current events. This year United States history has been taken up on account of the world's fair.

Seliophalian Club of Clarinda, was reported by Mrs. Jessie Wilson Manning. It is a club of nine members which has studied United States history and literature and hopes to join the federation.

The Clio of Carroll, reported through Mrs. Culbertson was organized in 1884 and has a membership of fifteen.

The Tuesday Club of Council Bluffs was reported by Mrs. Forest Everetts. It was very informal, organized in 1881, devoted to history, literature, Shakespeare, Dante and current events, and there was no regular essays or papers required. The membership was strictly limited to twenty-five.

The Ladies Literary Club of Creston, reported by Mrs. B. N. Torrey. It was organized in 1891 and during the past year has studied the history of England and Ireland. The membership is limited to twenty.

The Lowell Club of Boone, was reported by Mr. Mc Cune, they had a strong club; there were four literary clubs in the town. The Lowell Club was organized in 1887. At the first the gentlemen were admitted, but it was found they talked too much, so they were excluded. They have been studying art as a preparation for the world's fair. She enjoyed the meeting and proposed to absorb all the federated ideas she could.

The Monday Club of Boone, was represented by Mrs. Bibbs, who said the club was in its eighth year, and having completed the Chautauqua course, was in its second year of English literature.

The Ladies Reading Circle of Clarence, was reported by Mrs. Gray. It was organized in 1880, twenty members who meet each week at the homes of members. The study has been literary, but for two months has been studying the world's fair by countries. The study of current topics is a very acceptable feature.

The Cedar Rapids Ladies Literary Club was reported by Mrs. H. E. Jones. She said that a man had said to her before she started that he understood something was going to break in Des Moines soon and wanted to know if she was a symptom. The L. L. C. was organized in 1879 and was first a social club for about ten years, and was then enlarged to thirty-five members and has taken up history, art and literature of Germany, Egypt and America. The study of the world's fair has been a feature of the past year. It was strongly in favor of a federation.

The History Club of Grinnell was represented by Mrs. Parker. "Our club's work, she said, is a broadening of mine, a liberation of ideas. Our Historical literary society was formed five years ago mainly for the study of history and the improvement of conversational powers. We meet once in three weeks from September to June. The last year we have studied current topics and German history. The object of our club is the elevation of character and the enlargement of the mind, which we think will benefit the home."

The No Name Club of Iowa, reported by Mrs. Barrett. It was organized in 1886 with eighteen members, is now limited to twenty-five. Has studied English Literature and History, Egyptian, Spanish and American history for the world's fair. The speaker was glad to know that so many intelligent women were going to meet at the world's fair. The club meets on every alternate Tuesday from September to June, and are happy to join the federation.

The Monday Club of Indianola by Mrs. Berry, reported just closing the seventh year of its existence. Its membership is limited to twelve, who met at the homes of members twelve times a year and each lady invites one guests to tea, usually her husband. At the end of each year the program for the next year is made out with a leader for each meeting and the time and place made out.

The Ladies Reading Circle of Jefferson reported by Mrs. Foy. It has twenty members and its objects, both literary and social, and has also studied history, French and the drama. It is a working club, in which each member does her share.

The Thirteen Club of Manchester, expressed by Mrs. Carr, its hearty endorsement of the federation scheme. The Marshalltown Entre Nouse Club, represented by Mrs. Snelling, was organized in 1889. It meets weekly for readings and social enjoyment, limited to fifteen members. "Women," the speaker said, "should be prepared to take their places in the new found civilization that is dawning for them, they must organize not to develop any one idea, but to develop the best that is in them."

The Shakespeare Club of Marshalltown, reported by Mrs. Gardner. It was organized in the summer of 1885 and has continued mainly in the study of poetry. It meets each week at the homes of members, and has studied Brices "American Commonwealth", the history and government of Iowa.

The Calisopian Club of Marshalltown was organized in 1887, was reported by Mrs. Carr. She said this work made better wives and mothers and more useful members of society. The club is limited to fifteen members and meets every Tuesday afternoon. The last year has been devoted to United States history and the banking system and now studying Bertha Suthers great historical novel "Ground Arms."

The Hawthorne Club of Marshalltown was reported by Mrs. Fletcher, was organized in 1879 by young married ladies and no unmarried woman is permitted. The membership is limited to sixteen and once a month the husbands are entertained. History and literature have been studied.

The Witanagemote Club of Marshalltown was represented by Mrs. S. P. Knisely. Its name was a classical one indicating a gathering of the wise persons. It was studied seventy-one books thoroughly, as it was the oldest literary club in Marshalltown. It had taken up all branches of literature, but has found the four great poets, Homer, Dante, Goethe and Shakespeare to be its best work. The club is limited to twelve in membership.

The Webster City Woman's Club was reported by Mrs. Cook. It had forty-three members, was organized in 1880 and meets once a week at the homes of its members. The parlor lectures have been a feature of its work, have been very pleasant and profitable.

Des Moines Clubs

The Monday Club of Des Moines reported that it was organized in 1879 with six members, mostly for conversational culture. It has studied United States history, social studies, philosophy, European history, etc.

The Frank Russell Club reported by Mrs. Mc Cord. It was twenty-eight members now. It has studied the Chautauqua and other graduate courses. This year, it is taking up American history.

The Unity Ladies Club was organized in 1889, was reported by Miss Stowe. It was harmonious, informal and for the greatest freedom of thought. Mrs. Babbitt said it met every two weeks and studied the practical questions of life.

Mrs. Mc Henry reported for another chautauqua--one of the eleven in Des Moines. She said it was fun to go home and ask their husbands questions about things that made the men wonder where the women learned so much.

The History Club was reported by Mrs. Wyman. It is three years old and besides American history, it has taken up several American authors. Its literary receptions have been noteworthy and very enjoyable.

The Conversation Club was reported by Mrs. Hawley. It is for the improvement of the use of pure English. For the study of literature and history. No written matter is allowed and each member is expected to talk ten minutes on the topic of the day. It has taken up art, music, literature and current topics. It meets every Tuesday and the membership is limited to twelve. It gives an occasional banquet and follows the custom of toasts by the members. Its motto is "Never Say Can't".

The North Des Moines Review Club was reported by Mrs. Raymond. It was organized by Mrs. Whiting S. Clarke. It studies literature and American history and meets every Thursday afternoon.

The T. V. Club is reported by Mrs. Brown who said it was organized in 1884 and it meets every Monday afternoon. It has devoted its time mainly to travel and literature. Its membership was limited to fifteen. The origination of the name, she said, had been carefully guarded from the reporters. "T" for travel and "V" for five meaning fifteen, the limit of membership.

Mrs. Ruttkay reported very briefly, she said it was organized in 1885 with twenty members and now has twenty-two. Its work was divided into sections, in charge of committees who appear twice during the year.

Note: Then follows the organization of the club. Mrs. Whitaker of Marshalltown chosen President, and Mrs. Dr. Carter of Des Moines, chosen Secretary. A list of committees follows. Also a list of delegates from outside of Des Moines (found in Daily News, April 29, 1893)

The convention then adjourned until nine-thirty this morning, when the committee will report and the state federation will be formed.

The Reception.

The members of the Des Moines Women's Club tendered a reception last night to the visitors at Terrace Hill, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hubbell. Each member of the Women's Club was privileged to invite one guest, so the party numbered over two hundred and, of course, it was handsomely taken care of. The reception committee was Mrs. Harry West, chairman, Mrs. Berryhill, Mrs. Fanny Browne, Mrs. A. B. Cummins, Mrs. J. S. Carter, Mrs. G. R. Clapp, Mrs. J. A. Windsor, Mrs. W. F. Thummell, Mrs. W. M. Mc Cane, Mrs. D. H. Carter, Mrs. C. H. Getchell, Mrs. Wm. Jaquith, Mrs. Chas. Watrous, Mrs. H. C. Potter, Mrs. James Callanan, Mrs. Stewart Goodrell, Mrs. F. A. Percival, Mrs. S. A. Robertson, Mrs. J. J. Towne, Mrs. J. B. Hatton, and Miss Mary Mc Clellan.

The ladies appeared in full dress, and all together the event was one of most dazzling brilliance from a social standpoint.

The beautiful home was richly decorated with flowers, there was music and with the cordial spirit of the ladies of Des Moines it was made a very delightful and memorable occasion for the visitors.

The following program was carried out: Address of Welcome, Mrs. Macomber. "Jewell Song" from Foust, Mrs. Belknap, "Chariot Race", Miss Bertha Parce, violin solo by Prof. Schmidt, Mrs. Macomber's address was one of the neatest imaginable, and dainty refreshments were served.

When the ladies of the Des Moines Women's Club, during last year invited ladies from similar organizations all over Iowa to join them in social and intellectual intercourse, they realized better than they knew. Or at least results that many of them desired are about to follow sooner than had been expected. A state federation was at once talked of, similar to such organizations in the east.

The seed was sown in good ground. A convention has been called to meet in Des Moines this week, and the responses received indicate a large attendance. Twenty-three towns and thirty organizations will be represented by the following named ladies:

Boone--Monday Club, Mrs. P. B. Biggs, Mrs. A. A. Derrling;
 Jewell Club, Mrs. C. A. Mc Cune, Miss Fanny Mann.
 Clinton--First Division in Literature, Mrs. H. L. Jones.
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 Cedar Rapids--Ohio Club, Mrs. C. D. Ives; Ladies' Literary Society, Mrs. H. E. Jones, Mrs. W. M. Hubbard.
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 Grinnell--History Circle, Mrs. L. F. Parker, Mrs. H. H. Robbins.
 Indianola--Monday Club, Mrs. Prof. Carpenter, Mrs. Alice Berry.
 Marshalltown--Woman's Club, Mrs. J. M. Whitaker, Mrs. H. J. Howe;
 Hawthorne Club, Mrs. T. E. Fletcher, Mrs. D. T. Pennock.
 Entre Nous: Mrs. W. E. Snelling, Mrs. A. Manney. Shakespeare Society, Mrs. J. M. Fritz, Mrs. D. E. Gardner.
 Jefferson--Ladies' Reading Circle, Mrs. J. J. Russell, Mrs. G. G. Lawrence.
 Iowa City--E. T. Club, Mrs. E. H. Garrett, Mrs. Milton Remley.
 Jason City--Monday Club, Mrs. James E. Glytha, Mrs. J. B. Dakin.
 Manchester--"13" Club, Mrs. L. G. Brooks, Mrs. E. P. Carr, Mrs. H. L. Mann.
 Mason City--Marian Mitchell Club, Mrs. J. A. Farrell, Mrs. M. P. Knapp.
 Newton--Friday Club, Mrs. C. E. Hagley, Miss Ellen Alsworth.
 Nevada--Mrs. Mary B. Scott, Mrs. A. M. Thayer.
 State Center--Ladies' Literary Society, Mrs. E. E. Schilling, Mrs. W. E. Gilbert.
 Vinton--Class in Literature, Mrs. C. M. Olenquist.
 Waterloo--Ladies' Literary Society, Mrs. J. Williams, Mrs. B. F. Richards; alternates, Mrs. J. O. Stevenson, Mrs. Florence Dunn.
 West Union--Mrs. Ira M. Seed.

A STATE FEDERATION

When the ladies of the Des Moines Women's Club, during last year invited ladies from similar organizations all over Iowa to join them in social and intellectual intercourse, they builded better than they knew. Or at least results that many of them desired are about to follow sooner than had been expected. A state federation was at once talked of, similar to such organizations in the east.

The seed was sown in good ground. A convention has been called to meet in Des Moines this week, and the responses received indicate a large attendance. Twenty-three towns and thirty organizations will be represented by the following named ladies:

Boone--Monday Club, Mrs. P. S. Biggs, Mrs. A. A. Derring;
 Lowell Club, Mrs. C. A. Mc Cune, Miss Fanny Munn.
 Clinton---First division in literature, Mrs. H. L. Jones.
 Clarence--Lierary Society, Mrs. Margaret Hecht, Mrs. Margaret Greig.
 Cedar Rapids--Clio Club, Mrs. C. D. Ives; Ladies' Literary Society, Mrs. H. E. Jones, Mrs. N. M. Hubbard.
 Clarinda--Study Club, Mrs. T. E. Clark, Miss Julia Foster.
 Chariton---Clio Hallan, Mrs. Jessie Wilson-Manning.
 Council Bluffs--Thursday Club, Mrs. George F. Wright, Mrs. Horace Everett; alternate, Mrs. Nathan P. Dodge.
 Creston---Mrs. B. N. Torrey, Mrs. W. N. Scott.
 Des Moines---Athena Chautauqua, Mrs. Alice Longley, Mrs. Will Mc Henry; Unity, Miss Emilie Stowe, Mrs. Babbett; Frank Russell Circle, Mrs. J. H. Mc Cord, Mrs. Tucker; History Class, Mrs. John Wyman, Mrs. Tyler Scoville.
 Grinnell---History Circle, Mrs. L. F. Parker, Mrs. H. H. Robbins.
 Indianola---Monday Club, Mrs. Prof Carpenter, Mrs. Alice Berry.
 Marshalltown--Woman's Club; Mrs. J. M. Whitaker, Mrs. H. J. Howe;
 Hawthorne Club: Mrs. T. J. Fletcher, Mrs. D. T. Denmead.
 Entre Nouse: Mrs. W. E. Snelling, Mrs. A. Janney. Shakespeare Society, Mrs. J. M. Fritz, Mrs. D. B. Gardner.
 Jefferson---Ladies' Reading Circle, Mrs. J. J. Russell, Mrs. G. G. Lawrence.
 Iowa City---N. N. Club, Mrs. E. E. Barrett, Mrs. Milton Remley.
 Mason City---Monday Club, Mrs. James E. Blythe, Mrs. J. B. Dakin.
 Manchester--"13" Club, Mrs. L. C. Brooks, Mrs. E. P. Carr, Mrs. H. L. Rann.
 Mason City--Marian Mitchell Club, Mrs. J. A. Farrell, Mrs. M. P. Knapp.
 Newton--Friday Club, Mrs. O. N. Wagley, Miss Eliza Ainsworth.
 Nevada---Mrs. Mary S. Scott, Mrs. A. M. Payne.
 State Center--Ladies' Lieterary Society, Mrs. E. H. Schilling, Mrs. W. N. Gilbert.
 Vinton--Class in Literature, Mrs. G. M. Gilchrist.
 Waterloo---Ladies' Literary Society, Mrs. J. Williams, Mrs. B. F. Richards; alternates, Mrs. J. O. Stevenson, Mrs. Florence Crause.
 West Union---Mrs. Ira M. Weed.

There will probably be a large number of additions to this list before the convention assemble. It will be noticed that Marshalltown will most appropriately have one of the largest delegations.

The Daily Iowa Capital

April 27, 1893

The first session of the State Federation of Women's Clubs was held at the Central Christian Church this afternoon. After the address of welcome the afternoon was given to hearing reports from the different clubs represented. This evening at 8 o'clock a reception will be given at the residence of Mr. F. M. Hubbell. Friday at 9 A.M., the organization will be effected and the election of officers take place. The meeting this afternoon and Friday morning will be open to all clubs sending delegates, and each member of the Des Moines Women's Club is privileged to be accompanied by one guest. The evening reception will be limited to the Des Moines Women's Club and her husband or other guest of each member, and to the visiting delegates.

The Daily Iowa Capital

April 28, 1893

WOMEN'S CLUBS

The convention of delegates from women's clubs of Iowa, assembled yesterday afternoon in the chapel of the Central Christian Church. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. J. G. Berryhill, president of the Des Moines Women's Club. After a song, Mrs. Berryhill stated that the object of the convention was to organize a Federation of Iowa Women's Clubs. She said of the women that they have shown their ability and accomplished their purposes. "The value of the personal association and intercourse of ideas cannot be overestimated. The objection is made that this will be destructive of the influence of the home, but I do not think this can stop it. There is a great work set for women to do; a work for righteousness, to accomplish certain purposes, and until this is done, until woman has attained a greater sphere of usefulness, it cannot stop. Some sacrifices must be made, and we must count carefully to see that the cost is not too much. But it is all coming out grandly and for the greatest good in the end. The women of Des Moines want you all to enjoy this meeting and this visit to the greatest possible extent, and make it of the greatest usefulness to yourselves and those you represent."

Reports were then given by Mrs. Whitaker of Marshalltown, Mrs. Payne of Nevada, Miss Ainsworth of Newton, Mrs. Ira M. Weed of West Union, Mrs. Tisdale of Ottumwa, Mrs. Clay of Cedar Falls, Mrs. W. P. Hepburn of Clarinda, Mrs. Jessie Wilson-Manning of Chariton, Mrs. W. L. Culbertson of Carroll, Mrs. Horace Everett of Council Bluffs, Mrs. N. B. Towey of Creston, Mrs. Mc Cune of Boone, Mrs. Bills of Boone, Mrs. Gray of Clarence, Mrs. H. E. Jones of Cedar Rapids, Mrs. Parker of Grinnell, Mrs. Barrett of Iowa City, Mrs. Berry of Indianola, Mrs. Fey of Jefferson, Mrs. Car of Manchester, Mrs. A. R.

Snelling, Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Carr, Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. S. P. Knisely of Marshalltown, Mrs. Cook of Webster City.

The Des Moines clubs were reported by the following: Frank Russell by Mrs. Mc Cord, Unity Ladies by Mrs. Babbitt, a Chautauqua Circle by Mrs. Mc Henry, History Class by Mrs. Wyman, Conversation by Mrs. Hawley, Review by Mrs. Raymond, T. V. by Mrs. Brown, Des Moines Women's Club by Mrs. Ruttkay. The reports, both of clubs in this and other Iowa cities, indicate an extraordinary growth of women's clubs in recent years.

After listening to the reports, Mrs. Berryhill suggested that the temporary organization ought to be effected so that the committees could be appointed and do their work before the morning session of today. She therefore moved that Mrs. Whitaker of Marshalltown, be nominated as temporary president, and she was unanimously chosen. Mrs. Dr. Carter of Des Moines, was chosen temporary secretary. Mrs. Mc Cord moved the appointment by the president of three committees of five each on credentials, permanent organization and constitution and by-laws. This motion prevailed and then the president read the list of committees as follows, for she had them already.

Credentials--Mrs. Mc Cord of Des Moines, chairman; Mrs. Remley of Iowa City, Mrs. Parker of Grinnell, Mrs. Scott of Nevada, Mrs. Dearing of Boone.

Permanent Organization---Mrs. Cogswell of Cedar Rapids, chairman; Mrs. Thummell of Des Moines, Mrs. Clay of Cedar Falls, Mrs. Hecht of Clarence, Mrs. Berry of Indianola.

Constitution and By-laws--Mrs. Brooks of Manchester, chairman; Mrs. Howe of Marshalltown, Mrs. Weed of West Union, Mrs. Everett of Council Bluffs, Mrs. Colonel Hepburn of Clarinda.

The meeting then adjourned to 9:30 this morning.

The federation organized this morning by the selection of the following officers for this meeting:

Chairman---Mrs. E. W. Barret.

Vice-chairman--Eliza Ainsworth, Newton; Mrs. C. A. Necum, Beacon; Mrs. N. E. Scott, Creston; Mrs. Horace Everett, Council Bluffs; Mrs. Clay, Cedar Falls.

Secretary---Mrs. H. H. Robinson.

Reading Clerk---Mrs. Margaret Sill, of Clarence.

THE RECEPTION

A most enjoyable reception was tendered by the Des Moines Women's Club to the visiting women's clubs of the state at the home of Mr. F. M. Hubbell last evening. The large parlors were completely filled. Mrs. J. K. Macomber delivered a most happy

and felicitous address of welcome, containing many bright things brightly and clearly said. The speaker's manner was charming and altogether her little speech was a brilliant one. Mrs. Belknap sang a difficult vocal selection and responded to an encore. Miss Bertha Parce thrillingly recited the "Chariot Race". Professor Schmidt gave a violin solo, taking the place on the program assigned to Mrs. Bonbright, who was absent. The following ladies comprised the reception committee: Mrs. Henry West, chairman, Mesdames J. G. Berryhill, Fannie Browne, A. B. Cummins, J. S. Carter, E. H. Carter, C. H. Getchell, William Jaquith, Charles Watrous, H. C. Potter, James Callanan, E. R. Clapp, J. H. Windsor, W. F. Thummell, W. M. Mc Cain, Stewart Goodrell, F. A. Percival, S. A. Robertson, J. J. Towne, J. B. Hatton, Miss Mary Mc Clelland.

Mail and Times

April 29, 1893

The Women's Club held its regular meeting Wednesday afternoon in the parlors of the Christian Church. In Current tops Mrs. Tac Hussey gave an interesting talk on the Literary Club in Chicago which was composed of authoresses. Mrs. Durley read an article on the Louisiana Purchase and what it did for the United States. The program of the afternoon was in charge of Mrs. Vorce, chairman of the Political Economy Committee. She introduced Miss Marion Watrous who gave a fine paper on the "Silver Question". Mrs. Gillett followed with a comprehensive review of the subject. Mrs. Thummell read letters from D. B. Henderson and William Allison giving their views on the subject. An interesting paper on "Free Coinage" was read by Mrs. J. H. Windsor and with it the program closed.

The following is a list of the representatives of the various clubs.

Cio Club of Carroll--Mrs. W. L. Culbertson and Mrs. W. R. Lee.
Thursday Club of Council Bluffs-- Mrs. Horace Everett and Mrs. Sarah E. Key.

Ladies Literary Club of Creston--Mrs. B. N. Toney and Mrs. Scott.
Lowell Club of Boone--Mrs. Ella Mc Cune and Miss Fannie Mumm.
Friday Club of Newton-- Miss Lizzie Ainsworth and Mrs. O. N. Wagley.

Woman's Club of Nevada-- Mrs. A. N. Payne and Mrs. A. W. Scott.
Woman's Club of Marshalltown-- Mrs. J. M. Whittier and Mrs. Howe.
Ladies Reading Circle of Clarence--Mrs. Margaret Greig and Mrs. Hecht.

L. L. Club of Cedar Rapids--Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Cogswell.
History Literary Circle of Grinnell--Mrs. L. Parker, Mrs. W. H. Robins.

No Name Club of Iowa City--Mrs. E. H. Barrett and Mrs. Remley.
Study Club of Clarinda-- Mrs. Hepburn and Mrs. Clark.
Ladies Reading Circle of Jefferson--Mrs. Stillman, Mrs. Foy and Mrs. Lawrence.

Monday Club of Indianola--Mrs. Berry and Mrs. Prof. Carpenter.
Thirteen Club of Manchester--Mrs. Carr and Mrs. H. L. Ranur.
Entre Nouse Club of Marshalltown--Mrs. A. R. Snelling and Mrs. Janney.

Shakespear Club of Marshalltown-Mrs. Gardner and Mrs. Fritz.
 Hawthorne Club of Marshalltown-Mrs. T. F. Fletcher.
 State Center Reading Circle-Mrs. E. H. Schilling and Mrs.
 W. N. Gilbert.
 Class in Literature of Vinton-Mrs. G. M. Gilcrest.
 Wednesday Club of Webster City-Mrs. J. C. Cook and Mrs. Jones.
 Cliothalian of Chariton-Mrs. Manning.
 Ladies Literary of Waterloo-Mrs. S. F. Richardson and Mrs.
 Williams.
 Tourist of West Union-Mrs. Ida Weed.
 Shakespeare Club of Ottumwa-Mrs. Tisdale.
 Monday Club of Boone-Mrs. P. S. Bibbs and Mrs. Deering.
 First Division in Literature of Clinton-Mrs. Jones.
 Clisopian Club of Marshalltown-Mrs. Carr and Mrs. Carver.
 Witianagemott of Marshalltown-Mrs. S. P. Knisely.
 Des Moines Club: The Monday Club was represented by Mrs.
 Flint and Mrs. Drake; The Frank Russell Circle by Mrs. Mc-
 Cord and Mrs. Tucker; Unity Club by Mrs. Fannie Babbill and
 Miss Anelie Stowe; Athenian Club Circle by Mrs. Will Mc Henry
 and Mrs. Ellis Longley; Conversational Club by Mrs. Hawley
 and Mrs. F. W. Cherry; Review Club by Mrs. Raymond and Mrs.
 Chet Cole; Tourist Club by Mrs. Garver and Mrs. Dr. Breeden;
 T. V. Club by Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Dunlap; Women's Club by
 Mrs. Ruttkay, Mrs. Berryhill, Mrs. Durley and Mrs. Clapp.
 American History Class by Mrs. John Wyman and Mrs. Tyler
 Scoville.

