

CLUB WOMEN OF TODAY DOING A GREAT WORK

Mrs. Grace Julian Clark, State President of the Federation, Tells What Is and What May Be Done—Asks Women to Arouse.

The following abbreviated address by Mrs. Grace Julian Clark, State President of the Federated Women's Clubs of Indiana, was delivered at Wintona Lake at the District convention held there this month.

"She walked veiled and sleeping, For she knoweth not her power; She obeyeth but the pleading Of her heart, and the highleading Of her soul unto this hour."

The nineteenth century has been called "the woman's century," and the present "the century of the child." Woman assuredly began to find herself long ago, but the process still goes on, with hesitating steps and in the face of many discouragements.

It was natural that the club movement should at first stand for self-culture alone. Our sex had been denied the right to be educated, and had been looked upon as an inferior in intellectual capacity for so long that when the gates of opportunity in this direction began to open, and knowledge her ample page unrolled before us, no wonder the sight was so alluring that many women past the school age, and mothers who had sent their daughters to college, themselves united to form clubs for their own mental and social culture. Those clubs served a great end—women found that they could talk, and not merely gossip together. They talked and wrote papers. After years of consideration of such topics as "The Women of Ancient Greece and Rome" and "Catherine de Medici and Her Times," they began rather cautiously to take modern themes, and today we find club programs delightfully suggestive of the life we are now leading.

Through clubs women have learned how to conduct public meetings and how to differ from one another without taking or giving offense. Gradually they are coming to feel an interest in and responsibility for social conditions, and much has already been accomplished by them in influencing legislation, local, state and national.

It is due largely to the agitation and actual work of women's clubs that libraries have been multiplied, juvenile courts instituted, pure food laws enacted, and legislation beneficial to women and children secured.

It was just as natural that women should outgrow the old self culture idea, as it was that that motive should be their starting point. Not because their members had acquired all the culture there was, but because their eyes were turned toward the conditions that surrounded them, and seeing these conditions so far from ideal, they, being women, could not rest content.

The women felt, with Dr. Parkhurst, that though the wicked flee when no man pursueth, they take better time when some one is after them. So they began to demand cleaner streets and public buildings, laws for the protection of women and children who work, manual training and medical inspection in public schools, police and jail matrons, women on hospital and other boards, etc. In some places, where their demands were backed by the ballot, their work in securing these reforms has been comparatively easy. In others, where they have only their much vaunted "indirect influence," it has been a tardier process.

The American woman has been credited with a native gift of initiative and an inherited spirit of independence, also with a faculty and taste for organization. These constitute a splendid equipment for social service.

"Whosoever would save his life shall lose it and whosoever would lose his life for My sake shall find it."

It is only as clubs discard the idea of a self-culture as their sole aim

that their members realize the fullest expression of themselves.

Woman, since she began to look beyond the walls of her home, has seen some things that man, in his long preoccupation with the world's grosser affairs, had not discovered, or had put aside as stars that were only meant for shining. I believe it is because of her grand function as mother of the race that these visions were vouchsafed to her. Through her interest in the child, she has become filled with a divine discontent, that will not give her pause till she sees some wrongs in process of being righted.

Our State Federation this year has borrowed the motto of the Indiana Child Labor Committee:

"Every child has the inalienable right—

To be born right.

To be loved.

To have his individuality respected.

To be wisely trained in body, mind and soul.

To be protected from evil persons and influences.

To have a fair chance in life."

This is the powerful magnet that has led the women of the Hoosier State to turn with renewed interest and enthusiasm to a study of the home and school.

No woman can escape her responsibility of wife, mother, or home maker, and the notion has been spreading among us that we ought to have a voice in the management of our public schools. Time was, and not so very long ago, when men owned their children; a father, on his death bed could give away his unborn child. She who bore the child, who cared for it in infancy,



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looked after its physical, intellectual and moral welfare up to the age of six years, who is appealed to when the child is not doing well—this mother has no voice in the schools in Indiana. She helps the child with its lessons, she is familiar with the needs of the school work. She knows whether the toilet rooms are in a sanitary condition, she knows whether there is adequate ventilation, and whether the rooms are over-crowded. She knows the teachers and which are popular and why.

I insist that women have demonstrated their greater interest and intelligence in the affairs of the schools; but although they are eligible in Indiana to school boards and as county school superintendents, they do not have any voice in the selection of these officers. They should have.

It is precisely because women represent and understand a side of life that men do not understand and represent that their voice is peculiarly needed in town as well as school affairs.