The Daily News

April 29, 1893

Since the proposed federation of women's clubs of Iowa was first talked of several weeks ago, there has been a constantly increasing interest in the project. For this purpose some 200 ladies representing the leading literary clubs of Iowa assembly in the parlors of the Christian Church Thursday. (Fitting tributes to the gatherings were the various club flags draped artistically around the room. Upon the platform was placed a profusion of potted plants and flowers. The ends were flanked with graceful palms, while at the sides were placed the cool ferns and vivid hued geraniums. Spicy carnations, fragrant roses, stately calcs, and gay hued tuplips in bowls upon the tables gave to the scene a fresh and spring-like appearance.) In gazing over the ladies present from the city and abroad, the old idea of literary ladies being of blue-stocking type, homely, untidy, and unprepossessing received a terrible blow. For a fresher, brighter and more attractive gathering of women would be hard indeed to find. The lower part of the auditorium was reserved for the use of the Women's Club and delegates, while visitors occupied the galleries and alcoves. In seating them an able corpse of ushers were found in Mrs. Homer Cope, Mrs. Frank Green, Mrs. Nourse, Miss Mathews and others. Shortly after 2:30 o'clock the meeting was called to order by the president of the Women's Club of Des Moines, Mrs. J. G. Berryhill. Her welcome address was strong eloquent and given with an ease and grace that many public speakers might have envied. The object of the federation was clearly and

concisely explained by her, and in such a manner as to inspire enthusiasm amongst all of her hearers. From the forty-four clubs invited to attend the meeting, hearty responses and co-operation had been received. The roll call by the secretary found nearly all the delegated present. Three minute talks were then given by the delegates, the object of the clubs being disclosed as well as the length of existance and number of members. In point of members the Des Moines Women's Club takes the lead, with the Woman's Club of Marshalltown, numbering eighty members, second. The oldest organizations represented were the L. L. C. Club of Cedar Rapids, formed in 1879, the Ladies Reading Circle of Clarence in 1880, Hawthorne Club of Marshalltown in 1879, the Shakespeare Club of Ottumwa in 1880, and a club with an unpronouncable name, meaning "The Club of Wise Men", formed in Marshalltown in 1875. One of the prettiest addresses of the afternoon was made by Miss Ainsworth of the Newton Friday Club. Mrs. Mc Cune of The Boone Lowell Club is an easy speaker and a well-informed woman. Mrs. Denmead of Cedar Falls Art Club was one of the handsomest women present as well as one of the wittiest speakers. In her account of her club she created much merriment by saying they had to thoroughly absorbed art in preparation for the Columbian Exposition as now to be able to furnish the whole state with any desired information. Another bright and entertaining address was made by Mrs. Jones of the L. C. C. Club of Cedar Rapids. Mrs. Fletcher of the Marshalltown Hawthorne Club is a well-posted woman and from the ease of her report evidently accustomed to public speaking. After the reports of the visiting clubs had been delivered, Mrs. Berryhill called upon the members of the various city clubs. How many literary clubs there are in the city it would be hard to say, but from the majority of them were delegates, who gave interesting accounts of their object. Choice vocal selections by Miss Meta Hills and Miss Nelly Arkman, added greatly to the pleasure of the afternoon. An informal half hour was devoted to becoming better acquainted with each other and the meeting adjourned until the next day. In the evening the stately residence of Mrs. F. M. Hubbell, Terrace Hill was thrown open for an enjoyable reception, tendered by the Women's Club of the city to the various visiting clubs of the state. Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hubbell, assisted by the reception committee consisting of (the names of the ladies on this committee may be found by looking at the Iowa State Register, April 28, 1893.) The house was beautifully decorated with potted plants and cut flowers. In the halls graceful palms, various hued foliage and blooming plants of all descriptions were banked. Bowls of roses, carnations, marguerites and tulips were scattered throughout the room. In the hall a mandlin orchestra was stationed and furnished music throughout the evening. Delicious refreshments were served. The table in the dining room was decorated with roses, cala lillies and smilax. When the guests had assembled a brilliant address of welcome was made by Mrs. J. K. Macomber. Much appaulse was created by the kindly sympathy she expressed for the gentlemen for the misfortune they had in not being born a woman. Mrs. Macomber's address was fluently made and full of the happy and apropos hits for which she is famous. The exquisite "Jewell Song"

from Faust was given by Mrs. Belknap. Her rendition of it was perfect and in response to the enthusiastic encore, she sang a charming Italian song with very pleasing effect. "The Chariot Race" from Ben Hur was given with fine dramatic effect by Miss Bertha Parce. In response to an encore she gave a witty love story. Owing to illness, Mrs. Bonbright was unable to be present and unable to take her part on the program. It was closed by two lovely violin solos by Professor Schmidt. Over 200 guests were present and the costumes of the ladies were striking in their richness and beauty. For a delightful evening the visitors were indebted to the hospitality of Mrs. F. M. Hubbell and the social committee of the Women's Club.

Among the out of town ladies who are guests of the various members of the Women's Club are Miss Lizzie Ainsworth of Newton, who is visiting Miss Mary Mc Clelland; Mrs. Denmead of Marshalltown, Mrs. Walter Mc Cane, Mrs. Greig, and Mrs. Hect of Clarence, Mrs. John Wyman, Mrs. Berry and Mrs. Professor Carpenter of Indianola, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Jones of Cedar Rapids, Mrs. Watrous, Mrs. Barrett, and Mrs. Remley of Iowa City, Miss Hughes, and Mrs. Burnell of Marshalltown, Mrs. McHenry, Mrs. O. M. Wagley of Newton, Mrs. Ballace, Mrs. C. A. Mc Cune, of Boone, Mrs. Dr. Patchin, Mrs. Jessie Manning of Chariton, Mrs. J. C. Macy, Mrs. Weed of West Union, Mrs. J. H. Windsor, Mrs. Blythe James, Mrs. J. B. Dakin and Mrs. Millard Mc Allister of Mason City, Mrs. Mc Cord, Mrs. Carr of Manchester, Mrs. S. A. Robertson, Mrs. Robbins and Mrs. Parker of Grinnell, Mrs. C. H. Getchell, Mrs. Horace Everett of Council Bluffs, Mrs. Judge Day, Mrs. J. M. Farrell, and Mrs. Knapp of Mason City, Mrs. Hatton, Mrs. Fletcher of Marshalltown, Mrs. J. G. Berryhill, Mrs. Gilcrest of Vinton, Mrs. S. A. Marine, Mrs. J. N. Jones, of Webster City, Mrs. C. H. Gaylord, Mrs. Whitaker and Mrs. Howe of Marshalltown, Mrs. Thummell. Yesterday morning the delegates from the various clubs again assemble in the chapel of the Christian Church to effect a permanent organization. The delegates were called upon and reported unanimously in favor of federation. The morning was devoted to the business of the organization and at its close the officers elected were Mrs. J. G. Berryhill, president, Mrs. Cogswell was vice-president, Mrs. Greig, recording secretary, Mrs. Howe corresponding secretary and Mrs. Weed, treasurer, Mrs. Payne auditor.

Mail and Times

May 6, 1893

There seems to more enthusiasm than formerly in preparing to enjoy the World's Fair intellectually among the ladies, and it has been the foundation for a number of new clubs with Mrs. A. B. Billington as leader. Her lectures are very interesting and instructive, being illustrated by over 200 views of the World's Fair. Monday afternoon a class was formed at Mrs. Atkins, and among the enthusiastic ones were Mesdames J. B. Weaver, Jr., New, Johns, Wyman, Harris and several others. A Tuesday class meets in the neighborhood of Fifteenth and Center Streets. Nearly all the high school teachers have availed themselves of this opportunity, as have also Mesdames Harry West, E. H. Carter, Huttenlocher, Ragsdale, Haywood and others.

Iowa State Register

May 7, 1893

The Women's Club will meet on Wednesday afternoon at the Estey & Camp auditorium on Walnut Street. Mr. Lehman, the manager, requests the ladies to come through the store and take the elevator. The programme will be in charge of the music committee, of which Mrs. Howard Johnston is chairman. The paper will be given by Mrs. C. O. Nourse and her subject will be: "The Classic and Romantic Schools in Music."

Des Moines Leader

May 7, 1893

The Des Moines Women's Club will meet next Wednesday afternoon in the music hall over Lehman's Store, 604 Walnut Street, instead of the parlor of the Christian Church. The ladies are expected to go through the store and take the elevator.

Des Moines Leader

May 9, 1893

The regular meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club will be held Wednesday at 3 o'clock in the music hall over Estey & Camp Music Store. The ladies are invited to go through the store and take the elevator. The music committee will have charge of the day.

Des Moines Daily News.

May 8, 1893

The Women's Club will meet Wednesday afternoon at the music hall of Estey & Camp, kindly tendered by Manager Lehman. The programme is in charge of the music committee.

Iowa State Register

May 10, 1893

The Women's Club will meet this afternoon at the Estey & Camp auditorium on Walnut Street. Mr. Lehman, the manager, requests the ladies to come through the store and take the elevator. The programme will be in charge of the music committee, of which Mrs. Howard Johnston is chairman. The paper will be given by Mrs. C. O. Nourse and her subject will be: "The Classic and the Romantic Schools in Music."

Des Moines Daily News.

May 11, 1893

The Music committee of the Women's Club occupies two afternoons in the course of the year's work, and the programme of Wednesday belonged to that division. As usual, it proved thoroughly enjoyable. In the absence of the chairman, Mrs. Howard Johnston, the arrangements for the afternoon were in the hands of Mrs. Henry Plumb. The leading paper was read by Mrs. Charles O. Nourse upon "The Classic and Romantic Schools of Music", a representation of each having been given at the piano by that artistic performer, Miss Julia Plumb, she rendering, in her faultless style, a prelude and fugue by Bach, and later Schumann's "Slumber Song". Mrs. Nourse's analysis of the two schools and their work was highly interesting. Miss Louise Hughes gave an entertaining talk on the career of Bach and his wonderful work. Mrs. Richard

followed with a clever sketch of "Some Modern Composers and Their Music". She spoke especially of Wagner, of the music of the Russian Schools as represented by Genikka, E. Rubenstein and others. Paderewsky was also given high tribute as the modern Orpheus, who touches the keys and draws humanly after him. Among American musicians, was Gettschaik, who was for years a central figure to music. There were several distinguished visitors present, among others Mrs. Judge Shiras of Dubuque and Mrs. Judge Woolson of Mt. Pleasant. Several ladies of the club are looking forward to attending the Congress of Representative Women in Chicago next week. Mrs. J. G. Berryhill, its president, Mrs. E. R. Clapp, vice president, Mrs. Harry West, Mrs. James C. Callanan and Mrs. C. E. Rawson will leave for Chicago Sunday night and others will follow later in the week.

Des Moines Leader

May 11, 1893

The Women's Club through the courtesy of Mr. Lehman, held its meeting yesterday afternoon in the upper rooms of Estey & Camp's music store. A large representation of the Women's Club responded to the roll call and a larger number of visitors than usual were scattered through the audience. A report was submitted by the social committee on the reception given at Mr. Hubbell's residence to the delegates attending the convention. A vote of thanks was today tendered by the club to all parties contributing to the success of the entertainment in any way. Mrs. Plumb, chairman of the committee on music, introduced Mrs. Nourse who read the paper of the afternoon. It was in two parts. "The Classic in Music and the Romantic Period." Her paper was beautifully and artistically illustrated by Miss Plumb on the piano. She rendered selection from Bach period, Schumann and others. Miss Hughes read an interesting sketch on Bach and his musical production, and a short paper on some of the modern musical composers was read by Mr. Riechard. For the music loving people, especially, the programme yesterday was considered a rare treat. A short social was held for a few moments following the meeting, taking the time usually occupied by the discussion of current topics. The Women's Club now numbers 130 members. Twenty-five members of that number were recently admitted.

Des Moines Leader

May 12, 1893

Mrs. E. R. Clapp and Mrs. J. G. Berryhill will leave Monday for Chicago where they will attend the Woman's Congress.

The Daily Iowa Capital

May 13, 1893

The Capital is in receipt of a note from Mrs. E. D. Carter, secretary of the Des Moines Women's Club, announcing that at regular meeting of the club held May 10 a unanimous vote of thanks was extended to the Iowa Daily Capital for contributing to the pleasure of the club and its visiting guests by its notices and reports of the federation meetings.

Mail and Times

May 13, 1893

The Women's Club held a large meeting in the hall of Estey & Camp Wednesday afternoon. An unusually interesting program was given, being confined entirely to music. In the absence of the chairman, Mrs. Howard Johnston acted and introduced Mrs. Charles Nourse, who read a fine paper on the principal composers and divided it into the Classic and Romantic, speaking of music as the highest art. Miss Julia Plumb rendered the piano selections from the different authors in a remarkably able manner, illustrating Mrs. Nourse's delightful talk on the lives of the great musicians, which was duly appreciated. The chairman on current topics being absent, they were dispensed with and the hour given to social intercourse among the ladies. The meeting will be remembered as one of the pleasantest of the season.

Des Moines Leader

May 24, 1893

Regular meeting of the Women's Club Wednesday, May 24, at 3 P.M., in the parlors of the Christian Church. Programme in charge of Mrs. Hunting, chairman of the history committee. Mrs. Wyman will present a paper on "Intellectual Development of America."

Iowa State Register

May 24, 1893

The last regular meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club for this season will be held at the Christian Church at 2:30 this afternoon. The programme will be in charge of the history committee, of which Mrs. Julia M. Hunting is chairman, and the principal paper will be on "The Intellectual Development of America" by Bina M. Wyman.

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May 26, 1893

THE COLFAX CHAUTAUQUA

(Led by members of the Des Moines Women's Club.)

Condensed Program of the Meeting to be held July 6 to 16

Great Preparations Being Made at Colfax to Entertain Visitors.

Des Moines Leader

June 7, 1893

Colfax, May 29,--Special preparations for the annual session of Iowa Chautauqua assembly are approaching completion. The program is now in press, and is indeed a great feast. The following is the condensed program:

July 7--11 A.M. Woman's Club, Mrs. W. H. Baily; 2 P.M., lecture, Rev. A. A. Willits, D. D.; 8 P.M., readings and music Misses Biggart and Gumaer.

July 8--11 A.M. Woman's Club, Mrs. Emily Mc Cord; 2 P.M., oration, Dr. E. R. Hutchins; 8 P.M., G. A. R. campfire.

July 10--11 A.M., Woman's Club, Mrs. Ella H. Durley; 2 P.M., lecture, Rev. A. A. Willits, D. D.; 8 P.M., lecture illustrated,

Professor M. L. Williston. the members of that popular organization
 July 11--11 A.M., Woman's Club, Mrs. A. D. Whittaker; 2 P.M.,
 lecture, Rev. Frank Russell, D. D., 8 P.M., illustrated,
 Professor M. L. Williston.

Mail and Times

May 27, 1893

The Des Moines Women's Club held its last literary meeting Wednesday afternoon in the parlors of the Christian Church. The meeting was unusually large, a number of visitors being present who showed their hearty appreciation of the favor. The time usually taken up by current topics was given to the ladies who were fortunate enough to be at the Woman's Congress in Chicago in which to report. Very interesting accounts were given by Miss Lizzie Matthews and Mrs. James G. Berryhill. Mrs. John Wyman had the leading paper and in her gracious manner read on "The Intellectual Development of America". The paper was one of deep study and thoughtful consideration in which was emphasized the fact of our being far behind Europe in art and literature, but in inventions we take the lead sowing the American characteristic, that of being and thinking practical. Mrs. Begun gave a remarkable fine paper on "Influence of American Women during the Revolution", brought forth in her pleasing style the worth of women. The next meeting will be a social one and will probably be if the weather permits, two weeks hence, and is in charge of the society committee.

Des Moines Leader

June 3, 1893

Mrs. Berryhill, assisted by the social committee, will receive informally the members of the Women's Club at her home, 1191 Pleasant Street, Wednesday, June 7, at 3 o'clock. This is the last meeting of the year and all members of the club are cordially invited to be present.

Des Moines Leader

June 4, 1893

Mrs. Berryhill, assisted by the social committee, will receive informally members of the Women's Club at her home, 1101 Pleasant Street, Wednesday, June 7 at 3 o'clock. This is the last meeting of the year and all members of the club are cordially invited to be present.

Des Moines Leader

June 7, 1893

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Des Moines Leader

June 8, 1893

Mrs. James G. Berryhill, assisted by the social committee

of Women's Club, gave a reception Wednesday afternoon at her home on Pleasant Street to the members of that popular organization. It was a fitting close of the year over which Mrs. Berryhill has presided with so much distinction. Her ability, grace and tact have made her deservedly popular. The reception was largely attended and proved highly enjoyable. The club will not meet again until late in September, when the newly elected president, Mrs. E. R. Clapp, will take her seat.

Mail and Times

June 10, 1893

Mrs. James Berryhill entertained the ladies of the Des Moines Women's Club Wednesday afternoon with an informal reception. The house was prettily decorated in carnation and ferns. Mrs. Berryhill was assisted by Mrs. Harry Culver of Seattle; Mrs. Walter Mc Cain and Mrs. Dr. Hatton. Mrs. James Hume sang several numbers in a very pleasing manner and Miss Hattie Hatton delighted those present with her musical numbers. Light refreshments were served all during the afternoon. Among those enjoying Mrs. Berryhill's hospitality were; Mesdames Edmundson, Day, Durley, Ruttkay, Tac Hussey, Andrews, Newell, Mc Cord, Carol Wright, Pleas. Mills, Hume, Johnston, Macey, Hatton, Callanan, Galord, Walker, Macomber, Foster, Reynolds, Spinney, Parks, Abdill.

Iowa State Register

July 2, 1893

Members of the Women's Club who have read papers before that body are requested to send typewritten copies of the papers to Abdill's Art Store by the last of this week in order that they may be added to the club's World's Fair exhibit.

The fair exhibit of the Des Moines Women's Club can be seen Monday after eight A.M. at Abdill's Store, 520 Walnut St.

The Des Moines Leader

July 11, 1893

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Iowa State Register

July 11, 1893

Members of the Women's Club who have read papers before that body are requested to send typewritten copies of papers to Abdill's Art Store, by the last of this week, in order that they may be added to the club's world's fair exhibit.

Iowa State Register

July 30, 1893

The Fair exhibit of the Des Moines Women's Club may be seen Monday after 8 A.M., at Abdill's Store, 520 Walnut Street.

Iowa State Register

July 30, 1893

The Women's Club has issued its beautiful and useful program for its next year's work.

Iowa State Register

August 6, 1893

THE WOMEN'S CLUB EXHIBIT

The ladies of the Women's Club have great cause for feeling proud of their exhibit at the World's Fair. As is evidenced by the latter printed below, it is the finest of all the women's club exhibits and reflects great credit upon the ladies of the club of our city. The members of the club who arranged the display should feel highly complimented at the following letter.

"General Federation of Women's Club Department,
To Mrs. James G. Day:

Dear Madam:

Your very fine exhibit came safe. We are more than delighted to have such a fine exhibit from you. It is by far the finest here. You must feel very proud of it. I will take good care of it. Two of the ladies of your club were in the G.F.W.C. space when we unpacked it. I am now going to write a description of it.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Charlott Emerson Brown
Women's Building, World's Fair
August 3, 1893."

Des Moines Daily News

September 26, 1893

The Des Moines Women's Club will hold its first meeting of the year next Wednesday, September 27, at 3 o'clock in the parlors of the Christian Church. The programme for the afternoon will consist of the president's annual address, Mrs. E. R. Clapp; historian's report, Mrs. James G. Day.

"The Club Exhibit at Chicago" is the title of an article by Mrs. Lindon W. Bates in the New Cycle, Jenny June's attractive magazine, which will be read by club women with a great deal of interest. It is of especial interest, however, to Des Moines readers, because the exhibit made by the Des Moines Women's Club is the only one to which individual description is given. Mrs. Bates says:

"From the wealth of material, one exhibit alone can be described in detail. This one is selected because it is the most complete, and therefore in its features inclusive of most other. It has besides a little history. The committee

look upon the Des Moines Women's Club as its prodigal.

But, unlike its great archetype, our prodigal in seeking the dome brought along its own fatted calf. It occurred in this wise: When the clubs were invited to participate in the exposition, Des Moines declined. It did it gracefully, deferentially--the woman's club is a Chesterfield, but the vote was still a negative. There the club came up to federation day. It attended the congress. It went to the fair grounds, it visited the headquarters, it returned to Iowa. They heard nothing from it for over a month. There was a whisper abroad that the club was at work--that it at work awfully. But we had no official report. One day two ladies came to the section. They presented their cards. We read on them the portentous Des Moines. Then they made announcement. They had come from the Women's club; The Women's club had reversed its vote; it would exhibit. Thereupon there was brought in a box; we opened it and oh, yee federated three hundred, how that club had come. We gave then an entire table--we would have given them the roof. Then we just stood off and exclaimed. We expended all the adjectives in our own language and added to them all the polyglot expletives we had picked up in the Plaisance, and still our opinion was, we felt, very inadequately expressed.

This exhibit had come to us, not in tissue paper, nor in a pasteboard, nor yet in leather; it came in a massive case of special design, olive plush without, satin within. The case was partitioned into compartments, in each of which rested a ponderous volume, bound in kid. We lifted out the first. It was a book of printed matter, the addresses of members that had been delivered publicly or that had found expression through the press.

The second volume was in album form and held the memorabilia. Here was the club history; the photograph of each president with the corresponding year book set into the page opposite; the club stationery, and last, but not least, a certificate of club stock.

The third volume was of folio type and contained twenty-seven of the papers read before the society. Each had been prepared in permanent form, under the author's direction, and the artistic decorations carried out the theme and treatment with the rarest originality. These addresses ranged over a file of inquiry that swept from old pottery and violins to the silves queation and schools of philosophy.

The fourth volume had a sort of "by-your-leave-Boston" air about it; we took it up with respectful fingers tips. It was the classic Sappho, embodied in Desmonies Hellenes, and if the Cothuoni ever pressed fairer feet than those

which peep from under the pepla in those paragraphs-- we will decapitate the photographer.

Lastly, largest in size, and to many first in interest, the volume of the Authors' Carnival. Every fictitious personage with whom one had even a bowing acquaintance seems out in his own proper person. Such a fascinating motley reunion. Between the covers here, Bob Acres bob nobs with the Vicar of Wakefield. Sancho Panza sustains the somnolent form of Joe the fat boy, Sinbad smiles in the eyes of Minnehaha and Sam Weller escaping the "widder", Cleopatra pays her doubtful devoirs to Lydia Languish. It is a book that lives long in the memory, that is recalled with a smile of abiding pleasure.

Of a different quality in interest from all that has preceded are the tableaux of the Scandinavian classic. The impersonations of the Fridthjof Saga is quite beyond praise. The love of the peasant born hero for Ingeborg; her marriage to King Bing; the disguise and its betrayal; the inheritance; the final self conquest, every incident of the story lives in the dramatic portrayal, and one feels how eloquent silence can become. It is such splendid work as this entire exhibit of the Women's club that challenges advance along all the lines of progress. The federation's warm hand of devotion to all Des Moines! Thou comest late but thou comest crowned.

Iowa State Register

September 27, 1893

The Des Moines Women's Club will hold its first meeting of the year Wednesday, September 27 at 3 o'clock in the parlors of the Christian Church. The program will consist of the president's inaugural address, Mrs. E. R. Clapp; and the historian's report, Mrs. James G. Day.

Des Moines Leader

October 1, 1893

The students of Drake were on the high tide of anticipation when Mrs. Berryhill opened the Women's Lecture course for October. President Lylesworth had talked of nothing else in chapel during the past week. But every high hope was realized in delicate yet strong characterization of a truly educated woman by one whose life is a vital sympathy for all good things for womankind. She showed with great skill the relation of higher education to domestic life from the kitchen up through the parlor and studio. It was optimistic chiefly because it realized the immense gains the present holds over the past, and from this vantage ground may legitimately hope for large things to come. Her defensive co-education was well received by a college people who have from the first made this the charm of their educational system. The applause which followed

the address and the praises which found frequent expression all day in college groups were a fine compliment to the woman and the women's work she represented.

Iowa State Register

October 1, 1893

Mrs. J. G. Berryhill will lecture before the Drake Students Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. This is the first in a series of lectures on "Woman's Work" during October. Mrs. J. K. Macomber will speak on Thursday.

Iowa State Register

October 1, 1893

HOME AND EDUCATION

Mrs. J. G. Berryhill Speaks to the Students of Drake University.

"Woman's Month" had an auspicious opening at Drake yesterday. The great audience was hushed with suppressed expectation when president Aylesworth introduced Mrs. J. G. Berryhill in words commendatory of woman's work in the closing of the century.

Mrs. Berryhill happily selected the home phase of the question as the keynote of the month's theme. In unusually pure English, with just emotion to be strong, she set forth all that the American home may be when the effects of a generation of co-education and of specialization for woman shall have had time to be felt in home life. With the care for particulars she went into the minutia of Chemistry, Biology, Hygiene and Sanitation from the domestic side of Science.

The home world needs this culture more than the business or professional world, while within it's boundaries come all the final tests of character and achievement.

Not often has our audience been able to see so clearly the place of art, literature and science in ordinary life as was shown in the half hour of Mrs. Berryhill's chapel talk.

Her portrayal of an educated woman while idealistic, was natural enough to make every college girl feel a thrill of a new and greater ambition. Her address was so utterly devoid of masculine imitation, so strong with its author's womanliness as to be in itself an additional proof that true education does not make a woman "strong-minded" in the objectionable sense of the word.

The place she gave music in the home, as a complement of those severer intellectualities, was a delightful piece of poetic description. The little home scene from Dawrin's life made every student's eyes brighten.

The applause during and following the talk showed a keen appreciation of the speaker and her "woman's plea for woman". The plea was not a wail of discontent, but a hopeful rejoicing determined movement, leading all who heard, toward the "better things for the on."

Mrs. Macomber will speak tomorrow.

Des Moines Daily News

October 10, 1893

Regular meeting of the Des Moines Women's club, Wednesday, October 11, at 3 P.M., in the parlors of the Christian Church. Programme in charge of Mrs. Young and Mrs. Jaquith, chairmen of the art committee. Short papers will be given by members of the committee on "Art at the World's Fair."

Des Moines Leader

October 10, 1893

Mrs. Emma Hamilton Durley will lecture at Drake this morning at 10 in the stead of Dr. Clara Atkin Atkinson, who will speak Thursday.

Iowa State Register

October 11, 1893

The regular meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club will be held this afternoon at three o'clock in the parlors of the Christian Church. Mrs. Young and Mrs. Jaquith, chairmen of the art committee, have charge of the programme, which will consist of short papers by members of the committee on "Art at the World's Fair." The members of the committee are Mesdames H. C. Alverson, W. Cherry, A. L. Frisbie, M. J. L. Gaylord, C. P. Holmes, J. B. Hatton, Luetta B. James, W. H. Mc Henry, Galista, Halsey Patchin, John Trepanier and C. L. Watrous. This will be ont of the most interesting and profitable meetings of the season.

Des Moines Leader

October 12, 1893

"Art at the World's Fair" was the subject under discussion at the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club at the Central Church of Christ, yesterday afternoon. The programme was in charge of the art committee, which is composed of the following ladies: Mrs. Lafayette Young, Mrs. William Jaquith, Chairmen, Mrs. H. C. Alverson, Mrs. J. B. Hatton, Mrs. F. W. Cherry, M. J. L. Gaylord, Mrs. Luetta B. James. Mrs. A. L. Frisbie, Mrs. W. H. Mc Henry, Mrs. Calista Halsey Patchin, Mrs. C. P. Holmes, Mrs. John Trepanier, and Mrs. C. L. Watrous.

The meeting was very successful and the attendance was large.

Iowa State Register

October 24, 1893

Wednesday afternoon the Des Moines Women's Club will

be entertained by the literature committee of which Miss Louise Hughes and Mrs. B. Billington are chairmen. Miss Hughes will preside. "The Short Story" will be the subject under discussion. Special attention will be paid to the work of Douglas Higgins and Richard Harding Davis. A composite story prepared by the committee will also be read.

Des Moines Leader

October 25, 1893

Yesterday the handsome home of Lowry W. Goode, "The Oaks", on Arlington Avenue was sold through the effort of B. F. Holcomb, broker, to Mr. Charles E. Rawson, President and General Manager of Des Moines Life Association, for the sum of \$25,000. Possession will be given November 24. The home embodies all that one of an artistic nature and appreciation of beauty could call for and Mr. and Mrs. Rawson's daughter, Grace and little Home can be truly congratulated by their large number of friends in its possession.

Mail and Times

October 28, 1893

One of the most interesting meetings in the history of the organization was held Wednesday afternoon by the Women's Club in the parlors of the Christian Church. The literature committee with Miss Louise Hughes as chairman, prepared the fascinating program. The current events were led by Mrs. T. M. Walker and were unusually interesting. Mrs. W. A. Park presented a paper "The Short Story in Literature", which was followed by a paper on "Kate Douglas Wiggin" by Mrs. Howard Agnew Johnston. Both articles were beautifully written and showed much thought. The crowning number of the day was a "Composite Story", written by four members of the committee and read by Mrs. J. G. Berryhill. The story was begun with no plot or plan, and it was left to the creative genius of the four to entangle and disentangle according to their own sweet wills. Number one wrote her chapter and passed it on to number two who was followed by number three, while number four completed the tale. The story opens in Florence, a beautiful description being given of this famous city. Only one character, a young lady, who is abroad studying music, appears in the first chapter. The story develops beautifully and holds the attention from beginning to end. After its reading the club members guessed who had written the chapters. The mystery was soon solved and it was found that Miss Hughes had written the first chapter, Mrs. James Day the second, Mrs. W. H. Bailey the third and Mrs. W. McFarland the last. All these ladies possessed unusual literary ability and it is hoped by their friends that the story will soon find its way into print. The sphere of woman is the idea that underlies production and it is treated admirably.

Des Moines Leader

November 7, 1893

The Women's Club will hold its regular semi-monthly meeting tomorrow afternoon at the Central Church of Christ.

The programme will be in the hands of the Education Committee, of which Mrs. Lowry W. Goode is chairman. The subject for discussion is "The Ideal Home-The Higher Education."

The Daily Iowa Capital November 7, 1893

The regular meeting of the Women's Club will be held Wednesday, November 8, at 3 P.M., in the parlors of the Christian Church. Program will be in charge of the education committee. Mrs. Lowry W. Goode will present a paper on "The Ideal Home--the Higher Education."

Des Moines Leader November 8, 1893

Regular meeting of the Women's Club Wednesday, November 8, 1893 at 3 P.M., in the parlors of the Christian Church. Program in charge of the education committee. Mrs. Lowry W. Goode will present a paper "The Ideal Home--The Higher Education."

Iowa State Register November 8, 1893

A regular meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club will be held November 8, at 3 P.M., in the parlors of the Christian Church. Programme in charge of the Education Committee. Mrs. Lowry W. Goode will present a paper on "The Ideal Home- the Higher Education."

The Daily Iowa Capital November 9, 1893

OF ART AND ETHICS

The Talked at the Des Moines Women's Club Yesterday.

The members of the Des Moines Women's Club and their friends assembled with eager expectancy yesterday afternoon in the parlors of the Central Christian Church, for it had been reported that the newly purchased art treasure would be on exhibit at this meeting. But it was not, much to the regret of all present. It was sent by express, but on account of the crowded condition of the express offices, owing to the recent closing of the fair, it had not yet arrived, neither had the club's pet, the handsome case and contents, which constituted the club's exhibit at the fair. However, both will undoubtedly be here before the next meeting and will then be on exhibition.

Mrs. Ruttkay, as chairman of the current topics committee, gave a short talk on art at the fair. One class of pictures, she said, she could not appreciate and that class is that of the impressionists, in which distance is said to lend enchantment to the view, but she said she could never get the distance great enough to find the enchantment. She spoke of the work of different artists and gave her impressions of the art of different nations.

Mrs. Harry West, one of the committee for the purchase of the first piece for the art collection, gave a short description of the piece purchased which is a small reproduction in bronze of Chapu's masterpiece, Joan of Arc, which is now in the Luxembourg gallery. Mrs. Peters read a short and pertinent criticism of Chapu's work, from W. C. Brownell's French Criticism, after which the chairman of the afternoon, Miss Eliz-beth Matthews, was introduced, who gave a charmingly poetical talk on the subject for the afternoon "Education." One fine simile which she used was in comparing the mother to the artist, the brush to opportunity and the child to the canvas. When Miss Matthews finished she introduced Mrs. Goode, who gave the paper for the afternoon on "The Ideal Home", the Highest Education". She described the ideal home with its ideal mother, its ideal children and ideal influences. She likened the children to the pieces of clay, ready for the artists hand and dwelt on the responsibilities of mothers which she said, when fully contemplated were simply appalling. She said that for no others in the wide world is the highest and broadest education more necessary than for the mothers, for on them devolves the formation of the character of the men and women of all future generations and they are responsible in a great measure for the potent influence in the formation of good and bad men and women of the world. She spoke of love as the most potent influence in the formation of the character of child; of religion, the teaching of which must not be relegated to the Sunday school teachers alone, but must be instilled into the child from infancy if it is to become a part of its nature; of the love of the beautiful which it is necessary to cultivate in the child as it is an important factor in the inculcation of a lofty spirit.

After Mrs. Good had finished, Mrs. Rawson spoke of the influence of music; Mrs. J. C. Cummins said that art was a part of each child's nature and that there is no better way to cultivate the love for the beautiful in children than by teaching them to observe the beauties of nature. Mrs. Hume spoke of the influence of unwritten music--the tones of the mother's voice; of the unpainted pictures--natural scenes--and of unwritten books. Mrs. Frisbie said she was so greatly impressed with the thought expressed in Mrs. Goode's paper of the little time there is for doing what there is to be done for the formation of the characters in the children. But Mrs. Callanan capped the climax and brought forth spontaneous applause when she rose and said: "I have been delighted with the description of the ideal home, the ideal mother and the ideal children, but for my part, I cannot conceive of an ideal home without an ideal man in it. An ideal father, as highly educated and as noble as may possibly be, for without the ideal father by the side of the ideal mother, both being equal in counsel and cooperation, there can be no ideal home"--a sentiment, which is undoubtedly most heartily endorsed by every woman in this civilized country.

Christian Church parlors. During the time usually devoted to current events, art at the World's Fair was discussed, Mrs. Ruttkay acting as leader. The program of the afternoon was in charge of the Educational Committee, Miss Lizzie Matthews chairman. Mrs. Lowry Goode presented a paper on "The Ideal Home", which was remarkably fine, so excellent that it is considered one of the best ever presented before the club. Mrs. Good had committed her article to memory which added greatly to its charm. Mrs. Callanan spoke on "The Ideal Father in the Home", and Mrs. C. E. Rawson on "The Influence of Music in the Home". Mrs. J. C. Hume also participated in the program which was thoroughly interesting one.

Des Moines Daily News

November 16, 1893

The Sherman home at Fifteenth and Woodland is to be turned into a hospital. A lease of the place was signed yesterday by Father Flavin of St. Ambrose Catholic Church and W. H. Harwood of the company which own the property. It is proposed to establish a Mercy Hospital there, to be under the direction of the sisters of the hospital at Davenport. It will be free to those who cannot pay for services, other to be charged reasonable amounts to help support the institution. The lease is for eighteen months with an option of six months longer. But it is expected that within two years, a big building will be erected on the corner of Fourth and Ascension Streets, on the ground bought by Father Brazill years ago, and which he had designed should be used as a site for a hospital. Mother Baptiste of the Davenport hospital will arrive soon with seven other sisters and at once enter upon the work in this temporary building. The house will be divided into wards for the accommodation of about forty patients. The hospital is not to be exclusively for Catholic people. A board of physicians will be chosen by members of the Des Moines fraternity.

Des Moines Daily News

November 21, 1893

Regular meeting of the Women's Club Wednesday, November 22, at 3 P .M. in the parlors of the Christian Church. Programme in charge of the woman's work committee. Short talks will be given by Mrs. Edmundson and Mrs. Macomber. A practical talk on nutrition will be given by Miss Cramer of the industrial department of the high school. Board meeting at 2:15 P .M.

Des Moines Leader

November 22, 1893

The Women's Club appoints Mrs. Martha B. Johnston, Mrs. Virginia Reichard and Mrs. Helen Baylis Peters to speak at the commercial exchange lunch on Thursday evening, and Mr. J. A. T. Hull and Colonel Gatch will follow them--all about a cemetery for Des Moines. The lunch will be served at six-thirty, and no delay, in stores 505 and 507 Locust Street. All good citizens are invited to attend.

The regular meeting of the Women's Club will be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon in the parlors of the Christian Church. The programme will be in charge of the women's work committee. Short talks will be given by Mrs. Edmundson and Mrs. Macomber. A principal talk on nutrition will be given by Miss Cramer of the industrial department of the high school. The Board of Directors meeting will be at 2:15 P.M.

WOMEN'S CLUB

It Discusses Women's Work at Some Length and from their Standpoints.

"That queen of advertising agencies," the Women's Club, as one of its members called it yesterday, at the meeting yesterday afternoon at the Central Christian Church, and witnessed a very pleasing expose of the Swedish system of gymnastics by Mrs. Sherman. "While the system and its expounder are quite beyond criticism from an artistic standpoint, not to say deepened by the frequent introduction of fads and exponents making it necessary at almost every meeting to cut the original programme or to extend the time," remarked the member.

The programme yesterday was in the hands of the committee of women's work and they patted each other on the back, metaphorically speaking after the usual manner when the topic is to the fore. Seriously, there was several very interesting talks and papers given. Mrs. Edmundson paid a very high tribute to the C. W. C. extolling the magnificent and splendid work that club is doing in educational and philanthropic lines. Afterward Mrs. Edmundson read the paper of the day as per club calendar, "A Woman as Factor Inspector" written by Mrs. Hunting who was unable to finish her paper or present it herself.

Mrs. Bibbins paid a tribute to women's progress, as evinced by the display at the great Chicago fair.

Mrs. Hillis wrote of the practical gardening, raising of fowls, etc., as a means of livelihood for women not equipped by education of the so-called higher walks. Mrs. Van Slyke presented a very short paper--too short--the gem of the afternoon. She said "The women's building at the fair was a mistake; a sentimental not a practical idea. Anyone who visited the women's building would not fail to be impressed by the triviality of most of the work displayed. Individual man or woman is of small consequence except as an atom in a great piece of mechanism. In this generation there is no room for the incapable woman. Woman should stand side by side with man, not in an attitude challenging comparison."

Mrs. Henry Wallace said among other good things, "The

great need of women is honesty--honesty of thought, honesty of purpose- honesty of action-with honesty as the keynote the problem of women's work will be solved.

Mrs. Macomber talked of cooking as a fine art, her remarks given with a dramatic force were the rendition of a selection from the immortal bard, proved it to be a fine art indeed, admitting however as she must, that the cook who is a fine art cook has little time for the cultivation of the high arts. A word picture was given by someone, taking Artillo's painting "A Convent Kitchen" as a text, and describing the culinary process as carried on by the white robed angels and be-winged cherubs, leaving, alas, in the mind of every woman present who had practical experience, a distressing picture of bedraggled and begrimed robes, red and rough hands and arms, and perspiring flushed, even to the purple tint now so the vogue in drapers goods. Such is the unhappy difference between the idea and the real! Time was extended to allow further discussion of the cookery question by the lady in charge of the cooking department of West Des Moines High School.

Mrs. Harry Weston invited the members of the Women's Club and their friends to hear Mr. Lorado Taft, the eminent sculpture who is to lecture here next Friday and Saturday, at her home from three to five o'clock next Friday afternoon. Club adjourned to meet in two weeks to take of "Our Readymade Citizen" - "Our Foreign Population."

The Daily Iowa Capital

December 5, 1893

The regular meeting of the Women's Club occurs Wednesday, December 6, at 3 P.M., in the parlors of the Christian Church. The program is in charge of the miscellaneous topics committee. Mrs. F. T. Campbell will present a paper on "Our Ready-Made Citizen".

Des Moines Leader

December 6, 1893

The regular meeting of the Women's Club will be held today at 3 P.M., in the parlors of the Christian Church. The program is in charge of the miscellaneous topics committee. Mrs. F. T. Campbell will present a paper on "Our Ready Made Citizens."

Iowa State Register

December 6, 1893

The regular meeting of the Women's Club will be held Wednesday, December 6, at 3 P.M. in the parlors of the Christian Church. Programme in charge of "Miscellaneous Topics" committee. Mrs. F. T. Campbell will present a paper on "Our Ready Made Citizen."

The Daily Iowa Capital

December 7, 1893

FOREIGN POPULATION

Members of the Des Moines Women's Club Discuss Immigration.

The Program was in Charge of the Miscellaneous Topics Committee.

"The badge of citizenship of the United States is a mark of honor and a symbol of protection of the highest type", said Mrs. Campbell at the Women's Club yesterday afternoon in a valuable paper on "Our Ready Made Citizens." "No other nation on the globe confers upon its citizens such great privileges."

"For over a century the latch string has been out to the civilized, yea, and the uncivilized world. The gates of Castle Garden have ever been swinging inwards to the incoming millions of our adopted citizens."

She discussed at length the way in which immigration in the colonies was managed; the first legislation regarding it. "Then the country was sparsely settled; hope of development lay largely in immigration from the old world. Our vast, wild domain was to be subdued, hostile savages were to be met and conquered, privations and sufferings of frontier life were to be faced." She told of the treatment extended by the government and of the character of the original emigrants and the effect upon the new world, declaring that "the first 100 years of immigration to the United States had proven a positive blessing to our land, and that they have been a material help in the work of developing the great republic." She dwelt upon the effect physically and commented upon the deterioration of the Chinese who, shut within their great wall, have failed to take their places in the onward march. But the new country has been built up and the work these foreigners have done has passed into history and we can no longer take care of these homeless ones. The homestead have been pre-empted and the railroads practically completed. The channels of work and wages that have in the past been open and inviting to the world are becoming circumscribed, and thousand of unemployed are now traversing our land looking for work and bread." She suggested a change in the naturalization laws, suitable to the great change of circumstances concerning immigration, and the effect it is producing upon our country. In conclusion she read a timely article from the November "Blue and Gray", calling for national legislation to protect the honest laboring classes who have suffered too long and bitterly from the competition

which has come in with the beggarly hordes from eastern and southern Europe. "We are sure that we give voice to public sentiment when we demand of congress early and energetic action looking to this end." Mrs. Whisenand, after discussing both sides of the question, demanded the restriction of immigration.

Mrs. Frank Vorse explained very clearly the use and abuse of the Geary law and spoke warmly in its favor.

Mrs. Clark in a well written paper told how we could make room for the emigrant. "As Americans we have our ideals of society, our social traditions to be preserved, institutions to be developed and expanded, and devout patriotism, which makes us jealous of any innovation. It is from this standpoint that immigration intensely concerns us; a question by some writers said to be paramount to all others, even surpassing the silver question, the tariff or annexation." Mrs. Clark told of the causes of immigration; of the organization and work of agents. "The low rates of passage at any time offers a great temptation to charitable societies and poor relief guardians to get rid of the pauper and criminal classes, and all unable to support themselves." She spoke of the influence upon our free institutions, our high standard of living, and our civilization by the immense influx of foreign blood. "Can we stand the strain? While it seems a dark picture, let us look and see if there is not something we may admire in it? She considered the rights of man and told of the legislation in regard to migration. The prohibition of immigration would be unlawful interference with a natural right. She detailed the actual work done in the country by this foreign element. The improvements which have been accomplished being the work of their hands. "But all of these would be but too dearly bought if it could be proven that immigration tended to deteriorate the national character of the people of the United States and consequently endangered the future of our free institutions." The speaker endeavored to show by careful and critical examination that there were other dangers aside from that of immigration threatening America; that the millions of poor emigrants had no more to do with the degeneracy that did "a dozen titled adventurers."

She commented upon his citizenship, his ability to correctly use the ballot; his work in the schools, in the civil war. She spoke of the competition among unskilled laborers. "The American laborer does not suffer very much as yet from competition, for the immigrant who comes of his volition very soon joins his American brother and asks the same wages." She touched upon the new Geary law now before congress and proclaimed it an extreme measure. "All agree that we do not want the criminals, the pauper classes, the helpless or the insane, but as has been said, we want the Englishman, the brawny Scotchman, the conservative German, the witty Irishman and all nationalities; we welcome when they come to assimilate with us." Miss Peters was called upon to tell congress what it should do, and in ten minutes time gave a very good idea of what might be done.

Des Moines Leader

December 19, 1893

Regular meeting of the Women's Club Wednesday, December 20, at 3 P.M., in the parlors of the Christian Church. Programme in charge of the political economy committee. Mrs. W. W. Witmer will present a paper on "A Woman's Idea of the Tariff."

Des Moines Daily News

December 20, 1893

The regular meeting of the Women's Club will be held today at 3 P. M., in the parlors of the Christian Church. The programme will be in charge of the Political Economy Committee. Mrs. W. W. Witmer will present a paper on "A Woman's Idea of the Tariff." Meeting of the board of directors at 2 o'clock.

Mail and Times

December 23, 1893

The Women's Club hold so many interesting meetings that it is difficult to discriminate and to say that this one was more interesting than that one. The women of this club are such thinkers and are so well educated and so talented that they discuss even the most complicated subjects with the facilities of statesmen and why shouldn't they? The political economy committee has charge of the program at the meeting Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Reichard acting as chairman. The current topics were in charge of Mrs. E. E. Hubbard, who introduced Mrs. Mc Cord. Mrs. Mc Cord gave a detailed description and talk on Chautauqua work, mentioning its beginning Bishop Vincent, its growth and present success. At the opening of the meeting Mrs. Clapp, the president, called the attention to the beautiful piece of statuary which had arrived the day before and which she thoughtfully had brought to the room for exhibition. It is to be the nucleus of the Women's Club art gallery. It is a beautiful piece and was enthusiastically received and commented upon by the members of the Club. Mrs. Reichard introduced Mrs. W. W. Witmer who read the paper of the afternoon, "A Woman's Idea of Tariff". It was admirably written and beautifully read in a voice that was distinctly heard and with clear enunciation. A member of the club in speaking of it said "It was fine. Too much praise cannot be given it even those who could not agree with her knew with her view of the subject acknowledged the excellency of the paper." Miss Dr. Carrothers then presented the other side of the question in a thoughtful discourse. Mrs. W. E. Ballard gave a resume of the Wilson Bill, mentioning the Mc Kinley Bill at the same time. The President then called for a general discussion of the subject for the afternoon. Among those who spoke were Mrs. Durley and Mrs. Berryhill. Taken as a whole the afternoon was most instructive one.

Des Moines Daily News

January 2, 1894

Regular meeting of the Women's Club Wednesday, January 3, at 3 P.M., in the parlors of the Christian Church. The programme has been arranged by Mrs. Wyman, chairman of the history committee. Mrs. Stella B. Morse will present a paper on the "History of Switzerland". The ladies of the club will have the pleasure of hearing about Switzerland from Major S. H. M. Byers.

The Daily Iowa Capital

January 3, 1894

WORK OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Educational in Their Aims, They Also Induce a Happy Feeling of Sisterhood.