But whether you acquiesce in this view or not, I take it that we are agreed that the school, being an adjunct to the home, is not only a proper subject for the consideration of

club women, but that they are very recreant if they fail to take an intelligent interest in all that goes on there. If manual training and domestic science have not yet been introduced, insist that they be put in at once. If the school trustees say there is no money, go to work in your clubs and raise funds to carry on the experiment for a year.

I would not be misunderstood. At the shrine of literature, where women's clubs were first conceived, I would have them continue their devotions, commencing with the great minds of all ages, encouraging originality of thought and expression, and constantly cultivating the delightful art of conversation.

But let every club give some time and attention to the needs of its neighborhood, and especially of the schools, just as every woman feels a sort of pride in her home, because in a way it expresses herself, so she ought to feel a pride in the school and everything connected with it, and in the town, which is the community home.

I should like to see the State Federation a great Woman's Congress, where all literary, artistic and school interests should be carefully considered, also the subjects of health, physical resources, etc., and where proposed changes in laws and new regulation should be weighed and discussed. I would have the debate so full and free, and the women so intelligent along the lines in which they were especially interested, that most valuable suggestions and ideas would be evolved, calculated to appeal convincingly to those in authority. The men in Indiana will not turn a deaf ear to the women of our state unselfishly working for better educational and social conditions. They will be glad to listen. It is the women, so many of whom lack confidence in themselves, or have not had their attention directed beyond their immediate family affairs, or are wasting their time in so-called "Social" functions—it is the women who are at fault, largely, guilty of the sin of "the unlit lamp and the ungrain loam."

We know that child labor, the white slave traffic, intemperance, unjust social conditions, war, these and other great evils will, through consecrated endeavor, become things of the past. Then those faint hearted ones, and those self-centered ones, and those given over to the vanities of life will be in the position of that belated soldier whom King Henry IV, after a great victory had been won, greeted with the words, "Hang yourself, brave Crillon! We fought at Arques, and you were not there."

Have Good Social.

The Presbyterian social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hess Friday was quite a successful one, the ladies clearing about \$20. Mr. H. B. Allen had stretched an electric wire from his residence into the yard and lighted the place with electric lights for the ice cream tables. Japanese lanterns also made the place more attractive. The Presbyterian church is noted for its good singers and several of them added to the enjoyment of the evening. Miss Stella Reynolds sang a solo, Mrs. Harry Holman and Miss Julia Yorkyok sang a duet, Mr. Ralph Kline a tenor solo, Mr. Hearst two tenor solos, Mrs. Angie Cook and Miss Lyla Overmyer gave piano solos, and at the end of the entertainment the little Mudge sisters of Chicago sang some very entertaining duets. The Misses Pansie and Faye Hess gave a cornet and violin duet. All the music was much appreciated.

To Study Home Economics.

Friday afternoon a few housekeepers and younger women met at the home of Miss Southwick to consider the forming of a class to study Home Economics. Miss Alice Sanders, who has been representing the American School of Home Economics here this summer, has stirred up the interest in the work; and it is probable that two classes will be formed. One for the housewives, and one for the younger women.

Miss Maude Marks is at present engineering the finding of the class of young girls, and Miss Aura Southwick has made her the offer of a two hour lesson on each Saturday afternoon at 25 cents per member. It is hoped that a class of ten will take advantage of this opportunity. The plan is that the lessons will be held in turn in the homes of the members.

Some Clever Advertising.

Fred Wenzler is displaying in the window of his store the products of the Wooley Medicine Co. of Mishawaka. Samples of the herbs and roots from which the medicines are made are shown and may be examined by any one who wishes to inspect them. These medicines are fully guaranteed by the agency, the Oak Drug Store. The display has been arranged in a clever manner.



NEW SAYS THAT F. E. GARN GETS PLYMOUTH P. O.

AFTER LONG SUSPENSE WORD COMES ON SATURDAY THAT RECOMMENDATION IS MADE

CANDIDATES NOTIFIED

Careful Consideration Given to All by Mr. New—Appointment Will Take Effect Sept. 30.

On Saturday word was received here by the candidates for the post office, from Harry S. New, that he had recommended Francis E. Garn to be appointed as the next postmaster in Plymouth. The recommendation goes to President Taft, who makes the appointment. The President's appointment then goes to the Senate for confirmation after which the commission is made out by the Postoffice Department.

There being no Republican senator in Indiana, and no Republican congressman in this district, as well as many others, President Taft chose Hon. Harry S. New to act in the capacity of senator or congressman and make recommendations to him for appointments. Mr. New's recommendation is therefore of as much weight as if it had been made by a republican senator.