Women's clubs today, in town or country, are almost always distinctly educational in their aims and purposes, says a writer in Harper's. Many clubs lay out courses in philosophic and historic study which cover a wide range of literature, and make imperative close and scholarly toil on the part of those who write papers and those who intelligently discuss them. A woman's club without a paper or papers taking up a definite line of thought or research is a very singular phenomenon. We do hear now and then, and we rejoice to hear, of girls' clubs, just for fun, for recreation pure and simple, but the members of these usually feel that they ought to apologize for their frivolity. Americans learn very slowly that there is nothing wrong in the pursuit of enjoyment per se. We are a sober, reflective, serious people. Our women are, above everything else, conscientious, even to severity, and they feel quite naturally that after the social luncheon, or before the afternoon cup of tea, they should in some way devote themselves either to the improvement of their minds or to the amelioration of certain ills, the reformation of some abuses or the assistance and elevation of people who are down trodden and oppressed. A good deal of unselfish work is undertaken through committees by women's clubs. Scholarships are founded, colleges endowed, beds paid for in children's hospitals, missions in poor and destitute neighborhoods are started, fresh air funds supported by the generous contributions which are made in these societies. No appeal in a noble cause ever misses its end when put before an association of clever, thoughtful and amiable women. A charming feeling of sisterhood is fostered by the amenities of club life. Women get to know one another better, to appreciate one another more, by their meeting and touching hands in comradeship. The friction of mind with mind is very stimulating. Women talk more entertainingly, their conversation covers more topics, is less limited to domestic affairs and to dress, children and servants than it once was. The discussions of the clubs are in themselves no small part of a liberal education. Parliamentary usage, formerly a hopeless and puzzling mystery, no longer distresses the women who belong to a club; she has studied

its rules and she practices them. Instead of condemning a club out of hand, the conservative woman should first investigate, then consider, then ask herself whether the club has not something to give her, and is not in itself an opportunity which she ought not to slight.

Des Moines Daily News

January 4, 1894

Two distinguished guests were present at Wednesday afternoon's session of the Women's Club, Major S. H. M. Byers, ex-consul to St. Gall, Switzerland, and Major W. H. Conger, ex-United States minister to Brazil. Though there is no rule excluding gentlemen, it is not often that they have attended the meetings of the club, and their presence was all the more appreciated. The lecture room of the Central Christian Church was well filled, numerous visitors having come in as well as the members themselves. Apropos of the paper of the afternoon, which was on Switzerland, a beautiful mountain landscape, adorned one of the tables on the platform, while a superb piece of Swiss woodcarving, the property of Major Byers, kindly loaned for the occasion, occupied the other. Opening the current topics, Mrs. A. R. Begun gave a brief sketch of the free kindergartens of New York, which was followed by an interesting talk given by Mrs. C. O. Nourse on the subject of Athletics in College. The reasons for the present excess of athletics, pro and con, were well and forcibly stated, the wright of argument falling to the side of the course as now pursued. Mrs. John Wyman, chairman of the committee on history, then introduced Mrs. Stella B. Morse, who presented an admirable paper, one which showed much thought in its preparation and thorough research. Mrs. Morse thought that we of the United States could profitably study the methods of the little republic of the mountains and learn lessons of prudence and self-control. In its 690 years of self-government, it has laid by a fund of experience and knowledge of lasting value to those who will profit by it. The government has, in a quiet way, settles questions both political and social, to the serious study of which we have scarcely yet come. The principles of freedom are imbibed with the air of those mountains. No man can think of class distinctions in the midst of God's snow-capped heights. It is a land where peace reigns. There is no standing army and they make no attempts at conquest. They have a profound respect for learning and are wise in the direction of their institutions. Only those who can govern by moral force, are allowed to teach. No country has so large a number of public libraries in proportion to its population. Ex-Consul Byers was then introduced and, because papers were the fashion, he said, he had reduced what he had to say in writing. He said, in beginning, that Switzerland with its three million people occupied about the space that the state of Iowa does, with a climate like that of Ireland or Tennessee.

In his seventeen years residence there he had never seen the mercury below zero and he had known of no case of sunstroke. The people there are, of course, affected by the majestic scenery. One loves the Alps with their eternal snows; one fears the Rockies. Their songs are of the mountains, the brooks and the lakes. They are a music-loving people. A gentleman in authority in a certain town had told the speaker that there was not a young man in his town who could not read music. The women of the better classes are perfect housekeepers, painfully perfect, oftentimes. They are, in a measure slaves to the husbands, but in willing servitude. Among them the want of riches may be forgiven, but the want of family, never. Their school system is the best in Europe, the speaker having never seen a Swiss citizen who was unable to read or write. Zurich has nearly three hundred public libraries, but there are as many beerhouses and gardens as libraries, and in them much valuable time as well as money is squandered. Drunkenness is not a common vice, yet the poor Swiss cannot greatly better his condition so long as he continues these habits. The manner in which engagements are made, their picturesque weddings, births and baptismal ceremonies, their manufacture of silk and lace, woodcarving, etc., were all entertainingly described. Major Byer's talk was most heartily appreciated.

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January 4, 1894

FAIR SWITZERLAND

Miss Stella Morse and Major Byers at the Women's Club.

The Land of Lofty Mountains and Glorious Sunsets is
Commented Upon.

That historic little republic which lies over behind the Alps, surrounded on all sides by frowning empires; whose beauty is renowned in song and story Switzerland--was the topic assigned by the history committee of the Women's Club yesterday afternoon. The paper read by Mrs. Stella Morse was an able one in which she spoke of almost every phase of Swiss life. "It is a country", she said, "which has settled many questions, political and social over which the United States is still in a state of great perplexity." She spoke of the remarkable geographical position; of the beautiful scenery, etc., but more particularly of the people and the government which has attracted widespread attention. That "peaceful agreement is more noble than contest in war", is a principle that has made it a country it now is---a country without a standing army. Every citizen receives some training in military tactics and must be ready to defend his country. As to politics she said

that the term politician is neither well nor favorably known. The elections are held on Sunday in the church and the president is selected from the general council. He receives but \$3,000 a year and has no official residence. On the great questions of the day in Europe they have always remained neutral. This is probably one of the reasons the arbitration of the Alabama claims was referred to this country, it being neutral ground. In speaking of the education facilities of the country she said:

"The school houses are built for the children, with a view to their complete comfort. The teachers are chosen for life. The country abounds in libraries, there being 257 in one canton alone". She paid loving tribute to Pestalozzi, to whom all the world is in debt.

She thought the greatest danger threatening Switzerland was the danger of losing her individuality in becoming more cosmopolitan. "This would necessitate there being more strife over governmental affairs and their once peaceful republic would become as some of her sister republics--its best interests buried under a struggle for supremacy." The paper was very much enjoyed, being both well prepared and well read.

Major H. M. Byers had been asked by the committee in charge to tell the club something of this country, which he did in a paper entitled "Switzerland and the Swiss". Major Byers resided in this country as United States consul for seventeen years and being perfectly familiar with the country and people, his paper was listened to with great interest. "The republic is about the size of Iowa and is in the latitude of Boston," said the reader, "and during my seventeen years residence in the country I never saw the thermometer below zero nor about 80 degrees." In describing the scenery he referred to the beautiful lakes, the mountain slopes which were covered with greenest grass in the world; its glorious sunsets and its paved highways, which are the perfection of road making; of its lofty mountain peaks which tower upward toward the Creator. The effect of the scenery upon the character of the Swiss people was discussed at some length by the reader.

He said that it was most noticable in their songs, They first sing of the country, of the mountains, lakes, rivers, etc., and lastly about love.

The speaker not only told of the simplicity and goodness of the lives of the people, but he spoke of their faults as well. They are much given to drink. Wine and beer are used in immense quantities, but drunkenness is a very rare thing. The French-Swiss on the western border are following in the footsteps of the French and drunkenness is increasing in that section in a most alarming manner.

Residence, Grand Avenue, Wednesday, January 31st, at 3 o'clock.

There are two churches, Protestant and Catholic, and are supported by the government. Such a thing as private subscriptions to churches are unknown.

Besides their green pastures and beautiful scenery the Swiss people possess industries that astonish the world. They are leaders in lace-making, silk-weaving and wood-carving and watch-making.

After reading his paper he kindly answered a number of questions relative to the Swiss people and their lives and industries. Major Byers added much to the success of the meeting and was given a vote of thanks from the club. The study of Switzerland proved a most interesting theme and the historian deserves many compliments for her interesting program.

The Daily Iowa Capital

January 4, 1894

One thing Major Byers said in his talk before the Women's Club yesterday in regard to the people of Switzerland and which was of great interest was of the music of that country. The men do most of the singing, but the women are well posted in musical matters and are leaders in instrumental music. They are never known to patronize a cheap show, but are more frequently seen at the opera than are the men. The songs of the country are very patriotic and full of the praise of country and scenery. In general they are a musical people. They learn to read music so well that young men and women read a difficult piece of music as easily as they do print. Singing at a funeral is entirely unknown to them.

Des Moines Daily News

January 16, 1894

Regular meeting of the Women's Club Wednesday, January 17, at 3 P.M., in the parlors of the Christian Church. The music committee have charge of the programme. Miss Rachael Clarke will present a paper on "Franz Schubert". The secretary will be at the rooms at 2 o'clock to receive the annual dues.

Iowa State Register

January 17, 1894

The regular meeting of the Women's Club will be held Wednesday at 3 P.M., in the parlors of the Christian Church. The music committee have charge of the programme. Miss Rachael Clarke will present a paper on "Franz Schubert". The secretary will be at the parlors at 2 o'clock to receive the dues.

Des Moines Daily News

January 30, 1894

Mrs. E. R. Clapp, assisted by the social committee will receive the members of the Des Moines Women's Club at her residence, Grand Avenue, Wednesday, January 31st, at 3 o'clock.

February 3, 1894

The Women's Club under the auspices of the social committee held a very enjoyable reception Wednesday afternoon at the elegant home of Mrs. E. R. Clapp on the Avenue. There was no program arranged, and each one was made to feel at home and be social with the newcomer, as there are many new faces seen at the Club now. Having grown to the membership of one hundred forty. Mrs. John Trepanier charmingly entertained the guests by reciting in her inimitable way, "The Boy Stood on the Burning Deck". For an encore she responded with "The Volunteer Organist". The social committee consisting of Mesdames Brown, Carter, Mc Cain, Green, Clapp, Clarke, Cope, Cummins, Getchell, Goode, Hubbell, Macy, Hume, Mills, Nourse, Plumb, Potter, Wilson, Trepanier and Wright, dispensed hospitality in a delightful manner.

The Club colors being green and white, each member of the committee wore in her hair butterfly bows of green and white ribbon. The dining room presented a very attractive appearance. The table was dressed in daintily embroidered linen, with green suspended from the chandeliers to the corners of the table in the center of which a handsome gardinier filled with choice cut flowers added beauty and fragrance. Mrs. H. C. Potter and Mrs. C. H. Getchell presided gracefully at the table. Coffee, chocolate, wagers and confectionaries were served. The day was delightful and the ladies responded heartily. At the spacious drawing rooms presented a scene of interesting women. Among the guests were: Mrs. Gov. Jackson, Mrs. Sen. Garst, and Mrs. Judge Blanchard. It was announced by the president, Mrs. E. R. Clapp, that Mrs. S. H. M. Byers will be "at home" at the Illiad to the members of the club next Wednesday, both forenoon and afternoon, when the ladies will enjoy a treat of examining the pictures collected by Mrs. Byers while abroad.

Des Moines Daily News

February 5, 1894

An invitation that will be highly appreciated is that extended by Mrs. Major S. H. M. Byers to the members of the Des Moines Women's Club to come to her rooms on Wednesday of this week to see their collection of paintings. Mrs. Byers will be ready to receive the ladies at any time of the day or evening. The collection is very choice, many of the paintings being on a par with those found in the loan exhibit at the world's fair.

Des Moines Daily News

February 8, 1894

The reception tendered to the members and friends of the Des Moines Women's Club by Major and Mrs. Byers, at their home in the Illiad Wednesday, proved to be thoroughly enjoyable. All day and evening the parlors were thronged with guests who enjoyed exceedingly the study of the fine works of art with which the walls are covered. It was thought that fully two hundred ladies and gentlemen availed themselves of the opportunity

to see this collection of pictures, the equal of which has never been found in the city. The genial host and hostess were assisted in receiving by their son, Mr. Lawrence Byers, also by Mesdames E. H. Carter, E. R. Clapp, James G. Berryhill and Preston B. Durley, representing the club.

The Daily Iowa Capital

February 8, 1894

The rooms of Major and Mrs. S. H. M. Byers at the Iliad were thronged yesterday with very distinguished guests, members and friends of the Women's Club. Mr. and Mrs. Byers were assisted in receiving by Mrs. E. R. Clapp, president, and Mrs. E. H. Carter, secretary, who were very kind in showing and explaining the many beautiful pictures. It was especially thoughtful of Mr. and Mrs. Byers to thus kindly exhibit their paintings which are indeed a very great help in connection with the art studies of the club. A bowl of beautiful pink and white roses diffused their fragrance throughout the rooms from their place on a stand in the middle room, while the ever graceful and beautiful smilage adorned the chandelier. Among the pictures which seemed to be favorites were, the fine portrait of Madam Le Brune as done by herself, the "Romanian Girl" and "The Fortune Teller" by the Swiss artist, Pfyffer. "The Song" by Herr Winifred Von Miller. But invariable the onlookers would drift back to that restful, beautiful landscape painting in which is pictured so vividly as to seem almost real, a scene on Lake Maggiore in northern Italy. The painting is by Robert Schultze and while all the others were very much admired each one almost unconsciously returned to take a final look at love Lake Maggoire. The afternoon was very much enjoyed and the pleasure given the club by Mr. and Mrs. Byers will be long remembered.

The Des Moines Leader

February 14, 1894

The Des Moines Women's Club will meet today at 3 P.M. in the parlors of the Christian Church. Mrs. Patchin will present a paper on "Marshall Talbott". The programme will be in charge of the art committee.

Mail and Times

February 17, 1894

Wednesday was another red-letter day in the history of the Des Moines Women's Club. A goodly number of the ladies were assembled at the hour 2 o'clock. The president, Mrs. E. R. Clapp, in the chair, and Mrs. E. H. Carter, the efficient secretary, gave the report of the previous meeting in clear, well-worded language, portraying the special points in the different papers read with a great deal of vividness. The current topics under the supervision of Mrs. F. A. Percival, introduced Miss Rachael Clarke with ease, who spoke in regard to Harvard Annex, now known as Radcliffe College. Mrs. Percival

followed giving a description of the new club building, just completed by the Peoria Woman's Club. The remainder of the afternoon was in charge of the art committee, the subject being "Marshall Talbott". Mrs. William Jauquith, chairman, introduced Mrs. L. F. Andrews, who in a very entertaining manner, gave a personal reminiscence of the subject. Mrs. R. A. Patchin followed with a well-written paper. Many of the work of Mr. Talbott were displayed. Mrs. Patchin in a very pleasing manner described them. The president then read an invitation from Mrs. H. C. Potter to the ladies of the club to meet Miss Mary Rogers of Dubuque, at her home, Monday, February 26, at half-past two o'clock. Miss Rogers is known as one of Iowa representative women and her coming will be heralded with elate.

Iowa State Register

February 14, 1894

The regular meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club will be held Wednesday at 3 P.M., in the parlors of the Christian Church. The programme is in charge of the art committee. Mrs. Calista Halsey Patchin will present a paper on "Maichal Talbot".

Des Moines Daily News

February 27, 1894

Regular meeting of the Women's Club, Wednesday, February 28 at 3 P.M., in the parlors of the Christian Church. Programme in charge of the literary committee. The union of art and literature will be presented by members of the committee. Miss May Rogers will give an address on "Club Work".

Des Moines Daily News

February 27, 1894

Mrs. Dr. Potter entertained the members of the Des Moines Women's Club, at her residence on Pleasant Street, in honor of Miss May Rogers of Dubuque. It was a notable event and many of the club members were present. Miss Rogers is a conspicuous figure among the literary people of the state, and enjoys a national reputation by reason of her activity as a club woman and her ability as a writer and a speaker. She is the author of Waverly Dictionary and other works. Miss Rogers read a paper given by her at the World's Fair, entitled, "The Novel as an Educator of the Imagination."

Des Moines Daily News

February 27, 1894

The members of the Des Moines Women's Club and their friends have never been more royally entertained than they were Monday afternoon at the elegant home of Mrs. Potter. The reception given by Mrs. Potter was in honor of Miss May Rogers of Dubuque, one of the most distinguished literary ladies of the state, and one with whom the ladies of this city were delighted to renew acquaintances. As usual, Mrs. Potter

entertained with charming grace. She was assisted in receiving By Miss Rogers as guest of honor, Mrs. E. R. Clapp, and Mrs. F. M. Hubbell, while the ladies of the social committee took an active part in making all feel at home. The parlors were redolent with flowers, a bouquet of white and green, the newly adopted club colors, being furnished each guest upon her arrival. This pleasant innovation, introduced by the hostess, was very gratefully received. The chief feature of the occasion was the talk given by Miss Rogers on the subject, "The Novel as an Educator of the Imagination". Miss Rogers spoke without notes for some twenty minutes, and in brilliant, epigrammatic sentences. It was evident that what she said was the result of thoughtful study, wide reading and careful analysis. The novel is instrumental in instituting reforms when all things else fail as instance of which "Little Dorret" was cited, that book forever rendering odious imprisonment for debt. It is impossible to say to what extent "Uncle Tom's Cabin" had worked for the suppression of slavery in this country, and this because its pictures were true to life. The novel with a motive lives only in proportion as it is artistically correct. Fiction springs up easily in these days of many books. The wonder was that there has been no novel called forth by the recent agitation of the tariff, and many were of the opinion that there had been altogether too much silver fiction. Miss Rogers paid her respects to the old-fashioned novel with its deep-laid plot and its closing chapter in which the wedding bells are rung. As to kissing, many were of the opinion that it was really unnecessary to portray it with over nicety, as it must ever remain among the experimental sciences. Miss Rogers is a petite brunette of vivacious manner. She speaks with a strong foreign accent leaving one in doubt almost as to her nationality, though she is a native of Iowa. She is, however, of English and German ancestry. She is a literary woman, though entirely of the modern type which places a true estimate on the social graces. She evidently believes it to be the province of the literary woman to look her best and dress well, as was evidenced by her handsome gown of pink and green corded velvet. Miss Rogers will be present at the club on Wednesday, at which time she will speak on the subject of state federation of clubs. Among the numerous guests of the club present on this occasion, were Mrs. Governor Jackson, Mrs. Judge Blanchard, Mrs. Speaker Stone, Mrs. S. F. Prouty, Mrs. Colonel Merritt, Mrs. Dr. Priestly, Mrs. J. R. Drake and Miss Amy Christ of New Mexico.

The annual business meeting of the Women's Library and the school took place on Wednesday. Miss L. Loney, the present city librarian, spoke with a five minute talk on "Our City Library". She made comparisons with other cities, but the crying need here seems to be more room, and then, again, more room. Mrs. Henry Sablin gave in a very informal and pleasing manner, "Personal Experience in a Public Library". Miss Hughes read a paper written by Mrs. Berryhill on the Carnegie Library at Fairfield, Iowa. Mrs. Harry West made a few remarks on "Art in our midst". She emphasized the idea that the club had had in view for many years, that of having an art collection in connection with the club's rooms. Mrs. S. S. Maxwell, ex-state librarian, gave a retrospect and prophecy

February 28, 1894

Regular meeting of the Women's Club, Wednesday, February 28 at 3 P.M., in the parlors of the Christian Church. Programme in charge of the literature committee. The union of art and literature will be discussed by the committee. Miss May Rogers of Dubuque will give an address on club work.

Des Moines Leader

February 28, 1894

The regular meeting of the Women's Club will be held today at 3 P.M., in the parlors of the Christian Church. The program is in charge of the literature committee. Miss May Rogers of Dubuque will give an address on club work.

Des Moines Leader

March 1, 1894

The Des Moines Women's Club met yesterday in the parlors of the Central Church. The program was an unusually interesting one and consisted of the discussion of the union of art and literature. A number of interesting papers were read and the program was highly appreciated by the large assemblage of ladies present. Miss May Rogers of Dubuque, who is one of the most prominent literary ladies of Iowa gave an edifying address on club work. Mrs. E. R. Clapp presided over the meeting.

Mail and Times

March 3, 1894

The Des Moines Women's Club convened on Wednesday at 3 P.M., for another of its interesting fortnight meetings. Mrs. Percival, who is chairman of current topics, for February, introduced Mrs. E. H. Conger, who spoke well and as if thoroughly conversant with her subject, "The Weather Service." Mrs. C. E. Rossin followed in a description of the state of affairs in Hawaii. Mrs. Billington, chairman of the literature committee, in a few well-chosen words in regard to the literature as gained from the library, introduced Mrs. Stella Beebot Morse, who gave an admirable paper on "Public Library Period". It is very appropriate to have this subject handled by Mrs. Morse as she was city library for many years and did much toward uplifting and bringing it to its high standard. She not only is familiar with books, but as her paper told most forcibly, is in sympathy with the people in their needs of the library. The library and the school help each other. Miss Ella Mc Loney, the present city librarian, spoke with a five minute's talk on "Our City Library". She made comparisons with other cities, but the crying need here seems to be more room, and then, again, more room. Mrs. Henry Sabin gave in a very informal and pleasing manner, "Personal Experience in a Public Library". Miss Hughes read a paper written by Mrs. Berryhill on the Carnegie Library at Fairfield, Iowa. Mrs. Harry West made a few remarks on "Art in our Midst". She emphasized the idea that the club had had in view for many years, that of having an art collection in connection with the club's rooms. Mrs. B. S. Maxwell, ex-state library, gave a retrospect and prophecy

of the library. In the prophecy of the future, she said: "A few years hence Des Moines will awaken from her sleep of indifference to find in her midst a magnificent castle, the realization of an ideal; a world's fair in miniature. Here art, including architecture, will speak its message to the receptive soul. Here all the concomitants of the greater world of object lessons will be taken into the mind, and do their work through the one hundred thousand good books properly shelved in a room lighted, heated, and ventilated in a most approved manner." Senator Gatch, a member of the Board of Trustees, had been invited to make a five minute talk which he did, setting forth the needs of the library and some plans for the future. Miss May Rogers of Dubuque, a guest of the occasion gave a description of their home club house. Too much credit can not be given to Miss Addie Billington for the planning and carrying out of the afternoon program in such completeness.

The Daily Iowa Capital

March 8, 1894

The annual business meeting of the Women's Club was held yesterday afternoon. The following officers were elected, who will assume their duties in September: Mrs. Abdill, president; Mrs. A. B. Cummins, vice president; Mrs. A. B. Morse, recording secretary; Mrs. Edmundson, corresponding secretary; W. W. Witmer, treasurer, and Mrs. Judge Day, Historian. Following is the new board of directors: Mrs. Abdill, Mrs. W. H. Bailey, Mrs. Berryhill, Mrs. Callanan, Mrs. Dr. Carter, Mrs. Ed. Clapp, Mrs. R. A. Patchin, Mrs. Windsor, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Witmer, Mrs. Harry West, Mrs. T. Reichards, Mrs. Edmundson, Mrs. A. L. Frisbie, Mrs. A. B. and J. C. Cummins, Mrs. Frank Hussey, Mrs. Judge Day, Mrs. Durley, Mrs. J. C. Macomber, Mrs. S. A. Marine, Mrs. A. B. Morse, Mrs. Lowry Goode and Mrs. Peters.

Iowa State Register

March 8, 1894

At the annual business meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club held at the Christian Church yesterday the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Abdill, president; Mrs. Cummins, vice president; Mrs. A. B. Morse, recording secretary; Mrs. Edmundson, corresponding secretary; W. W. Witmer, treasurer; Mrs. Judge Day, historian. Following is the new board of directors: Mrs. Abdill, Mrs. W. H. Bailey, Mrs. Berryhill, Mrs. Callanan, Mrs. Dr. Carter, Mrs. Ed. Clapp, Mrs. R. A. Patchin, Mrs. Windsor, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Witmer, Mrs. Harry West, Mrs. T. Reichards, Mrs. Edmundson, Mrs. A. L. Frisbie, Mrs. A. B. and J. C. Cummins, Mrs. Frank Hussey, Mrs. Judge Day, Mrs. Durley, Mrs. J. C. Macomber, Mrs. S. A. Marine, Mrs. A. D. Morse, Mrs. Lowry Goode, and Mrs. Peters.

Des Moines Daily News

March 13, 1894

Regular meeting of the Women's Club Wednesday, March 14 at 3 P. M., in the parlors of the Christian Church. Programme in charge of the education committee. Miss Mary McClelland,

who is now studying in Paris, has prepared the paper. Subject, "Student Life in Paris". Mrs. Alice Ilgenfritz Jones of Cedar Rapids will address the Club. Meeting of the board of directors.

Iowa State Register

March 14, 1894

There will be a regular meeting of the Women's Club Wednesday, March 14 at 3 P.M., in the parlors of the Christian Church. The programme is in charge of the education committee. Miss Mary Mc Clelland, who is now studying in Paris, has prepared the paper: subject: "Student Life in Paris". Mrs. Alice Ilgenfritz Jones, of Cedar Rapids will address the club also. A meeting of the board of directors will be held immediately after the adjournment of the club.

Des Moines Leader

March 14, 1894

The regular meeting of the Women's Club will be held today at 3 P.M., in the parlors of the Christian Church. The programme is in charge of the education committee. Miss Mary Mc Clelland who is now studying in Paris has prepared the paper, subject: "Student Life in Paris". Mrs. Alice Ilgenfritz Jones of Cedar Rapids will address the club. The meeting of the board of directors will be held after the adjournment of the club.

Des Moines Daily News

March 16, 1894

The board of directors of the Women's Club held an important meeting Thursday afternoon at which time the chairman of the committees for next year's work were elected. They are as follows: Committee on Art, Mrs. J. A. Jackson, Mrs. H. C. Potter; literature, Mrs. Henry Sabin, Mrs. H. L. Stetson; education, Miss Olive Mc Henry, Miss Carrie Hubbard; woman's work, Mrs. M. W. Bibbins, Mrs. B. F. Eibert; miscellaneous topics, Mrs. C. B. Van Slyke, Miss Elizabeth Matthews; history, Mrs. F. W. Cherry, Mrs. J. D. Whisenand; music, Mrs. J. W. Macy, Mrs. Givens; political economy, Mrs. W. A. Park, Mrs. W. S. Burgin; social, Mrs. Carroll Wright, Mrs. P. J. Mills, Mrs. W. E. Odell, Mrs. W. L. Read; current topics, Mesdames A. L. Frisbie, J. B. Hatton, W. T. Clarke, H. O. Breeden, W. R. Warfield, S. A. Robertson, A. E. Clark and W. M. Mc Farland. Much satisfaction is expressed at the choice of Mrs. Lowry W. Goode for president for the ensuing year. The resignation of Mrs. A. L. Frisbie as member of the board of directors was tendered, and in her place Mrs. F. W. Vorse was chosen. The financial committee consists of Mesdames Abdill, Windsor and Peters; property committee, Mesdames Clapp, Hussey and A. B. Cummins; printing, Mesdames Peters, Durley and E. H. Carter.

Des Moines Leader

March 17, 1894

The board of directors held an important meeting Thursday afternoon, at which time the chairmen of the committees for next year's work were elected as follows:- Committee on art, Mesdames J. A. Jackson, H. C. Potter; Literature, Mesdames Henry Sabin, H. L. Stetson; Education, Misses Olive Mc Henry, Carrie Hubbard; Woman's Work, Mesdames M. W. Bibbins, B. F. Elbert; Miscellaneous topics, Mrs. C. B. Van Slyke, Elizabeth Matthews; History, Mesdames F. W. Cherry and J. D. Whisenand; Music, Mesdames J. C. Macy and Givens; Political economy, Mesdames W. A. Park and E. S. Borgin; Social, Mesdames Carroll, Wright, P. J. Mills, W. E. Odell and W. L. Read; Current topics, Mesdames A. L. Frisbie, J. B. Hatton, W. T. Clarke, H. O. Breedon, W. R. Warfield, S. A. Robertson, A. E. Clark and W. M. Mc Farland. Much satisfaction is expressed at the choice of Mrs. Lowry W. Good as President for the ensuing year.

Des Moines Leader

March 17, 1894

Wednesday afternoon found the parlors at the Central Church filled with the members of the Women's Club and many guests. Mrs. Tyler Schofield, chairman of current topics, in a very felicitous manner introduced Mrs. Alice Ilgenfritz Jones of Cedar Rapids, who related why and how "Unveiling a Parallell" was written by Mrs. L. S. Merchant and herself. Miss Elizabeth K. Matthews, chairman of the committee on education, introduced Dr. Ritchey, who read the paper of the afternoon prepared by Miss Mary McClelland who is now studying the French language in Paris, on "Student Life in Paris". The paper showed clear and intelligent observation and was well rendered by the reader. Mrs. W. L. Read then followed with a five minute talk on "Shall the Western Student Complete His Education in the East or in the West?". This was given in a charming manner, while not answering the question directly. The subject was handled very advantageously from both standpoints. Mrs. H. L. Stetson in a clear voice, and in a very interesting way depicted very forcibly the advantages of co-education. Mrs. Sarah B. Maxwell, not being able to be present, sent her thoughts on "Whether the Aim of the Students General Education Shall Be for the Purpose of Self-purpose". The paper was read before the club and listened to with interest. The writer maintained that the student should be untrammelled with the thought of what he was going to do until he had laid the foundation of a broad education. That the general education should come first and be supplemented by special, not because of self support, but to be symmetrically developed. Miss Matthews closed the program of the afternoon with a short talk on "Padiology or the Science of the Child". Some of the guests noticed were Mrs. Speaker Stone, Mrs. Senator Yeomans, Mesdames Cooper, Alice Ilgenfritz Jones, King, Clifford, Lizzie Harbach Ives, of Cedar Rapids, Sudie Robertson Clark and Miss Mc Elroy.

Des Moines Daily News

March 27, 1894

Regular meeting of the Women's Club Wednesday, March 28th, at 3 P.M., in the parlors of the Christian Church. Programme in charge of the miscellaneous topics committee. Subject of the paper of the afternoon is "Practical Thoughts, or the House Beautiful", by Mrs. R. R. Peters.

Des Moines Leader

March 28, 1894

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Des Moines Leader

March 29, 1894

The Women's Club held an interesting meeting yesterday afternoon at the Central Church of Christ. The meeting was largely attended and was one of the most interesting of the season.

The Daily Iowa Capital

April 6, 1894

The Des Moines Women's Club will tender a reception to Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, at the residence of Mrs. J. H. Windsor, Saturday afternoon, April 7, from 2 to 4 o'clock. Each club member is privileged to invite one guest.

MRS JULIA WARD HOWE

Lectures at the Central Christian Church to a Large Audience.

A Very Able Discussion of the Subject, "Is Polite Society Polite?"

The great American authoress and lecturer, "Mrs. Julia Ward Howe", lectured last evening at the Central Church of Christ to a large audience---the largest of the season---closing the Des Moines lecture course. Both floors were so well filled that there was scarcely a vacant seat noticable anywhere. The subject of Mrs. Howe's lecture, as previously announced, was "Is Polite Society Polite?" It was a subject she had frequently treated before, both in her writings and on the platform, and the audience was expecting a treat, and no one was disappointed. Mrs. Howe in her first sentence asked all who might be inclined to cry "louder", to do so mercifully; but she spoke so well that no one was inclined to complain of this difficulty, which she

now experiences in lecturing. She was introduced by Mrs. J. K. Macomber, who said she only acted as a herald; Mrs. Howe was introduced to the American people many years ago.

In opening Mrs. Howe said that one current of society usually considers itself above another. But what is politeness? A mere polish, graces, to be put on when out in the world and then be selfish and churl while at home? No. It is not like clothing--it is better moulded while being worn and cannot be assumed or cast aside at will. Speak as kindly of the absent ones as those who are present, or more so--the fact that they are not there should make us even more kind to them. The way people speak of us when we are not with them, when they are with other friends and feel without restraint has much to do with our lives and it is something in which we should take an interest, a point we should carefully consider. Social recognition does not affect all alike. Some are injured by it. Some leave their village or country home and go to the city and after they get more wealthy than their old friends or their parents they dislike to recognize them and do so with very poor grace. But with the first wave of adversity their new friends drop them coldly as some of us may have been dropped, while their parents would forsake them never.

For a child to forsake his parents is more than impolite--it is detestable, despicable. How many a sister there is who is working day after day in the factory to keep her brother in college till he have an opportunity to graduate! And how many such a brother there is who would blush to own the sister if she was to come to visit him; or the same of a father. Fie on the young man who would dishonor his father. Honor so much the more if he is poor. Honor him so much the more if he is old. (Applause)

"How often," said Mrs. Howe, "have I gone to receptions, afternoons, etc., and have heard frequently the expression how delightfully exclusive this is. And I thought 'yes, all the amusement, all the pleasure, everything that would make it enjoyable, is excluded.' (Applause)

"The poor can not be kept out of the society of the rich. They are constantly in attendance upon them in the capacity of butlers, valets, maids, etc., and without them our present society could not endure."

All may be good families if they are made so. There is much talk of one family crowding out another in the social realm. Is this polite? No. It is more impolite than crowding in, for the one crowded out may have at a previous time crowded in. Young folk might with profit consult their elders. Young men and women with passion, it seems, are not on so a high a plane as they once were, but another circle has made gains. They

They lead better lives, more nobel ones, and accomplish more. The old scale in which the writer was considered as ranking below the fighter has become disused and their positions are now changed. Yet politness is not enough considered. Our young people should be more polite and cultivate more polite ways. Our young men would be better off if they had more polite thought and feeling rather than so much book learning, though we would say nothing disparaging of book learning.

It requires more brains and skill to earn money than to spend it. The pity is that so many Americans grow to maturity without the knowledge of how to earn money. As the old hearty hand grasp is replaced by the stately bow and the dainty luncheon which the host had herself prepared is supplanted by the grand banquet, a veritable confectioners avalanche, the conditions of society change, yet the society of good people is always good society no matter what their surroundings. Study the field of American society and the minds of those who created it, then be patient, temperate, wise, and as you have opportunity, polite.

Des Moines Leader

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Iowa State Register

April 6, 1894

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Des Moines Daily News

April 6, 1894

A reception will be tendered Mrs. Julia Ward Howe by the Des Moines Women's Club at the home of Mrs. J. H. Windsor, Saturday afternoon from 2 till 4. The last time Mrs. Howe visited this city in October, 1885, she was present at the organization of this now large and flourishing club which now seeks to pay her honor. Each member has the privilege of taking guest to the reception.

Mail and Times

April 7, 1894

The Des Moines Women's Club will tender a reception to Mrs. Julia Ward Howe at the residence of Mrs. J. H. Windsor this afternoon from two till four o'clock. Each member is privileged to invite one guest.

WOMEN'S CLUB COMMITTEES

The following apportionment of committees has been made for the coming year in the Women's Club.

Art--Chairmen: Mrs. J. A. Jackson and Mrs. H. C. Potter; Mesdames L. B. Abdill, Harry West, W. F. Thumell, Henry Wallace, Hohn Wyman, J. K. Wilson, Henry Plumb, Wm. Jacquith, A. B. Billington, Homer Cope and J. K. Macomber.

Literature--Chairmen: Mrs. Henry Sabine and Mrs. H. L. Stetson; Mesdames F. W. Vorse, H. D. Reichard, S. A. Marine, R. A. Patchin, Tacitus Hussey, F. O. Green, C. O. Nourse, A. R. Begun, W. E. Ballard, C. H. Getchell, Miss Rachael Clark and Dr. Jessie M. Ritchie.

Education--Chairmen: Misses Olive Mc Henry and Carrie Hubbard. Mesdames J. G. Berryhill, E. H. Durley, D. G. Edmundson, C. L. Watrous, E. C. Spinney, F. A. Baylies, C. H. Gatch, R. P. Dart, S. S. Hunting, J. S. Carter and Doctor Frances S. Carrothers.

Women's Work--Chairmen: Mrs. B. F. Elbert and Mrs. M. W. Bibbins. Mesdames Will Mc Henry, E. E. Conger, J. C. Hume, C. E. Kisser, J. H. Mc Cord, J. L. Sooy, Fannie Browne, I. L. Hillis, Ruttkay, F. A. Percival, A. N. Denman, E. E. Hughes and Doctor Gould Fosness.

Miscellaneous Topics--Chairmen: Mrs. E. B. Van Slyke and Miss Elizabeth Matthews. Mesdames J. H. Windsor, Martha B. Johnstone, Sophie Gillette, W. W. Witmer, S. B. Maxwell, A. B. Cummins, F. G. Stevens, Albert Freefe, C. P. Holmes, L. F. Andrews, Clinton Douglas, Robert Fullerton and Margaret Cox.

Political Economy--Chairmen: Mrs. W. A. Peak and Mrs. S. S. Burgin. Mesdames Stella B. Morse, Stewart Goodrell, J. G. Day, R. R. Peters, Marion I. Watrous, N. B. Raymond, L. Young, James Callanan, B. E. Israel, J. J. Hartenbower, C. H. Gaylord, Geo. Lendrum and Miss Ella Mc Loney.

Music--Chairmen: Mrs. D. F. Givens and Mrs. J. C. Macy. Mesdames Walter Mc Cain, H. H. Lowe, Walter Reed, S. A. Robertson, Ernest Brown, H. C. Alverson, N. E. Coffin, F. M. Hubbell, F. T. Campbell, T. N. Newell, Wm. Kennedy and Misses Harriet Hatton and Louisa Bailly.

History--Chairmen: Mrs. J. D. Whisennand and Mrs. F. W. Cherry. Mesdames A. L. Frisbie, W. H. Bailey, E. E. Hubbard, A. F. Clark, E. H. Carter, C. E. Rawson, T. M. Walter, A. D. James, F. W. Benninger, A. E. Mc Murrery, F. W. Dodson and Miss Louise Hughes.

Social--Chairmen: Mesdames P. J. Mills, Carroll Wright, W. L. Read and W. E. Odell. Mesdames J. C. Cummins, E. R. Clapp, John Trepanier, Harry Elliott, J. B. Hatton, W. M. Mc Farland, H. O. Breeden, W. R. Warfield, Tyler Scoville, Harry West and Carolyn E. Byers.

Current Topics--Chairmen: Mrs. W. T. Clark, October; Mrs. W. M. Mc Farland, November; Mrs. H. O. Breeden, December; Mrs. A. L. Frisbie, January; Mrs. W. R. Warfield, February; Mrs. J. B. Hatton, March; Mrs. S. A. Robertson, April; Mrs. A. E. Clark, May.

The Daily Iowa Capital April 9, 1894

The reception at Mrs. J. H. Windsor's on Saturday afternoon was a fitting close to a week of festivities. Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, the guest in honor, was present at the organization of Women's Club, and in recognition of the success of the club and the triumph of Mrs. Howe this reception was given. The elegant home was beautifully decorated and hundreds of guests passed two very pleasant hours in the company afforded by such gatherings. The receiving party consisted of Mesdames J. H. Windsor, Dr. E. H. Carter, Lowery Goode and James G. Berryhill, who, in toilets elegant and with manners charming, welcomed each caller. Miss Elsie Lincoln sang a number of choice selections, repeating "The Spring Song", which was such a favorite at the concert of Tuesday night. In all, the afternoon was very pleasantly spent.

Des Moines Daily News April 10, 1894

Regular meeting of the Women's Club Wednesday, April 11, at 3 P. M., in the parlors of the Christian Church. Programme in charge of the woman's work committee. The papers for the afternoon are "The New Womanhood" by Mrs. B. F. Elbert, and "The College Bred Woman" by Mrs. Chas. B. Van Slyke. Meeting of the board of directors after the adjournment of the club.

Iowa State Register April 11, 1894

The regular meeting of the Women's Club, Wednesday, April 11 at 3 P. M., in the parlors of the Christian Church. The programme is in charge of the Women's Work Committee. The papers of the afternoon are: "The New Womanhood" by Mrs. B. F. Elbert, and "The College Bred Woman" by Mrs. Charles B. Van Slyke.

Des Moines Leader April 11, 1894

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Des Moines Daily News

April 12, 1894

The session of the Women's Club of Wednesday afternoon was one of much interest. As chairman of the committee on current topics for this month, Mrs. L. F. Andrews introduced Mrs. E. C. Spinney, who discoursed briefly upon deep sea life, showing also the development of the diver's art. Dr. Frances Carothers spoke of the advancement of medicine and of some of the latest discoveries in regard to certain specifics. She said that great progress was being made in the matter of eliminating that which was harmful to medicine, as for example, the use of antipyrine, so common ten years ago, is no longer prevalent, and for the same purpose phenacetane and other comparatively innocent remedies are employed. Mrs. E. H. Conger, chairman of the committee on woman's work, was in charge of the programme of the day, which she opened by a forcible and eloquent speech upon the almost limitless opportunities which women possess for doing good and making their lives useful. Her words were permeated with a beautiful and trustful spirit. The main papers of the day were by Mesdames C. B. Van Slyke and B. F. Elbert, both of whom are the newer members of the club. Mrs. Van Slyke, discussed "The College Bred Woman" most entertainingly and from the standpoint of a woman who has studied them from both without and within college walls. She was entirely favorable to the higher education of women, bespeaking for girls the same advantages that are given their brothers. Mrs. Elbert spoke of "The New Womanhood". Her remarks were witty and her style excellent. The closest attention was accorded her; the discussion was participated in by Mrs. Walter Mc Cain, Mrs. Frisbie and others. In the board meeting which followed, it was decided to send delegates to the general federation of women's clubs which meets in Philadelphia in May. Mrs. E. R. Clapp will go by virtue of her office as president of the club and Mrs. J. H. Windsor was elected a delegate. As alternates, Mrs. E. H. Carter and Miss Elizabeth Matthews were chosen.

Des Moines Daily News

April 16, 1894

Commenting on the paper read by Mrs. B. F. Elbert at the Women's Club in this city, the Albia Union says: "Mrs. Elbert is well known in Albia; was a teacher in our public schools and was accounted one of our best and brightest teachers and noblest women ever connected with our schools."

The Daily Iowa Capital

April 19, 1894

Mrs. E. R. Clapp and Mrs. James Windsor will go as delegates from the Des Moines Women's Club to the national federation of clubs to be held in Philadelphia May 9, 10 and 11. Mrs. James G. Berryhill also goes as a delegate, being president of the state federation. The ladies of Philadelphia will entertain on the first day and on the second a large public meeting will be held in an operat house, at which time there will be a ten minute speeches from prominent women. Iowa feels

highly honored in that Mrs. Berryhill has been invited to speak upon that occasion.

Iowa State Register

April 20, 1894

Mrs. E. R. Clapp and Mrs. James Windsor will go as delegates to the convention of the national federation of clubs, which meets in Philadelphia May 9, 10, and 11, representing the Des Moines Women's Club.

Des Moines Daily News

April 20, 1894

Mrs. James G. Berryhill has been invited to deliver an address before the General Federation of Women's Clubs which will meet in Philadelphia May 10. Mrs. Berryhill has been placed on the evening programme, which is highly complimentary. Mrs. Berryhill is president of the Iowa Federation of Clubs and goes to represent that organization.

Des Moines Daily News

April 23, 1894

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Des Moines Women's Club held Saturday, the following ladies were elected to membership: Mesdames T. F. Stevenson, Mary H. Miller, Edwin L. Bowen, C. W. Green, Leon A. Harvey, Harold Howell, Harmon L. Cook, Minnie D. Nash, Laura Conger Lendrum, W. H. Harwood, George Fairburn, W. N. Clifford, C. B. Atkins, Norman L. Lichty, A. P. Fleming, Lew C. Smith, W. D. Lucas, Robert Dempster, W. L. Shepherd and W. J. Pratt. This is the largest number that has ever been admitted to membership at one time.

Des Moines Daily News

April 24, 1894

Regular meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club Wednesday, April 25th at 3 P.M., in the parlors of the Christian Church. Programme in charge of the political economy committee. Mrs. Ella H. Durley will present the paper of the afternoon; subject, "A Diagnosis of Socialism". The secretary will be at the rooms at 2:30 to meet the newly elected members.

The Daily Iowa Capital

April 25, 1894

In a recent letter received by Mrs. Hunting from Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, she expresses great satisfaction and gratification at the reception given her in Iowa. Among many compliments to the two clubs of our city she said she would have been repaid for her long trip to Iowa if she had done nothing more than attended the receptions given her by these two popular clubs. The Woman's Journal of Boston devoted a column to a review of Mrs. Howe's visit in Iowa.

Iowa State Register

April 25, 1894

The regular meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club, Wednesday, April 25, at 3 P.M., at the parlors of the Christian Church. Programme in charge of Political Economy committee. Mrs. Ella H. Durley will present the paper of the afternoon-

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subject: "A Diagnosis of Socialism". The secretary will be at the rooms at 2:30 o'clock to meet the newly elected members.

Des Moines Leader

April 25, 1894

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Des Moines Leader

April 26, 1894

The Des Moines Women's Club held its regular meeting at the Central Church of Christ yesterday afternoon. There was a large attendance and after the reading of the paper by Mrs. Durley there was a free discussion.

Des Moines Daily News

April 27, 1894

Mrs. James H. Windsor will leave on Sunday night for the east, her objective point being Philadelphia, where she will attend the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. E. R. Clapp and Mrs. James G. Berryhill will go a little later.

Mail and Times

April 28, 1894

The Des Moines Women's Club met in regular session Wednesday P. M. It was a pleasure to the club to have with them their president, Mrs. E. R. Clapp after a protracted absence from the city. A letter was read from Julia Ward Howe in which she referred to the delightful remembrance of her reception from the unity and the Des Moines Women's Club. Mrs. R. A. Patchin then read a very interesting paper on current news from various part of the world during the present months. The programme of the afternoon was in the hands of the political committee of which Mrs. Ballard is chairman. She gave some very pertinent remarks in regard to the subject of the afternoon, introducing the speaker, Mrs. Durley, who gave a well-written paper on "A Diagnosis of Socialism". Following this, short papers were given, Mrs. Odell reviewing Moore's "Utopia", Mrs. Burgin gave an excellent review of the Salvation Army. The open discussion was participated by Mesdames Gilette, Callanan, Andrews and Wyman, "The Commonwheel", coming in for its share in the discussion. Among the new members received were Madames E. L. Bowen, Robert Demster, Fairbank, Pratt, Lickty, Stevenson, Howell and Clifford.

Mail and Times

April 28, 1894

At the meeting of the board of directors of the Des Moines Women's Club held Saturday the following ladies were elected to membership Madames W. J. Pratt, W. L. Shepherd, Robert Dempster, D. D. Lucas, Lou C. Smith, A. T. Fleming,

Norman Lichty, C. D. Atkins, W. N. Clifford, George Fairborn, W. H. Harwood, Laura Conger Lendrum, Minnie D. Nash, Harmon L. Cook, Harold Howe, Leon A. Harvey, G. W. Green, Edwin L. Bowen, Mary H. Miller, T. F. Stevenson, and J. W. Aikins. This is the largest number ever admitted to membership at one time.

Des Moines Daily News

May 4, 1894

Mrs. James G. Berryhill left for Philadelphia last night to attend the general federation of women's clubs. She will be joined in Chicago by Mrs. Howe of Marshalltown.

The Daily Iowa Capital

May 7, 1894

Mrs. James G. Berryhill left Friday for Philadelphia to attend the National Federation of clubs. Mrs. Berryhill is president of the state federation and will speak before the assembly during next week. Mrs. Berryhill will visit in Pittsburg before her return.

Just at the time when the women of Des Moines are especially interested in clubs it was very appropriate that the Unity Club should learn of women's clubs from the lips of one who has had the pleasure of visiting many such organizations, Mrs. Hunting, on Friday afternoon, addressed the Unity Ladies on this most interesting subject and gave many good thoughts from her store of personal knowledge of New England clubs. Mrs. Dr. Patchin also added a pleasant thought on the ideal club. Mrs. Hunting served delicious refreshments to the ladies and a social hour was enjoyed. Much good was gained from the free discussion.

Des Moines Daily News

May 8, 1894

Regular meeting of the Des Moines Women's club Wednesday, May 9, at 3 P.M., in the parlors of the Christian Church. Programme in charge of Mrs. C. O. Nourse, chairman of the music committee.