There is no one in all the different crowds which have taken part in Republican politics in the past who has anything to say against Harry New. All regard him as a man of the finest attainments, a skilled politician, entirely unselfish, and thoroughly fair and honest in all he does both politically and in business. In the postoffice matter he gave careful and painstaking consideration to all of the candidates and their representations and recommendations. In points Mr. New took several weeks longer to more fully consider all these longer than he or the candidates expected to settle the matter.

Mr. Steiner's resignation is to take effect Sept. 30, and on that date Mr. Garn will take charge of the duties of the Plymouth postoffice. His commission will read for the full term of four years, and not for the unexpired term of Mr. Steiner.

Ice Cream Social.

The Young People's Luther League of Donaldson will have an ice cream social at the home of Frank Swanson on the Laporte road on next Saturday night, Aug. 5.

DEATHS

Funeral of John J. Wright.

The funeral of the late Mr. John J. Wright was held from his former home in Bremen Saturday at 2:30. Rev. J. W. Lake officiated. Many friends gathered to pay a last respect. All business places were closed during the funeral.

Fred Forest Smith.

Fred Forest, the seven month's old son of George Smith, the county assessor died at his father's home in Culver Friday at 1 p. m. The child had suffered with whooping cough for some time and this was the cause of death.

The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at two o'clock at the family residence and interment made in Culver cemetery.

Melinda Jane Warren.

Melinda Jane Warren died at her home at Bloomingsburg eight miles southeast of Argos, Wednesday at 2 a. m. She was 58 years of age and leaves a grown family.

The deceased was the wife of James Warren, a prominent farmer. She was apparently in good health and passed away suddenly and unexpectedly.

The funeral will take place Friday at 10 o'clock and interment made in the Mentone cemetery.

Mrs. Daniel Shenefield.

Mrs. Daniel Shenefield died at her home seven miles southwest of Bourne Tuesday at 5 p. m. She was thirty-two years of age and leaves, besides her husband, a child six or seven years old. The funeral will be held Friday morning at nine o'clock at the family residence after which the body will be taken to Bremen and further services held there at the U. B. church at 1 p. m. Interment will be made at the Bremen cemetery.

Wellington Rush.

Wellington Rush, aged over seventy years died at his daughter's home in Culver this morning at 2:30. He had been seriously ill the past two or three months and death was due to chronic catarrh and gastritis. The deceased was formerly in the hotel business at Lakeville and had resided at Culver only during the last year and a half. While there he made his home with his daughter, Mrs. A. A. Watkins, the wife of the Vandalia agent.

The body was taken to Lakeville for burial on the noon train Monday.

Sarah Whaley.

Mrs. Sarah Whaley, aged sixty-seven years, eight months and seven days, died at her home at Argos Monday at about 12 p. m.

She had been quite seriously ill during the past six weeks with the measles which were the cause of her death. The deceased leaves a husband and one son.

Mrs. Whaley was born in Ohio, but had lived in Argos for many years and her death will be mourned by her many friends throughout this county.

The funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Methodist church, Rev. G. Hartmann Bright officiating. Interment in Maple Grove cemetery.

Martin Horrine.

Martin Horrine, a prominent resident of Bremen, died Tuesday morning at about 5 o'clock at the home of his mother. The deceased was thirty-two years of age and leaves a little girl between two and three years of age, his wife having passed away about two years ago. He was employed in the store of his father-in-law, Mr. Dietrich.

The funeral was held at the Presbyterian church at 10 a. m. today. Interment was made at the Bremen cemetery.

Mrs. Rebecca Tribbey.

Rebecca, wife of Thomas Tribbey, died at her home on S. Plumb street Monday night. She had been sick for nearly three months with heart trouble and dropsy, and gradually but surely came to the end of this life. In April she began to feel poorly and grew worse from that time forward. For several weeks it has been only a question of time when she must go.

Mrs. Tribbey was 67 years old the first of last January. She was only about nine months old when her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Brownlee, came to this place. With the exception of about three years they spent in Michigan. Mrs. Tribbey has always lived in or near Plymouth. When she was 15 years old she was converted at a camp meeting at Poplar Grove, and ever since that time she has been a devoted Christian and member of the Methodist church. She was always prominent in the women's work of the church and a faithful attendant at the services.

She leaves a husband and four children in the family. There are two daughters: Mrs. C. E. Croup, living just northwest of this city; Mrs. Elton Boggs, living south of Plymouth; and two sons, Oscar and Fred, both of this city.