Des Moines Daily News

May 10, 1894

The regular meeting of the Women's Club yesterday afternoon proved a very enjoyable one. Vice-President, Mrs. A. B. Cummins, occupied the chair in the absence of Mrs. Clapp, who with Mrs. Windsor represents the club at the general federation of clubs this week in Philadelphia. Miss Margaret Cox, who had charge of the current topics committee, had previously announced that the industrial situation would be the theme, said that while we could neither impede nor advance the Kelley movement we might as a club here work among our less fortunate women and when our new club house is built we might provide for instruction of these women in the different departments of housekeeping, etc. Mrs. W. H. Bailey, Mrs. Abdill, Mrs. Macomber and Mrs. Risser followed in the discussion. The music committee

under the leadership of Mrs. C. O. Nourse were then given charge of the afternoon. The subject was Robert Schumann. We were first given the pleasure of listening to a violin solo by Mrs. Gerberich--Schumann's Traumerel. Miss Hubbard then gave a very interesting biographical sketch of this great artist. Following which Miss Georgia Carson sang (1) "He the Best of all the Noblest", and (2) "Thou'rt Like a Flower". Mrs. J. A. Jackson gave a very delightful talk on the characteristics of Schumann followed by piano solos from his Fantasies by Mrs. Bonbright in her finished and appreciative style. Mrs. E. C. Spinney gave a sketch of the great composer's wife, Clara Schumann, and Miss Mae Plumb sang "Devotion". The club regrets very much that Miss Cox is about to remove from our city, feeling that both the club and city will sustain a great loss, but her new house will gain a lady of geniality and culture. She will be followed by the best wishes of all.

The Daily Iowa Capital

May 10, 1894

Yesterday at the Des Moines Women's Club Mesdames Bailey, Abdill, Macomber and Risser discussed the labor problem from the standpoint of learning what could be done to improve matters by the club and the members as private individuals. It was an original idea of Miss Cox, who is chairman of Current Topics for May, to have a free discussion of the question and the entire time was consumed. Mrs. C. O. Nourse, in arranging the program for the afternoon brought before the members the life of Robert Schumann in a very pleasant way. The music of Schumann is becoming more popular as it is better understood. The program consisted of papers and musical numbers. Mrs. Gerberich played "Traumerie", her violin fairly talking to the attentive auditors. Miss Hubbard read an excellent sketch of the life of this wonderful composer, who lived not to know the fame he had achieved. She told of his early home life. From his father he received that keep preception, vivid imagination and genial nature. His struggles to please his mother by becoming a lawyer was of no avail and he was obliged to give it up. He worked so ardently and so constantly that he life closed with its 46th year. Miss George Carson charmingly sang two numbers which was followed by a talk on the chief characteristic of Schumann's music by Mrs. J. A. Jackson. He was a perfect product of the romantic period of his time. The critics said he was too capricious not finishing out his melodies as he should. Schumann was emotional but vigorous, and put much of his personal experience into his writing. He wrote nearly all his songs in one year which numbered 140 in all. He was not the melodist that Schubert was not so finished as Mendelsson but deeper than either. Mrs. Bonbright played a triple number with her usual grace and finish. Mrs. E. C. Spinney read a well prepared paper on the life of Clara Schumann, who was so devoted to her husband and did so much for him. She was the idol of his heart from boyhood and it was after a long struggle with his father's opposition, that they were married. She told of her great success as a pianist and of her present home. Miss Plumb sang artistically the much loved song "Devotion". She did the song ample justice.

Mail and Times

May 12, 1894

The regular meeting of the Women's Club convened Wednesday in the parlors of the Christian Church, many visitors being present attracted by the cultured, musical program which had been arranged for the afternoon. The current topics, of which Miss Margaret Cox is chairman for May, discussed the labor question. The program for the afternoon was now in charge of the music committee of which Mrs. C. O. Nourse, is chairman. In introducing the different speakers and performers for the afternoon, Mrs. Nourse spoke of the different schools of music contemporaries of Schumann. She introduced Mrs. Gerberich who rendered in a very charming manner a violin solo "Draming". This was followed by a well-prepared paper on Robert Schumann. Miss George Carson then held the audience enraptured with her full, sweet voice in rendering a two-part song, "He Is the Best of All, the Noblest", "Thou Art Like A Flower". Mrs. J. H. Hackson in her own original enthusiastic and scholarly manner gave a fifteen minute talk without any notes whatever, on the chief familiar characteristic of Schumann's music. She seemed to be perfectly with the writer and his works showing in his composition that the literature of that period was taken cognizant as well as music. He was a great admirer of Jean Paul. This was considered by many as the best "Talk" ever made before the club. Mrs. Charles Bonbright in her scholarly, comprehensive manner, interpreted Schumann in the rendition of three parts. So intellectually was it given, that one thought not of the instrument or performer, but the truths which seemed to speak to one. Mrs. Bonbright has spent much study, time and money in this country and abroad in perfecting herself and seems to have reached that point as Schumann says "It is true music when the auditor loses sight of all but the soul of music, when the player is in harmony with the composition and instead of being intellectually cold there is the warm, responsive personality of the player". Mrs. Spinney very charmingly portrayed the life of Clara Schumann who is living today. She is still an interpreter and critic of the choicest music. She will hear none but the finest selections. Mrs. Spinney read her paper in a very clear voice enunciation and pronunciation were notably good. Miss May Plumb followed with a good song "Devotion". Miss Plumb has a fine voice which showed to good advantage in this selection. She is a thorough, conscientious student and shows much promise. Mrs. C. O. Nourse received many compliments for the coice program which was so delightfully rendered. It surely was one of the many treats the club is having continually. Considering that the performers are all professionals and gave their services gratuitously shows that generous spirit forward liberal education which is always to be commended.

Des Moines Daily News

May 18, 1894

At the federation of the Women's clubs at Philadelphia Mrs. James G. Berryhill of this city had for her theme, "What is our Shibboleth". She said women had developed an impetus in learning and had made some actual additions to the knowledge

and culture of the time. The Federation embodies the conception of woman's search for wisdom. Shall wisdom stand alone? It is cold and lifeless, but wisdom and love, the dual power, shall they not be known as our shibboleth?

Des Moines Daily News

May 22, 1894

Regular meeting of the Women's Club, Wednesday, May 23, at 3 P.M., in the parlors of the Christian Church. Programme in charge of the history committee. Mrs. F. W. Lehmann will present a paper on "Sam Houston and the Texan Republic."

The Daily Iowa Capital

May 22, 1894

Regular meeting of the Women's Club Wednesday, May 23, at 3 P.M., in the parlors of the Christian Church. Program in charge of the history committee. Mrs. F. W. Lehmann will present a paper on "Sam Houston and the Texas Republic."

The Daily Iowa Capital

May 25, 1894

The Women's Club has discussed and been address on almost every question before the people of today, but the work of Wednesday was a real treat to all present. The history of our own country is always an interesting study and when presented as it was Wednesday becomes most fascinating. Mrs. John Wyman read an interesting though short paper. Miss Lillian Hughes gave a quiet talk on the Mexican War and Mrs. Henry Wallace told of her parting with her father when the Mexican War broke out. On the whole the afternoon was profitably spent, but the paper of the afternoon was that given by Mrs. F. W. Lehmann. Mrs. Lehmann distinguished herself as many another woman has done in the club by her most excellent production. It was scholarly, concise eloquent and above all, instructive. The history of the settlement of the southern country is full of romance, and the life of the bold leader of the times in that section is thrilling as a study for pleasure or profit. Sam Houston gave his life for his country. What more could mortal man do to obtain a place in the hearts of all patriots? Mrs. Lehmann condensed more history into an hour's time than it has been our pleasure to hear lately. She deserved and received many sincere compliments.

Mail and Times

May 26, 1894

The program of the Women's Club was in charge of the history committee with Mrs. C. E. Lister as chairman. Mrs. John Wyman read a short paper on Folk Lore in American History. She mentioned many memorable sayings, as "We'll fight it out on this line if it takes all summer". She paid a fine tribute to Francis Scott Key, who wrote the "Star-Spangled Banner". The paper was full of pleasing reminiscences. Miss Hughes gave an interesting talk in relating the causes which lead up to the Mexican War. Mrs. Henry Wallace, gave, in a very pathetic

manner, how, when a child, pleased with the fife and drum, she saw her father as captain of the company leave home for war. This was followed by the rendition of the song which was sung at the presentation of the flag to her father's company, by Miss Wallace and Miss Weber. This was given in a very effective manner. Mrs. Fred Lehmann gave an exhausting paper on Sam Houston and the establishment of the Mexican republic.

Mail and Times

June 2, 1894

The social committee of the Women's Club will entertain next Wednesday at the home of one of the chairmen, Mrs. Walter Mc Cain at Grand Avenue. It is to be a long, social and a delightful time is anticipated. The delegates will report from the federation and Mrs. Berryhill has been invited to give her paper which was so well received at Philadelphia. Mrs. Barber of Cedar Rapids is expected to add to the entertainment. This will be the last meeting of the club for the successful year just closing.

Iowa State Register

June 5, 1894

The last regular meeting of the Women's Club will be at the residence of Mrs. Walter Mc Cain, Grand Avenue, tomorrow at 3 P.M. The afternoon is in charge of the social committee. The delegates to the G. F. W. C. will give reports of the meeting. The ladies will have the pleasure of hearing the address given by Mrs. Berryhill at the G. F. W. C. Article II of the by-laws holds good for this meeting. Cars leave station at 2:10, 2:35 and 3 o'clock.

The Daily Iowa Capital

June 5, 1894

The last regular meeting of the Women's Club will be at the residence of Mrs. Walter Mc Cain on Grand Avenue, Wednesday, June 6, at 3 P.M. The afternoon is in charge of the social committee. The delegates to the G. F. W. C. will give reports of the meeting. The ladies will have the pleasure of hearing the papers given by Mrs. Berryhill at the G. F. W. C. Article II of the by-laws holds good for this meeting. Cars leave the station at 2:10, 2:35 and 3 o'clock.

The Des Moines Leader

June 6, 1894

The last regular meeting of the Women's Club will be at the residence of Mrs. Walter Mc Cain, Wednesday, June sixth, at 3 P.M. The afternoon is in charge of the social committee. The delegates to the G. F. W. C. will give reports of the meeting. The ladies will have the pleasure of hearing the paper given by Mrs. Berryhill at the G. F. W. C. Article IX of the By-Laws holds good for this meeting. Ingersoll cars leaves at 2:10, 2:35 and 3:00.

Mrs. Abigail, Mrs. James S. Windsor and possibly one or two others. There will be a club tea under the auspices of the social committee, the whole to be held in the parlors of the Christian Church.

Mail and Times

June 9, 1894

Wednesday afternoon seemed an ideal for the entertainment planned by the social committee of the Des Moines Women's Club at the home of its chairman, Mrs. Walter Mc Cain on Grand Avenue, between two-thirty and three o'clock. The avenue was alive with equipages carrying the desks to the inviting spot chosen to assemble. The weather being propitious in every respect, chairs were placed on the lawn west of the house in a lovely, natural wooded grove with clear sky above amid the song of birds and the gentle rustle of the leaves. The program was an active one. Mrs. E. R. Clapp gave in a very clear voice and comprehensive manner a report of the general federation of clubs held in Philadelphia during the month of May. Mrs. J. H. Windsor, the other delegate, gave her report by reading a very entertaining paper replete with suggestions gained from the meeting. Mrs. J. Berryhill in her usual, charming, manner portrayed some of the salient characteristics of the meeting. Mrs. Barber of Cedar Rapids, the guest of Mrs. N. B. Raymond was introduced and rendered in a very artistic manner, Olive Shreiner's "Dream". Many will recall the fact that this was read by Mrs. Barber at the dedication of the Iowa building at the world's fair. A vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Barber. Resolutions of sympathy were extended to Mrs. Julia M. Hunting and Mrs. Ada Billington in their bereavement. It was announced that the calendars for '94 and '95 were ready for distribution. They are very neat in appearance and announce much good work for the coming year. The printing committee, Madames R. R. Peters and E. H. Carter, deserve the thanks of the club for their untiring efforts in superintending the printing. During the social visiting with each other the committee served ice cream, wagers, and confections. Each member of the committee was adorned with a butterfly bow made of the club colors, white and green. The following ladies served: Madames Walter Mc Cain, J. S. Carter, Frank Green, Fannie Brown, E. R. Clapp, Walter Clarke, A. B. Cummings, Lowery Goode, C. H. Getschel, J. C. Hume, J. C. Macy, P. J. Mills, C. O. Nourse, Henry Plumb, H. C. Potter, John Trepanier, J. H. Wilson and Carol Wright. Many guests were present. Among those from out of town were Mrs. Mc Ilhenny, Mrs. Mc Intosh and Miss Mc Intosh of Philadelphia. It was a successful and enjoyable afternoon. The club adjourned to meet September 26 for active work.

Des Moines Daily News

September 17, 1894

A very interesting programme is being arranged for the opening meeting of the Women's Club, which occurs on Wednesday afternoon of next week. Among those who will participate in the exercises are Mrs. Clapp, Mrs. E. H. Carter, the retiring officers; Mrs. Lowry W. Goodw, and Mrs. J. G. Day, president and historian, respectively; Mrs. Berryhill, Mrs. Jay Maconber, Mrs. Abdill, Mrs. James H. Windsor and possibly one or two others. There will be a club tea under the auspices of the social committee, the whole to be held in the parlors of the Christian Church.

Des Moines Daily News

September 18, 1894

The long-considered project of the Women's Club of this city to establish an art gallery will receive decided encouragement in the fact that that organization is to be presented with an elegant painting, a contribution to the gallery of the future, at its approaching session. The picture is a fine copy of one of Carot's superb landscapes, an Italine village, and a generous donor is Mrs. Frederick Field, who has recently returned from a trip through Europe and to Egypt and Palestine. While in Paris, Mrs. and Mrs. Field purchased one fine painting for their home, including an excellent copy of Murillo's "Immaculate Conception". It then occurred to them that they would like to do something for their home city that would help to develop an appreciation for art here. After a good deal of thought on the subject and a consultation with Miss Mary McClelland, who has quite an acquaintance in Parisian art circles, they decided on a copy of this magnificent work of Carot's. The copyist was an artist of ability and name, Mlle. Hoppe, an American by birth, though of French parentage. Her life has been spent in Paris in the assiduous pursuit of her art, and her work has found a ready acceptance among those capable of judging of merit. Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Edmundson of Pleasant street are the fortunate possessors of one or two of her copies of famous paintings. The picture which Mrs. Field purposes giving to the club is an ideally beautiful Italian landscape some 36 by 27 inches in size, elegantly and appropriately framed. To the right in the landscape is a noble tree, full-leaved, and with that appearance of palpitating life, which Carot could so well attain. Beneath the tree, resting in its shade, is an Italian shepherd boy, a sheep or two near by. A sheet of gleaming water, a distant mountain and an old castle make up an exceedingly charming effect. The picture cannot fail to delight those who see it and Mrs. Field will certainly call forth the sincerest thanks of the club. The bust of Diana, one of the club's World's fair purchases, has but recently arrived also, so that together with the bronze Jean d' Arc, it may be said that the art collection is already begun. Now for a place to put these pieces.

Des Moines Daily News

September 22, 1894

The women composing the membership of the Des Moines Women's Club are looking forward with great anticipation to the opening day which occurs next Wednesday in the parlors of the Christian Church at three P.M. The meeting is known as officer's day. The addresses of the incoming president and the historian's report are among the entertaining things in store. Another pleasant feature will be the serving of tea and wafers.

Gibson, Mrs. Linaher, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Hutchins, Mrs. Houghton, Miss Lombard, Parwick, Shackelford, Pratt, Allen, Stevens, Kyle, Loring and Spinney. One of the first things in point of interest

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September 25, 1894

The Women's Club will meet tomorrow at the Central Christian Church at 2:30 o'clock, instead of at 3 o'clock as previously announced.

The Des Moines Leader

September 26, 1894

The Women's Club will hold its first meeting of the year in the Christian Church at 2:30 this afternoon. The change of the hour is desired on account of the meeting of the board of directors directly after adjournment. This installation day and the exercises will be varied and social. Members will take notice of change of time and be prompt. Visitors are always welcome.

Iowa State Register

September 26, 1894

The Women's Club will hold its first meeting of the year in the Christian Church, Wednesday, September 26, at 2:30 o'clock. The change in the hour is desired on account of a meeting of the Board of Directors directly after adjournment. This installation day and the exercises will be varied and social. The proposition of Mr. Callanan to give the city one hundred thousand dollars for an old people's home will be discussed and the action of the club decided upon in the matter. Members are asked to notice the change of the hour and be prompt. Visitors are always welcome under the provisions of Article II of the By-Laws which says: "Visitors except members of federated clubs who are always welcome may be admitted to any regular meeting of the club on the payment of twenty-five cents." There are about a dozen of the federated women's clubs in Des Moines.

Des Moines Daily News

September 27, 1894

A new year, the tenth of those numbered in the life of the Des Moines Women's Club, has been successfully entered upon. "Inauguration Day" was one of the most pleasing and varied that this club has ever known and the new year is certainly full of promise. There were in the neighborhood of two hundred present on this opening day and the serving by the social committee of light refreshments from daintily appointed tables proved a pleasant feature. Among the guests of the club were Mrs. Vail of Colfax, Miss Street of Omaha, Mrs. Congressman Ellis of Oregon, Mrs. Charles Day of Sioux Falls, S. D., Mrs. Congressman Hepburn of Clarinda, Mrs. Kearney Rodgers of Albany, N. Y., Mrs. William Matthews, Mrs. B. F. Kauffman, Mrs. J. L. Wright, Mrs. C. Hamilton, Mrs. Randall, Mrs. Brower, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Soules, Mrs. Emerson Du Puy, Mrs. James Piatt, Mrs. E. R. Clark, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Linaher, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Hutchins, Mrs. Heighton, Misses Lombard, Warwick, Shackelford, Pratt, Allen, Stevens, Kyle, Loring and Spinney. One of the first things in point of interest

were the addresses by the retiring and incoming president, Mrs. E. R. Clapp and Mrs. Lowry W. Goode. The former was brief in her remarks, referring in a pleasant way to the work which she had sought to accomplish during her administration. Mrs. Goode's address was one of the most beautiful and appropriate ever delivered by an incoming president of the club. She modestly referred to her surprise upon being chosen to fill the position of president, as she felt sure there was nothing in her former life which would connect her with the idea of leadership, none of that aggressive, strong spirit which is usually associated with leading club women. But as she looked back over the list of club presidents she discovered that they had been, as a rule, women of the gentle sort, really womanly women, yet each had left the impress of a strong individuality. It occurred to her that this this new nineteenth century club woman was or should be the well-rounded woman who represents all that the varied culture of the end of the century can give her. The four walls of the home can never produce a sphere and never become perfectly rounded in character. To grow broadly sympathetic, wise and charitable requires the contact of other minds, and it is the home which is sweetened and blessed by this broader life. The speaker drew a charming picture of the ideal woman, who was to be the soul of gentleness, refined and tender sympathy.

This is the fifth year that Mrs. Judge Day has served the club as historian. Her reports have always been sparkling with wit and full of the most telling points and if possible, the clever historian even surpassed herself on this occasion. Her fifth chapter of club history, she said, embraced the era of the grandmothers, that is, from the time Mrs. Clapp had been conducted to the chair. The efficient and faithful secretary, Mrs. Carter, with her full and satisfactory report of the year's work, barely escaped being sandwiched between two grandmothers, for after the reading of the inaugural address, the fourth chapter of club history was read also by a grandmother. In the club membership are twenty-eight grandmothers, sixteen regulars, four by marriage, and eight rudimentary grandmothers, which may be understood to mean those whose children although married long enough have failed to make them more than mothers-in-laws. To the club considered as a composite grandmother have been born during the year three grandchildren, during the previous eight years, twenty-five. The crowning glory of this era was the royal reception in honor of one of the greatest of grandmothers, our national guest, Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, Ex-President Windsor, one belonging to this era by marriage had offered her elegant home, "Windsor" for the use of the club and its one hundred and fifty visitors, and our own poet, Mrs. Billington, composed and recited a poem of welcome to this great "American Quenn". To all it was an inspiration to meet this rare and gifted woman. Her sweet, refined manners, and her countenance radiant with high thoughts and purposes declared that she had found the fountain of perpetual youth. Mrs. Day named as the most desirable charac-

man Art. Records of the committee will take part in the program. Corresponding Secretary.

teristics in a club member, reliability. While there can be no possible objection to ability, it is not so desirable as reliability. A sprightly review of each of the club's social entertainments, the methods by which a world's fair souvenir, was secured as a nucleus for the coming art gallery, the additional purchase of a noble bust of Diana, heroic size recently arrived from Rome, together with some thoughts as to a future home for the club closed our most interesting historical record. Upon the platform resting upon an easel was the large and beautiful copy of one of Corot's landscapes, the work of Mlle Hoppe of Paris, presented to the club by Mrs. Frederick Field. A letter from Mrs. Field was read in which she expressed the interest which she and her husband felt in the project of the club to establish an art gallery in Des Moines and their desire to assist in it, leading them to secure this work. The picture is indeed a beautiful one and it was accepted with sincere thanks to Mrs. Field for her thoughtful kindness. The subject of how to secure a house for the club was then discussed at some length, Mrs. James G. Berryhill presenting the generous offer of Mr. Callanan to sell his Pleasant street property to the city and invest the proceeds in homes for aged men and women. It is a part of Mr. Callanan's plan that the two buildings belong to the property should go to the use of the Women's Club and the Christian home for young women. Among the additional speakers were Mrs. Windsor, Mrs. Morse, Mrs. A. B. Cummins, Mrs. R. R. Peters and Mrs. Callanan.

Des Moines Leader

October 9, 1894

The second meeting of the Women's Club promises to be a socially interesting one tomorrow afternoon. The subject being Art with Mrs. W. F. Thummell as the principle on the programme. Her paper being on the tendency of German art.

Des Moines Leader

October 9, 1894

The regular meeting of the Women's Club will be held Wednesday at 3 P.M., in the parlor of the Christian Church. The program is in charge of Mrs. J. A. Jackson, chairman of the art committee. A paper prepared by Miss Mary Mc Clelland on "Salons of Paris 1894", will be read. Mrs. Thummel will give a few minutes talk on "Some Tendencies of the Modern German Art." Members of the committee will take part in the programme.

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October 10, 1894

The regular meeting of the Women's Club will be held Wednesday, October 10 at 3 P.M. in the parlors of the Christian Church--Program in charge of Mrs. J. A. Jackson, chairman of the art committee. A paper prepared by Miss Mary Mc Clelland on "The Salons of Paris, 1894", will be read. Mrs. Thummel will give a five minute talk on "Some Tendencies of Modern German Art." Members of the committee will take part in the program. Corresponding Secretary.

Iowa State Register

October 10, 1894

The regular meeting of the Women's Club will be held Wednesday, October 10th at three P.M., in the parlors of the Christian Church. Program in charge of Mrs. M. A. Jackson, Chairman of the Art Committee. A paper prepared by Miss Mary Mc Clelland on "The Salons of Paris-1894" will be read. Mrs. Thummel will give a few minute's talk on "Some Tendencies of Modern German Art." Members of the Committee will take part in the program.

Des Moines Leader

October 10, 1894

The program for the meeting of the Women's Club Wednesday, October 10 at three o'clock at the Christian Church is in charge of Mrs. J. A. Jackson, Chairman of the art committee. Mrs. Jackson has secured a fine selection of paintings and objects of art, a number of originals from the great authors; the most varied and valuable collection that has ever been in Des Moines. Visitors are charged 25¢ admission.

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October 11, 1894

THE WOMEN'S CLUB

Has an Instructive and Pleasureable Afternoon
Studying Art and Artist.

A choice collection of pictures, bronzes, etc., is exhibited. Several of the members speak of what they have seen.

Yesterday afternoon was a special day for the Des Moines Women's Club and the commodious parlors of the Central Christian Church were scarcely adequate for the large number of ladies who assembled there to listen to the fine program on art. Much interest is being manifested by the Des Moines Women's Club for its zealous undertaking of an Art Hall and encouraging and promoting the love for art. The city has long needed such a Club with just such women to maintain it. And when the representative women of Des Moines through the Women's Club, announced their intention of firmly establishing art in the

city, they were heartily endorsed. A delightful surprise met the eyes of the guests yesterday as they entered the parlors of the church. It took but a few moments to realize that they were in the midst of a beautiful art loan exhibition. There were pictures, bronzes, tapestry and bric-a-brac of renown; copies of Millet, Corot and various old masters, loaned from private collections of Messrs. Byers, Abdill, Mason, O. H. Perkins and all of the city's art connoisseurs. The tact, the grace and the artistic effect reflected great credit upon Mrs. J. A. Jackson, chairman of the committee.

Mrs. Lafe Young read an exceedingly interesting paper on Current Topics. She depicted in a very able manner the Chinese War, describing some of the late contests. "The War", she said, "demonstrates that as in everything else intelligence rules". Mrs. Young spoke of the late engineering, the great waterfall, which will furnish not only power for Albany, but for the other cities; of the bullet-proof cloth, the invention of a tailor; the Colorado Ballet, - the first time that women have ever been admitted to the poles in that state; the heroism of Conductor Ruth, during the forest fires; the fashions; and closed with a very graphic description of the Chicago Art Institute. Such a paper as the one read yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Young, at the future meetings, will be an assurance that the ladies will all keep abreast of the times.

Mrs. J. A. Jackson, chairman of the art committee, said the proper association for the art student is with the masters, and for that reason they had set up an art studio.

Mrs. Hal Howell read a letter which was full of interest and news from Miss Mary Mc Clelland, now abroad, to the Women's Club on "The Paris Salon-1894", in which she described the various pictures, artists and artists' criticisms.

Mrs. Edith Hepburn Thummell recently returned from abroad, highly entertained the audience for an all too brief time with an interesting and instructive account of her visit to the Munich Gallery. In her remarks she spoke of the Ferman Artists of repute, and gave vivid and realistic descriptions of the most impressive pictures.

Mrs. Thummel said that one thing which interested her greatly was the many religious subjects, so grandly executed, so full of life, of action.

Mrs. Jay K. Macomber then made some brilliant remarks upon the subject of art which were much appreciated and highly commended.

A letter from Mrs. Henry Wallace was read, and the Club adjourned to view and enjoy the pictures and collections of the exhibition. It was one of the most profitable, prosperous and interesting days in the history of the Club, one long to be

remembered and enjoyed.

Mrs. S. H. M. Byers invited the ladies of the Des Moines Women's Club, with the permission to bring a friend, to her home on Grand Avenue, October 22nd, from 10 to 12 A.M., and 2 to 6 P.M. and evening.

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Mrs. James G. Berryhill will go to St. Louis next week to attend a meeting of the executive board of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Charles Henrotin of Chicago, Mrs. Charlotte Emerson Brown of Orange, N.J., Mrs. Munford of Philadelphia, and many other prominent ladies will be present. Probably a meeting of the board of the Iowa Federation will be called soon after the St. Louis gathering.

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THE WOMEN'S CLUB

During the last year's work in the Women's Club only three chairman of committees illustrated their programs. One could scarcely have an art afternoon and not have it illustrated, but yesterday at the regular meeting, Mrs. J. A. Jackson and her efficient committee believing that to study art successfully one must be an artistic atmosphere and before great artists, arranged an art studio beautiful in the extreme. From the best collections of artists and art connoisseurs in the city they had brought rich draperies, beautiful paintings, graceful tapestry work, handsome and dainty bric-a-brac, magnificent bronzes and works in marble, and with the taste of true artists arranged all into a most picturesque studio. One could easily imagine himself in the retreat of a true artist.

Mrs. Clark of the Current Topics committee introduced Mrs. Lafayette Young, who read an interesting paper on the leading events of the past few months. Mrs. Young touched upon the Oriental War, Chaining of Niagara, Bullet Proof Cloth, Fifty-third Congress, Woman's Suffrage as being the fashion in New York and the Art Institute in Chicago. The paper was well prepared and well read.

Mrs. J. A. Jackson then announced the first number on her program--the reading of a letter from Miss Mary McClelland by Mrs. Hal Howell. Miss McClelland in her letter gave a discussion of the "Salons of Paris in 1894", and pictured the trouble between the factious, one contending for the new salon, the other for the old. She presented many ideas concerning some of the famous paintings and painters now in Paris.

Mrs. Ihummel but recently returned from abroad, in an entertaining ten minute talk told of the interesting things concerning German art and the Munich galleries. The speech was delightful, not alone on account of interesting subject matter, but the ready language, the distinct enunciation, the composure

of the speaker made the few moments most pleasant ones.

Mrs. J. K. Macomber in her usual entertaining way talked for a short time, entirely without notes, on the general subject of art and, as she always does, thoroughly awakened each listener and poured into their willing ears many bright and witty sayings on the much discussed matter.

Mrs. Jackson read a letter from Mrs. Henry Wallace written from Dublin. Among other items interesting to the club members was the statement that she had purchased for the club a valuable work of art.

The club historian cannot say too much regarding the program of yesterday nor compliment the committee too greatly for their most excellent work.

Mail and Times

October 13, 1894

The Des Moines Women's Club convened at three o'clock Wednesday in the parlors of the Christian Church. Mrs. Whiting Clark, chairman of the current topics introduced Mrs. Lafayette Young, who gave a very interesting events of the day. "The Modern War Between China and Japan" and "The Art Institute" were among the subjects so ably treated. Mrs. J. A. Jackson, chairman of the art committee, in her usual pleasing and fluent manner, saying this being art day, she would invite the ladies into the studio to examine the rare and listen to a few thoughts which would be given by the following: A paper by Miss Mary Mc Clelland on salons in Paris in 1894 was well read by Mrs. Harold Howell. Mrs. Thummel, with great ease, told of some of her observations in German art while abroad last year; Mrs. Macomber in a few well-chosen words, spoke of the different arts; a letter was read from Mrs. Wallace telling of her wonderful opportunity to see Frederick Leighton's gallery of art and of the picture she had purchased from the club. The club room was made attractive by many choice and rare paintings, pictures and statues. Nature vied with it all for bitter sweet graced the chandeliers. Many valuable loans were in place. Mrs. O. H. Perkins, the inveterate traveler, possessed an exquisite gem in the "Advanced Guard Surprise" by Rosen and a very fine old "Tokio" in bronze. One of the rarest was the "Venetian Page", executed in the sixteenth century. This is wood carving and showed fine workmanship. It is the property of Mrs. Isaac Hillis. The ladies present who knew Alice Beckington when a child here in Des Moines were much gratified to see the beautiful copy she had made from Millet's and "Gleaners". Miss Beckington has returned to New York and will open a studio for miniature pictures. Mrs. J. B. Stewart loaned some pictures among them one executed by her niece, Miss Grace Mosher, who many will recall. This was true of life, a "Britanny Peasant Girl". Mrs. Jackson as chairman, may be congratulated on giving such a rare, cultured treat.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB

Literature, Especially Humor, Was Discussed at
Yesterday's Meeting.

Mail and Times

October 19, 1894

The Des Moines Women's Club are invited by Mrs. S. H. M. Byers to a reception at her home, St. Helens, Terrace Road, on Monday, the 22nd. Her house will be open for their reception in the morning, in the afternoon, and in the evening. Each member of the club may bring a friend.

Des Moines Leader

October 20, 1894

The Des Moines Women's Club are invited by Mrs. S. H. M. Byers to a reception at her home, St. Helens, Terrace Road on Monday, October 22nd. Her house will be open for their reception in the morning, in the afternoon and in the evening. Each member may bring a friend.

Mail and Times

October 23, 1894

The regular meeting of the Women's Club will be held Wednesday, October 24th, at 3 P.M., in the parlors of the Christian Church. Programme in charge of the literature committee. Subjects for the afternoon are "Humor in Literature", Mrs. Frank Vorse; "Newspaper Wit", Mrs. Frank O. Green; "Caricature", Mrs. C. O. Nourse.

Des Moines Leader

October 24, 1894

The regular meeting of the Women's Club will be held Wednesday, October 24 at 3 P.M., in the parlors of the Christian Church. Program in charge of literature committee. The following papers will be given: "Humor in Literature" by Mrs. Frank Vorse; "Newspaper Wit" Mrs. Frank Green; "Caricature", Mrs. C. O. Nourse.

Des Moines Leader

October 25, 1894

Mrs. J. G. Berryhill is at home from St. Louis where she was in attendance at a meeting of the executive officers of the Federation of Women's Clubs. She assisted at the Byers reception.

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Through the courtesy of Major and Mrs. S. H. M. Byers the several women's clubs of the city were allowed the privilege of viewing at their leisure the lovely works of art and the antique furniture at St. Helen's. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Byers is one of the most interesting places in the city, and consequently was thronged with visitors the entire day.

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October 25, 1894

THE WOMEN'S CLUB

Literature, Especially Humor, Was Discussed at
Yesterday's Meeting.

The Women Argue That They May Be and Often Are Just as Witty and Humorous as Men.

Literature, which is one of the most interesting and entertaining departments listed on the Women's Club calendar, was discussed yesterday at the meeting of the club at parlors of the Central Christian Church. A large number of guests were present to spend an afternoon so delightfully and profitably as is assured them by the Des Moines Women's Club. On the rostrum was an easel with a picture, a beautiful engraving of the late Oliver Wendell Holmes, over which was suspended a graceful cluster of white chrysanthemums.

Mrs. Calista Halsey Patchin spoke on current topics. She gave a short synopsis of the Cosmopolitan's review of the Chinese-Japanese War, showing that the Chinese are not a military people, for scholarship is their highest attainment; that the Chinese War was the most important war that ever came upon any people.

Among the papers read was one on "Humor in Literature", presented by Mrs. Agnes Newton Vorse. Mrs. Vorse recited the humor of our American authors, quoting from Lowell, Artemus Ward and others. She said that the mission of humor was of the greatest importance to the American people for we are naturally a too busy people and need more of the humor in their lives to appreciate and enjoy life as we should. Mrs. Vorse dwelt at much length on the writings, character and style of that popular humorist Artemus Ward. "Americans are fond of the grotesque, of caricature and of newspaper wit; this country affords good opportunity for such, as there are so many foreigners and such a variety of characters. Humor is not only for amusement and relaxation, but has another mission, that of the moral and religious power. Humor is largely employed by noted divines, and Spurgeon owed much of his success to wit, closely allied to humor. America has produced many humorous writers, and humor is the salt and pepper of our food". The speaker closed with a tribute to Oliver Wendell Holmes.

The paper was discussed at length. The Germans, Mrs. Virginia H. Reichard said, were very clumsy as regarded humor, and of the five nations none have contributed so little to humorous literature as Germany.

Miss Rachel Clarke thought that women have no humor, that they have no sense of the humorous; but women have wit.

Mrs. Patchin said that Sarah Orne Jewett was alive to all that was humorous in the New England life, and she said that she was very glad that America had no professional women writers who compared to Mark Twain in "Huckleberry Finn". And yet, she thought that Miss Hawley, of "Samantha Allen" fame, might be compared with Artemus Ward.

A discussion was brought up as to whether women were not as humorous as men.

Mrs. Macomber said that she was sick and tired of hearing that men only were humorous. It is equally divided; it has not yet become the fashion for women to write of the humorous, and also that women do not see fit to indulge in the humor which is so gratifying to the tastes of the men. But that when it does become the women to be humorous they will use a style far superior to that of the other sex.

Mrs. James G. Berryhill paid a fitting tribute to Mrs. Lucy B. Collins in speaking of how much she had enjoyed the brilliant wit of that lady who is held in memoriam by the club.

Mrs. Peters answered the question of how to cultivate wit. In a few pointed remarks she said one way of cultivating wit was to see all that is amusing in an unpleasant condition; to be observing of details, for there is always a humorous side to everything.

Mrs. Mc Henry thought that men had more to talk about than women and that if women had a more fruitful source they too, would be humorous.

Mrs. John Trepanier gave a selection from one of Hunting's humorous writings, which was much appreciated.

"Newspaper Wit," by Mrs. Daisy A. Green, was a bright and witty paper, somewhat satirical, but withal decidedly amusing. Many ludicrous incidents were narrated.

Mrs. Lizzie Christ Nourse gave an interesting talk on "Caricature". She spoke of caricature in art in the American and English schools; of its progress and of the event of such a journalism; of the earlier caricaturists; of the modern artists and of the illustrations in Puck, Life, Judge and other similar humorous journals and of the caricatures which portrayed so much to people during the war.

This very highly complimented paper closed the programs of the afternoon.

At the meeting of the executive committee of the state board of federation of clubs, in the city next week, Mrs. Coxwell of Cedar Rapids, will lecture on "James Russell Lowell", Friday next, at the home of Mrs. James G. Berryhill. A small admittance fee will be charged all members and their friends.

The Daily Iowa Capital, October 26, 1894

Mrs. Calista Halsey Patchin yesterday opened the session of the Women's Club by a review of the Cosmopolitan's article on Mrs. J. G. Berryhill. Mrs. Berryhill will give a reception Friday afternoon for the club members and the representatives of the various city clubs which promises to be a very enjoyable occasion.

the Chinese Japanese War. She occupied the time for current topics by her interesting talk upon an important subject. The rest of the afternoon was devoted to the subject of literature. "Humor in Literature", the first paper, read by Mrs. Agnes Newton Vorse, called forth a discussion at some length. Among other good things she said: "Americans are fond of the grotesque, of caricature and of newspaper with; this country affords good opportunity for such, as there are so many foreigners and such a variety of characters, Humor is not only for amusement and relaxation, but has another mission, that of the moral and religious power. Humor is largely employed by noted divines, and Spurgeon owed much of his success to wit, closely allied to humor. American has produced many humorous writers and humor is the salt and pepper of our food". Mrs. Vorse paid a tribute to the late Oliver Wendell Holmes in closing her paper. A beautiful engraving of the beloved writer, so lately departed, was placed upon an easel on the rostrum.

Mrs. Virginia Reichard said in the discussion that of the five nations none have contributed so little to humorous literature as Germany.

Miss Rachael Clarke said that women had no humor, but were blessed with genuine wit.

Mrs. Patchin commented upon Mark Twain and his "Huckleberry Finn", and Mrs. Hawley and her "Samantha Allen" books.

The discussion turned to the question as to whether or not women were as humorous as men. Mrs. Macomber took the position that it was not yet the fashion for women, but as matter of talent, it was equally divided. Mrs. Lucy B. Collins was remembered by Mrs. Berryhill. Mrs. R. R. Peters said that people could cultivate wit by seeing all that is amusing in unpleasant conditions and by closely observing details.

Mrs. Mc Henry, Mrs. Daisy A. Green and Mrs. Lizzie Nourse gave interesting talks.

Mrs. John Trepanier read a humorous selection from Hunting that was very pleasing.

Next week members of the executive committee of the state federation of clubs will be in the city and will be entertained by the club and Mrs. Berryhill. Further announcement will be made later.

Des Moines Leader

October 31, 1894

Today will be a memorial one with Women's Club, it being a special meeting to hear Mrs. Coggeshall's lecture, and this will be very much of a treat for the ladies. Business of the city federation of clubs will be transacted after the lecture. Mrs. J. G. Berryhill will give a reception Friday afternoon for the club members and the representatives of the various city clubs which promises to be a very enjoyable occasion.

Des Moines Daily News

November 5, 1894

The reception tendered by Mrs. James G. Berryhill Friday afternoon to the Ladies of the federated clubs of the city in honor of the executive board of the Iowa Federation of Clubs was one of the most enjoyable of the season. Indeed, it was a gathering of unusual interest, bringing together several of the active workers in that organization from other cities, among the number being Mrs. Anna R. Howe, Marshalltown, its corresponding secretary; Mrs. Maria Weed, West Union, treasurer; Mrs. Adelina Payne, Nevada, auditor; Mrs. Cogswell, Cedar Rapids, vice-president. Mrs. Berryhill was assisted in receiving by the presidents of the several federated clubs of this city and by Mrs. J. H. Windsor, chairman of state correspondence of the general or national federation of clubs. The several presidents are Mrs. Lowry W. Goode, Des Moines Women's Club; Mrs. F. W. Cherry, Conversational Club; Mrs. Henry Sabin, T. V. Club; Mrs. Charles E. Risser, Monday Club; Mrs. A. R. Begun, Tourist Club; Mrs. Leon Harvery, Unity Club; Mrs. E. S. Burgin, Review Club; Mrs. Webb Dart, Frank Russell Circle and Mrs. E. D. Graber, North Side Club. In the dining room assisting in serving refreshments were Mrs. Robert Fullerton, Mrs. C. A. Finkbine, Misses Elizabeth Matthews, Rachael Clarke and Louise Hughes. Considerable business was carried through by the executive board in its sessions here. It was decided to accept the invitation of the Ladies' Literary Club of Cedar Rapids and to hold the regular biennial convention of 1895 in that city. Four new clubs were voted into the state federation at this meeting, namely; North Story Street Historical Circle, Boone; Tourist Club, Manchester; Women's Club, Le Mars; Dubuque Ladies' Literary Association, Dubuque.

The Daily Iowa Capital

November 6, 1894

Regular meeting of the Women's Club Wednesday, November 7, at 3 P.M., in the parlors of the Christian Church. Program on charge of Miss Olive Mc Henry, chairman of the education committee. Subject for the afternoon: "Should Education Aim to Develop Symmetrically all the Faculties?" Affirmative, Mrs. Russell P. Dart; Negative, Mrs. Frank A. Baylies and Miss Carrie L. Hubbark. Meeting of the board at 2 o'clock sharp.

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The Daily Iowa Capital

November 8, 1894

THE WOMEN'S CLUB

"Technical and Liberal Education" was discussed yesterday afternoon at the parlors of the Central Christian Church, the usual place of meeting. The attendance was large. Mrs. J. B. Hatton having charge of current topics, introduced Mrs. Henry Wallace, who has just returned from Europe. She read a paper on Sir Frederick Leighton, the artist. She told of her visit to the art galleries of Europe, and the pictures of Leighton in the Royal Art gallery. The two pictures which attracted Mrs. Wallace most were "The Spirit of the Summit" and "Summer Slumber". She wrote to Sir Fredine to ask which he considered the best and received an invitation to visit his home and see his paintings. Mrs. Wallace gave a description of his beautiful home. He owns many master pieces by renowned artists. He gave to Mrs. Wallace his photograph, which she has had painted, and yesterday presented to the club which will help along their collection of paintings. It being "Education" day, Miss Olive Mc Henry, chairman of the committee presented the subject for discussion, "Should Education Aim to Develop Symmetrically all the Faculties?" Mrs. Spinney sent paper (being out of town) and Miss Evans read it. Mrs. Spinney taking the affirmative and advocates a liberal education. Miss Carrie L. Hubbard argued for a technical education--if we cannot find minds always to suit systems, we must adopt an educational system to suit the mind. Miss Jennie B. Baylies was on the negative side. She was glad the individuality of the child was being studied. Mrs. Mary Potter Dart closed the discussion for the affirmative, in educating the child, two things must be taught--to reverence old age and to be virtuous. His books must be three: the book of nature, the book of man and the book of God. Mrs. J. A. Jackson believed in a liberal education, Mrs. W. F. Thummel believed in both general and specific cultivation of the mind. Mrs. Berryhill held that a mean between the two extremes is the correct thing. Miss Mc Henry closed the discussion for the afternoon.

Des Moines Daily News

November 13, 1894

There will be a called meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the parlors of the Christian Church. The club will be asked to consider the matter of securing in the near future a loan exhibition of pictures, also to discuss the matter of a building for the club. All members of the club are urged to be present.

Iowa State Register

November 14, 1894

The Women's Club was called to meet this afternoon at three o'clock in the parlors of the Christian Church. It is a special meeting and it is earnestly desired that every member will be present. The proposition to have a loan exhibition will be discussed; also that of a club home and in this connection the Callanan proposition.

Des Moines Daily News

November 15, 1894.

At a called meeting of the Women's Club yesterday afternoon, it was decided to go forward together with the Society of Fine Arts in the work of bringing a loan exhibition of pictures to this city for the holidays. It will necessitate the expenditure of quite a sum in order to do so, but it is done in the hope of creating a greater art spirit in the place, thus furthering one of the avowed objects of the club as well as of the society. Mr. J. Harrison Mills of New York, who has for some years been engaged chiefly in giving art exhibits in different parts of this country where art associations have been organized, has written that he can bring about the holidays a fine collection of the works of leading American artists. The members of both societies are very enthusiastic over the matter.

Iowa State Register

November 16, 1894

The Women's Club proposes to co-operate with the Art Club in an art loan exhibition to be given in Des Moines about the holiday time. The service of Mr. J. Harrison Mills of New York, will be secured and it is expected that a large number of the best pictures of American artists will be brought here.

Des Moines Daily News

November 27, 1894

The closing one of the series of receptions given by Mr. and Mrs. Lowry W. Goode will occur this evening. These informal gatherings have been exceedingly pleasant, and Mrs. Goode as president of the Women's Club, has introduced a very popular innovation in bring its members together in company with their husbands and other friends among the gentlemen.

Des Moines Daily News

December 4, 1894

Regular meeting of the Women's Club Wednesday, December 5th, at 3 P.M., in the parlors of the Christian Church. Programme in charge of Mrs. Van Slyke, chairman of the miscellaneous topics committee. The subjects for the afternoon are "The Institute of France" and "The Royal Society of London."

Iowa State Register

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Des Moines Daily News

December 6, 1894

There was a change of programme, an unusual occurrence, at the Women's Club yesterday afternoon, yet the afternoon was not unprofitable, the sole criticism that could be offered being that the exercises were too long. Mrs. H. O. Breeden, as chairman of the committee on current topics, reported that subjects, under that head would be discussed by Mesdames F. W. Lehmann, J. C. Cummins and Stewart Goodrell. A clever review of topics of the day was given by Mrs. Lehmann, from the president's message, which was pronounced an able state paper and very Clevelandesque, to the excitement over the London school election, the attitude towards his people of the new Russian czar, the death of Rubenstein, etc. Mrs. J. C. Cummins also talked in an entertaining way of various incidents of the time. She referred among other things, to the fact that the women's clubs of New York have formed a federation; also to the position that the Chicago women have taken in refusing admission to a highly intellectual and well bred colored woman, saying that the outcome will be watched with deep interest. Governor Jackson's proclamation during the heat of last summer calling upon the more isolated smaller towns of the state to be stir themselves to be ready for fire if it should break out, was spoken of by Mrs. Goodrell and warmly defended, saying that many of the towns had taken the advice. The French Institute with its five sections, was the subject to which the committee of the afternoon, that on miscellaneous topics, under the leadership of Mrs. Eva Paul Van Slyke, gave its attention, and brief papers or talks were given by Mrs. S. B. Maxwell, Mrs. A. B. Cummins, Miss Elizabeth Matthews, Mrs. L. F. Andrews Mrs. J. H. Windsor. The papers throughout evidenced a careful study of the subjects and brought out many interesting facts.

The Daily Iowa Capital

December 7, 1894

At the Women's Club on Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. H. O. Breeden had charge of the current topics and introduced Mrs. Fred Lehman, who read a comprehensive paper on various things of interest in the national government, touching especially upon the recent issue of government bonds. She also spoke of the president's message, General Booth and the death of Rubenstein. Mrs. J. C. Cummins touched upon the recent federation of clubs in New York and other important matters in the east. Mrs. Stewart Goodrell read a paper which was filled with valuable information. Mrs. Van Slyke and Miss Elizabeth Matthews had charge of the program for the afternoon, the subject being under

the head of miscellaneous topics, "Royal Institute of France". Mrs. S. B. Maxwell opened the discussion of this interesting subject with a most excellent paper, and was followed by Mrs. A. B. Cummins, Miss Elizabeth Matthews, Mrs. L. F. Andrews and Mrs. J. H. Windsor. The afternoon was a very profitable one and was greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

Mail and Times

December 8, 1894

The Women's Club convened in regular session Wednesday. Mrs. Breeden, chairman of current topics in her usual affable manner, introduced Madames Lehman, Cummings and Goodrell, each in turn reading a paper on the current events. Mrs. Eva Paull Van Slyke, chairman of the miscellaneous topics, in her characteristic, vivacious manner, stated the subject of the afternoon and introduced Mrs. Maxwell as the first speaker, who gave an excellent paper on the French Institute. Mrs. L. F. Andrews followed with a well-prepared paper on "Academic Des beaux Arts". The Academe Francaise was well treated by Mrs. A. B. Cummins. Miss Elizabeth K. Matthews gave a five minute talk showing from Matthew Arnold's point of view that the superiority of the French prose writers compared with the English writer was due to the French Academy. Mrs. J. H. Windsor in a very able paper stated the "Purpose of the Academy of Science". Mrs. Witmer, who is in Boston, prepared and sent her paper on "The Royal Academy of England", which was read by Mrs. Van Slyke. This closed a very profitable and instructive afternoon, much credit of which was due to the untiring energy and efficient leadership of the chairman, Mrs. Van Slyke.

Iowa State Register

December 19, 1894

The regular meeting of the Women's Club will be held today, Wednesday, December 19, at 3 o'clock in the parlors of the Christian Church. The program is in charge of Mrs. Park, chairman of the political economy committee. Mrs. Callanan will give the paper of the afternoon; subject, "Vashti".

The Des Moines Leader

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The Daily Iowa Capital

December 20, 1894

The study of Vashti and her relation to the women of this century is interesting in the extreme, and was brought forcibly to the minds of the attendants of the Women's Club yesterday by Mrs. James Callanan. Mrs. Callanan's paper on "Vashti" was a comprehensive treatise on the rights of women in legal and domestic matters. Vashti's rebellion against the treatment she

received at the hands of her husband, King Ashuerus, was a stepping stone to better things for women and the realization of this fact was that which caused the decision of the king's counselors that the king should dethrone Vashti. Vashti has not been without followers. The speaker traced closely the relation of women to the laws of the land and the indignities she is sometimes made to suffer by laws in whose making she has no voice, but to whose rule she is constantly subject. The paper was full of interest and was listened to with rapt attention. Miss Atkins followed Mrs. Callanan and told briefly of the state of things in New Zealand, the most advanced country, politically, on the globe. Mrs. Stewart Goodrell read a short but highly interesting paper on political economy as affected by the saloon. The return of the saloon to Des Moines has brought disgrace to the principle advocated for so long by citizens of the city and state. Mrs. Goodrell's paper was exceedingly well written and abounding in beautiful thoughts. Mrs. Lafayette Young read a brief paper upon the two subjects, Vashti, and the Science of Political Economy. Mrs. Leon A. Harvey read a most instructive paper on "City Sanitation", which closed the afternoon's program. The next meeting, January 2, will be in charge of the music committee.

Des Moines Leader

December 21, 1894

The art loan exhibition under the direction of the Iowa Society of Fine Arts and the Des Moines Women's Club opens December 22 at 708 and 710 Walnut Street. This is the finest and best exhibit ever brought to the city. It is brought from New York at the expense of \$1200 and represents the real American artists. Tickets on sale at Abdill's, Lichty's, Webb-Sours' and Stream and Mc Cammons'.

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THE PROVINCIAL LITERATURE OF AMERICA.

Literature is defined by one, as a criticism of life and a record of valuable thought. Julian Hawthorne says: "It is that quality, in books, which affords delight and nourishment to the soul." Provincial Literature partakes of the spirit of both. To give a clear idea of the provincial literature of America, in thirty minutes, the time assigned me, is a difficult task, and, as I undertake it I am reminded of a time years ago, when a student near my native place in Ohio, attempted, in a five minute speech, to discuss, "Life, lost, regained, the world, the work to be done therein and the end of our creation considered." He was the son of a Puritan, "that class for whom flowers bloomed and birds sang, yet they felt the world was lost, and life was too serious to be frittered away, or sung away, or rusted away, but duty was done and life worn out in godly industry." True to the spirit of this age, and the characteristics of Americans, I will endeavor to condense a book in a page, a page in a phrase and this phrase in a word.

Truly fiction of the present has cut loose from English traditions since the novel of three volumes has given place to the short stories, thus presenting the results of close observation and study in a much more interesting form. Surely, no people ever had so remarkable a literary development. From north, east, south and west, appear writers telling us, with artistic grace, what they have actually seen and heard, giving the dialect, which James Whitcomb Riley explains as meaning more than mere forms of words, and conveys a positive force of soul, purity and sweetness, that often touches us to the tenderness of tears. Many of us can recall the quaint, ungrammatical, yet, most expressive speech, of our country ancestors, whose thoughts were given in a simple, straightforward manner. They never "bothered their heads" about etymology and syntax, or thought of preserving the so-called "purity" of the language. If they made their meaning clear in few and simple words, it was sufficient. There is a charm in true dialect, and education acquired in the old log school house, in the fields and woods, has given to literature much of its simplicity and beauty. Race, climate and local environment, each have a great influence on literature. In the intellectual contests of the United States, the stern and rock bound coast has usually had the advantage over the sunny south and the western prairies. The most substantial literary productions come from the land of the winter fire and evening lamps, or from the shores of the stormy sea. Stern surroundings and hard conditions make rugged thoughtful men and women.

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Kipling still claims that Americans have no language, only accent, slang, provincialism and dialect. American slang, evil as it may sometimes be, teaches us new conditions of life in the most striking and impressive manner. Kipling criticises our literature and our cities, especially Chicago. He also sneers at the patriotism of the American eagle, with its songs of triumph over the many attainments of American cities. Now it can well rejoice with Chicago over her gifted women, the Columbian exposition, and the great influence on western literature of the Chicago University. It is true, even though said in satire, that "Chicago, once convinced that a literary reputation is a good thing, to have, will get herself one in twenty-four hours.

Eugene Field, Chicago poet and humorist, recently accompanied George W. Cable on a very successful reading tour of eastern cities.

Americans are brave, self reliant people, and can prosper without any aid from their ancestors, as is proven by our writers of provincial literature. We take kindly to honest criticism, but not from foreigners, who have only a surface knowledge of our nation, and who are descendents of those whom, Washington Irving said, were surprised to find the American with a quill in his hand, and not on his head. They may be likened to a good old gentlemen, who, after reading Bunyan's Pilgrims Progress, with Scott's explanatory notes, said he understood it all but the notes. In criticising books and authors we must consider what they aimed to do, the conditions under which they wroked, their environment and the effect they have had upon literature.

Victor Hugo called Edgar Allen Poe the prince of American literature. Poe was a man of genius but "he gives only wierd fancies and sweetly melodius music with no help for lifes struggles." Bret Harte, Mark Twain and humorists of this class, are, by many, deemed our most characteristic writers, while others insist that Joaquin Miller is a true representative of the life of this country. Thirty years ago Washington Irving was honored and read by all. He was a genuine humorist. His history of the Dutch in New York, by Diedrich Knickerbocker, and stories of his own country, with native traditions of the early inhabitants, are full of imaginary and original ideas, given in a clear, beautiful style. Describing the manner of the early settlers of New York, he says: "In those good days of simplicity and sunshine, a passion for cleanliness was the leading principle in domestic economy, the test of an able housewife, and the utmost ambition of our grandmothers. The front door, with its gorgeous brass knocker, was never opened except for marriages and funerals, New Years day, or some such great occasions. The grand parlor was the sanctum sanctorum which no one entered except the mistress and her confidential maid, who visited it once a week to clean and put things to rights, always leaving their shoes at the door and entering devoutly in their stocking feet. After cleaning the windows, scrubbing the floor and sprinkling with sand, polishing the furniture and putting a fresh bunch of evergreen in the fire-place, the shutters were closed to keep out the flies and the room carefully locked until the following week. The fireplaces where the whole family, even the cat and dog, enjoyed a community of privilege, and a right to a corner, transports us back to those happy days of primeval simplicity. The young folks crowded round the hearth, listening with breathless attention to the oracle of the family (some old negro), who would croak forth a string of incredible stories about New England witches, grisly ghosts and

hair-breadth escapes among the Indians. Their fashionable parties were confined to the higher classes, viz: such as kept their own cows and drove in their wagons. In those happy days a well regulated family always rose with the dawn, dined at 11, and went to bed at sun-down, so the company assembled at three and went away at six. Our ancestors were fond of more substantial fare than ice cream, jellies etc.,. The tea table was crowned with a huge earthen dish, well stored with slices of pork fried brown and cut into morsels. The company, seated around, were each furnished with a fork; immense apple pies graced the table and sauces of preserved peaches and pears. Tea was served out of a majestic delf tea pot, ornamented with paintings. The gentlemen gallantly attended their fair ones to their respective abodes, and took leave of them with a hearty smack at the door, as this was an established piece of etiquette in those provincial days." Irving's "Voyages of Columbus", "Bracebride Hall", and the "Sketch Book" are among his best works. His stories of Rip Van Winkle and Sleepy Hollow more properly come under the head of provincial literature, and are thought, by many to be the finest pieces of fiction this country has ever produced.

Looking over the whole field of provincial literature, however there a few authors who tower immeasurably above the others, not because of mere grammatical correctness, or pleasing diction, but, for the reason that they wrote for a purpose, and played a most prominent part in conveying to foreginers a correct idea of this country and its citizens and in righting the wrongs of oppressed people. An author may amuse us, or he may instruct us, or he may, as by the sound of a trumpet, arouse us from our love of peace and quiet long enough to make us realize that there is something to be done in the world besides living, and that we are the agents our "Father" most frequently makes use of, to right wrongs and relieve the oppressed.

Head and shoulders above the early writers of provincial literature, and, to my mind, none of the later are to be compared with him, stands James Fenimore Cooper, probably the least appreciated of any American novelist. Himself built of a rugged mould and brought up amid the stirring scenes of the latter part of the last century, trained to a life of activity both on land and sea, it is not surprising that he dealt with the active life with which he had been from boyhood surrounded. Among his works which come under the head of provincial literature, the most prominent are The Spy, Lionel Lincoln, both patriotic novels, dealing with the revolution, The Pioneers, in which he describes, in vivid colors, the life and surroundings of the early settlers, and the Leather Stocking Tales. One cannot in justice and fairness, quote extracts from the works of Cooper. He carries his subject along clearly and smoothly, though heavily at times, and one must read carefully and not merely taste here and there, to fully appreciate the beauty and purpose he had in mind. The Leather Stocking tales give us, probably, the truest and most realistic pictures we have of the American Indian as he was originally, and of the hunters and trappers the van guard of civilization. In his Leather Stocking tales Cooper has been criticised for making his readers follow the fortunes of a single character, almost from birth to death. Lowell takes him to task rather severely, on this point in the following:

"He has drawn you one character, though that is new,
One wildflower he's plucked that is wet with dew,
Of this fresh western world; and the thing not to mince,
He has done naught but copy it ill ever since.
His Indians--with proper respect be it said--
Are just Natty Bumppo daubed over with red.

But, as an English critic, has very truly said, "Cooper is nevertheless an American to the core. He needs no slang or affectation to establish his originality, but moves on his own path with something like disdain of comment. His hunters remnants of a race exploded by the railway, and the telegraph, traverse the great wilds of grass, and wood and water with a sense of possession. Natty Bumppo, Bob Yarn, Nightengale, Hetty Hunter, Long Tom Coffin and Maud Meredith, are undying creations." He who leaves Cooper's works unread, is denying himself a knowledge of the early settlement of this country that can nowhere else be obtained so clearly, and so truthfully and with such enjoyment.

The truest exposition of the peculiar Yankee dialect of the Anglo Saxon language, we find in the letters of Major Jack Downing (Seba Smith), written in 1830. He gives the real vernacular of the land. Downingville, his birth place, named for his grandfather Downing, he describes as a tidy sort of village, three miles from the main road and jost about the middle of "Down East". It contains a considerable number of inhabitants. It has a school house and a tavern, a minister, a doctor and a blacksmith, and a shoemaker, and folks that work at almost all sorts of trades. They have meetin's every Sunday in the school house, the men filling up all the seats on one side and the women on the other. He represents himself as a green country lad who tackled up his old horse and packed in a load of axhandles and a few notions, mother fried me some doughnuts and put in a box with some cheese and sassages, and ropped me up another shirt and I drove for Portland, Maine, where before long I blundered into the legislater. I visited the house and Sinit and saw such strange doings there. I writ letters home, some to Uncle Joshua and Cousin Ephriam, because they always wanted to know wat's goin' on in politics. The two political parties, national republikin and democratic republikins were so evenly balanced it was six weeks before they were organized. These letters were copied into the Boston papers, were read over the entire country, and became national in their character. Major Downing's "Thirty years out of the United States Senate, or History of Americal Politics for Thirty Years" is a provincial history of the politics of that day.

Among other early writers of provincial literature might be mentioned W. G. Simms, who turned out novels by the dozen. Those of his books dealing with American society attracted some attention but the fact that he drew all his gentlemen from the south of Mason and Dixon's line, and his clowns and rough characters from the north of it, did not add to the cordiality with which his works were received. In point of style he will not stand with the prominent delineators of American scenes and characters. J. K. Paulding, an associate of Irving, ranks decidedly above Simms, considered either from the standpoint of literary merit or from that of faithful portraying American life and customs. His colonial novels, the Dutchman's fireside and Westward Ho, are deserving of more frequent perusal than they receive. It is hardly possible to even mention, in the course of a short paper on a large subject, the host of other writers of provincial literature that wrote during the first half of the century. The greater number of them have long ago been forgotten, in some cases, perhaps, through no want of merit in their productions, for even among writers genius is often unrecognized.

Passing along to the middle of the century, Harriet Beecher Stowe's novel, "Uncle Tom's Cabin", stands out prominently as the greatest novel of its kind ever written, and it has probably wielded a greater influence for good than any other book in the century. It would be telling a well worn story to speak of the book in de-

tail. What American is not familiar with it? When an author writes for a purpose he commands attention, and when the purpose is so holy as that which inspired the writer of "Uncle Tom's Cabin", and the manner of its presentment is so forcible and earnest, it is not strange that Mrs. Stowe's masterpiece met with such a reception.

Following Mrs. Stowe and writing on a very similar theme, came Judge Tourgee. Mrs. Stowe pleaded for humanity; Judge Tourgee pleads for justice. The one dealt with the negro question before the slaves were liberated; the other after they were set free and found that their masters had, in many cases, become far worse than before their freedom. Tourgee depicts the struggles of an outraged people, and scores relentlessly, both the action of their former masters, by mercilessly treading them to the earth, outraging and murdering them, and the government and the North for their inaction in affording adequate protection to the people their brothers had laid down their lives to free. From a mere literary standpoint, Judge Tourgee is open to criticism, and those cynical beings who live by the products of their cynicism, are not slow to take advantage of it. But we must remember that the enduring qualities of literature are not found in the elegant diction and grammatical precision, but in the thought, and if the latter is vigorously expressed in language that the average people can understand, the author receives his most enduring monument. It is what is said, and not how it is said. The veracity and accuracy of Tourgee's characters has also been called into question by ~~both~~ critics both North and South. It is but natural that criticism comes from the latter. As for that from the North it is confined almost solely to those who have, at best, but a faint conception of the Country and the characters with which Tourgee deals. As a faithful delineator of the times, and scenes, and the people of which he has written, Judge Tourgee will probably take his stand eventually by the side of Cooper as one of the American writers of provincial literature.

Helen Hunt Jackson was one of the most beautiful and pathetic of our provincial writers. Her representations of the life, manners and customs of the mission Indians of the West are true and vivid, and she seems to put her whole heart into the story of their woes and misfortunes. One must read "Ramona" to appreciate the beauty and purpose of Helen Hunt's life. Some hypercritical minds have asserted that her heroes were weak and effeminate and unattractively gave way to despair. If we take for our standard the ideal hero as he exists in more stirring tales, the criticism is true, but in recounting the joys and miseries of real people, as did Helen Hunt, we must take them as they are, and not as we would desire to have them and who can say that the actors in "Ramona" were not truly painted? Harriet Beecher Stowe aroused the country to the wrong the people of the South were committing, because the North felt it was guiltless and could read and ponder with a clear conscience. Helen Hunt Jackson, though she sang with more beautiful voice and clearer note, failed because the government was the oppressor, and not merely one section of the country. When governments do wrong the remedy is difficult.

In a New England country, the mill, the school house, the public library and the church stand side by side. In the South the environment and the enervating climate produce striking characteristics, as shown by George W. Cable in his stories of the Louisiana Creoles, Joel Chandler Harris in "Uncle Remus" and Folk Lore stor-

ies, and by Miss Murfress (Chas. Egbert Craddock) in her stories of the Tennessee mountains. A practical knowledge of provincial life is one of the most fertile sources of imagination in modern literature, and the highest success awaits the writer who has best secured the dialect of a country. The craze for dialect meets us everywhere, and a despairing authoress has written the following complaint:

I've written many a thrilling tale,
Which cruel editors reject;
My talent is of no avail,
I cannot write in dialect.

I learned by Worcester's rules to speak,
And Lindley Murray to respect;
They taught me Latin, Hebrew, Greek
And never thought of dialect.

Aspiring authors hear my wail;
Success in letters dont expect;
Your finest efforts all will fail
Unless you know a dialect.

Miss Wilkin, who gives us the barer side of New England life, is rapidly attaining success in her dialect studies. Her ambition seems to be for the drama and one of her plays will soon be published. She will be a very fortunate woman if she really secures the local dialect of New England and can from it get material for prose classics as did Lowell for verse. Probably, if she succeeds in her ambition, the London Times will retract the severe comments it has made on the uncouth English spoken by Miss Wilkins rustics.

Miss Jewett gives us New England life in localities where ancestral traditions have mellowed it to a certain extent. Her stories have gone over the seas and have been translated in other languages. Mrs. Adeline Whitney gives us quiet stories of home life in America. Mrs. Lily Chase Wyman writes of village life in New England as represented by the French-Canadian emigration. Mrs. Ransueller Cruger writes of fashionable life in New York. Miss Roseboro of that of the Southern colonies. Mrs. Burton Harrison delineates the New York society of to-day, but she excels in her stories of the South before and after the war. "Anglomaniacs" is a keen satire on the follies of society around us. W. D. Howells and Henry James are typical novelists, distinguished for beautiful diction and elegant style.

Bret Harte is one of the most popular of our authors in England. At the early age of fifteen Harte migrated to the enchanted land of gold where he tried mining, teaching school and journalism. At one time he was an express rider in California, and there laid the foundation of his success. In 1864 he became Secretary of the San Francisco branch mint; here he studied literature and wrote "John Burns at Gettysburg", also his condensed novels. As an insight to his character the story is told that while visiting with a family in the country, Harte's wife came late to breakfast, saying she had left her husband trying to match a cravat with the stockings he was to wear that day. The charm of Harte's writing consists in his sympathy with, and the good he found in, the lower class of society. His best work (to us is) "The Luck of Roaring Camp". It is a picture of life in the gold diggings of California. Luck is the child of a poor woman who died in giving her birth, and the miners gave her the name Luck. Stumpy thought the child's life was

saved by his good nursing, and would say to the helpless little bundle in his arms, "Me has been father and mother to ye, don't you never go back on us." Harte's earlier writings are his best.

Mark Twain--Samuel Clemens--has a world wide reputation. At twenty-four he had not written a line. From the age of seventeen to twenty-four, he was a Mississippi pilot. In his work he so often heard the call "mark twain" that he chose it for his nom de plume. At the age of twenty-seven he became the editor of the Virginia Enterprise and afterwards of a Tennessee paper. On his return from the Sandwich Islands, where he was sent for the purpose of writing up the sugar industry, he began lecturing. He wrote "Innocents Abroad" while he was in California, after his return from the Quaker City expedition. It is entertaining as a book of fun, and instructive as well. Mark Twain's success ~~in life~~ is one of the romances of American life. In his western stories he vividly depicts the trials and hardships of the early miners and settlers.

Mary Halleck Foote writes charmingly of the West. Her "Last Assembly Ball" and "The Fate of a Voice" are both delightfully written. The East has very peculiar ideas of our social life in the West, which may be changed after reading these stories.

Ward McAllister's "Society as I Have Found It" tells us about the "four hundred" until the utmost yearnings of our souls are fully satisfied. Captain King is a grandson of Rufus King, who was our first minister to England during Washington's administration. His stories of army life are interesting and successful because, having seen almost every phase of frontier service, he writes with authority and knows whereof he speaks. That he sometimes allows the influences of his surroundings to prejudice him, is not to be wondered at, and is easily to be forgiven.

Philip K. Welsh is a humorist. As this is Columbian year I will give a few lines from his "History of the United States". In speaking of the birth place of Columbus, he says: "What difference does it make, after all, where a man is born? The place where he pays his bills is of the first importance. The Canary Islands were reached by Columbus. Their chief product is Canary birds. Whether the birds were named for the islands, or the islands for the birds, is of no special importance, but they probably were. After leaving there they sailed in an aimless way for several days, but did no sailing in the night for fear, that, in the darkness, they might pass America without seeing it. In the early winter of 1620 there landed on Plymouth Rock a nondescript band of Pilgrim fathers, accompanied by a full complement of Pilgrim mothers and Pilgrim children. Everybody at that time carried a gun to church, not through fear of the Lord, but through fear of the Indians. Some few facts regarding Philadelphia may not prove uninteresting. A Quaker by the name of Penn is responsible for the City. He laid it out on the plan of the ancient city of Babylon, and wished to have a fair and green country town. As a green country town Philadelphia has probably exceeded its founder's wildest ~~imaginations~~ expectations.

A memorial volume of Phillip Welch's jokes and witticisms, with designs by the leading illustrators of American humor of the present day, has been issued under the title of, "Said in Fun". The royalties of it will go to the fund for the benefit of the Welch family.

Judge Haliburton, Q. K. Philander, Doesticks, Will Carleton,

Artemus Ward, Petroleum V. Nasby, J. G. Saxe, Frank Stockton, Bill Nye, Frederick Cozzens, Edward Eggleston, and others, each have a flavor of the soil in American humor, and their writings are widely read and enjoyed. Josh Billings, like Franklin, made almanacs. He amuses us with his wise sayings, as: "Flattery is like kolone water, to be smelt of, not swallowed"; "There is one hundred kinds of religion, but only one kind of piety." Nasby, as postmaster, office-seeker and reformer, exposes various shams. Eggleston's "Hoosier Schoolmaster" has been recently arranged with notes and definitions suitable for a school reader.

The pioneer women in American literature, it is claimed, started in their career by writing on cooking. In 1832, Miss Leslie, since noted for literary work, published seventy-five recipes learned in Mrs. Goodfellow's cooking school of Philadelphia. Mrs. Horace Mann, Marion Harland, Helen Campbell, and others, have all written cook books. The old notion that literary women must be poor housekeepers is now truly denied. Whittier claimed that the women most prominent as public speakers, were always good wives and mothers, from the fact that the same qualities of energy and leadership made them feel it their duty to meet all demands. In Hamlin Garland's recent article, "The West in Literature", he says: "It is the intelligent middle class in America, that are truly provincial, and the certain road to success for American writers is truth to local conditions, as shown by Opie Read, J. Allen Lane, J. Kirkland, Octave Thanet, and others, who have written of western people. The task of American writers is to create, not to imitate.

Iowa's Capital City can claim many who are now laying the foundation for literature provincial. Judge Wright has over six hundred pages of manuscript, containing valuable sketches of the pioneers of Iowa who have passed away. These will yet furnish material for fine literary endeavor. Perhaps the editor of the Mail and Times, by his persuasive eloquence on this, his favorite theme--(Des Moines-- may induce his distinguished relative, Marietta B. Holley, to come west and glean the sheaves in Judge Wright's collection. "Samantha Among the Brethern" and her witty plea to the Methodist General Conference to admit women to that body, is full of humor. When Josiah Allen's wife was snubbed by her partner, when she sat down to write this book, she said to herself: "Good land, I don't care; I know that I can say what I want with my faithful pen, and I am just bound to say it." She denounces the frivolities and pride of pretentious people for their follies and egotism. Miss Holly's books are doing a grand work for the promotion of social reform. Since the pen is now admitted to be mightier than either the sword or the tongue, women are, doubtless, destined to become leaders in literature. At the present time we are oftentimes delighted and surprised as we unfold our daily or weekly papers, or glance in "Flowers by the Wayside" to be greeted by poems whose old fashioned quaintness touches our hearts in a manner those of J. Whitcomb Riley and others of this class, can never do, because he is our own Des Moines Hoosier poet. We bid him God speed and feel that the literary history of this Columbian time, will in future years pay homage to everyone who will wisely improve the vast continents of present opportunity and thus become discoverers in the various fields of music, art and literature.

"Old Glory" then shall still wave on,
The pride of all creation,
While "freedom's fires" enkindled now,
Enlighten every nation.
Then "Raccoon Forks" like stars shall gleam,