The funeral was held Wednesday at the residence on south Plumb street at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon, services being conducted by the pastor, Rev. F. O. Friley. Burial in Oak Hill.

Dr. S. R. Richey.

Dr. Samuel R. Richey died at his home in Donaldson Tuesday night at six o'clock, after an illness lasting about four years. During that period Dr. Richey has been a sufferer from stomach trouble and other complications. He was nearly 71 years old.

The funeral will be held at the residence at Donaldson on Friday at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon. Burial in Donaldson cemetery.

Dr. Richey was born in Cass county, Indiana, Sept. 5, 1840, the son of a Methodist minister, the Rev. John Richey. He was graduated from the Indiana Medical college in the class of 1874, and soon afterward located in Pulaski county. Soon, however, he came to Marshall county and began the honorable and successful career which has now ended. At the time of the Civil War Dr. Richey joined the other patriotic and self-sacrificing men of the county and in 1862 enlisted as a member of Company E, 87th Ind. Vol. Inf., with which he served three years. He was in Sherman's march to the sea and in numerous important battles.

After the war was over he returned to Plymouth and was engaged as a clerk for a time. On Sept. 29, 1866, he married Miss Sarah E. James of Pulaski county, and to them were born six children, four of whom are still living. They are James of Donaldson, William of Grovertown, Charles of Columbia City and Mrs. J. E. Whitesell of this city.

Dr. Richey was a democrat in politics and prominent in the work of the party in his community. He was a Mason, a member of Plymouth Kilwinning Lodge No. 149, and of Miles H. Tibbets Post G. A. R.

Celebrate 73rd Birthday.

Sunday, July 30th, being the 73rd birthday of Grandma Snyder, residing on Nursery street, one's sister, five children, a host of grandchildren and a few friends gathered at her home to help her celebrate, at which nothing was left undone.

At the noon hour a bountiful dinner was spread and at a later hour a photo of the family and one of the group was taken. This seemed to have such an effect that five gallons of ice cream had to be eaten.

Those present were Mrs. Fairbanks, Mr. and Mrs. M. Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Roe, and son, Geo. Amone and family of Inwood, Jess Snyder, A. A. Snyder and family of South Bend, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Snyder and son, Mr. and Mrs. Welcome Paris, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Garl and family and Chas. Martin and family of Bremen.

New Entrance.

L. J. Southworth is building a new side entrance to his grocery store.

MANY REPAIRS BEING MADE ON THE BUILDINGS

WASHINGTON AND WEBSTER SCHOOL BLOCKS RECEIVING MANY CHANGES FOR THE BETTER.

SCHOOL FOUR WEEKS OFF

All Rooms of the Washington Building Being Painted Green—Teaching Force Unchanged From Last Announcement.

Many people wonder how the Superintendent of Public Schools of Plymouth whiles away the long hours of the summer. Such would be surprised to visit the school buildings and see what lives of activity there are. Everything is being overhauled and put in ship shape for school to begin—in about four weeks. (Here the small boy may groan inwardly.)

Painters are busy on the woodwork on the outside of both buildings, painting doors and window casings. The roof, which was a dark red, has been changed to a gray stone color, and on the Webster school the roof has had some needed repairs.

Inside the buildings, one finds the halls stacked with school furnishing, while the rooms are being beautified. In the Washington school the twenty-five rooms are all being repainted. The walls are various shades of dark green, according to the lightness of each room. On the two upper floors the ceilings of the rooms are painted a light tan color and the combination is very beautiful. The paint used is of the best quality and has a dull velvety finish. There is no gleam of reflection but the effect is most restful to the eye. The High School auditorium is a work of art, and the other rooms, though smaller, are pretty and clean looking. The basement rooms, having lower ceilings, are dark green, with light green ceilings.

After the painting is done the floors will be washed with strong live water, to get rid of all germs and dirt, and resoled. All windows will be washed inside and out. Two ear loads of coal are at present being put into the Webster building for winter's use, and the Washington building will receive a similar ample supply.

More iron piping is being put on the grounds of the Webster school for the children to perform on and to crawl over and stretch their muscles.

The necessary new supplies have been ordered and will soon fill the supply room with readers, table pens, etc.

Four new unabridged dictionaries have been added to the school equipment, two for the High School and two for the grades. Three copies of Cram's Atlas, the very latest, containing the last census report, are at hand also. Besides these some new geography books will be added, as the state geography course has been changed.

No changes have been made in the teaching force as announced some time ago in this paper, with the exception of the Eighth Grade teacher in the Washington building, Edward Cook, who taught last year at Bremen, will take the place left vacant by Russel Tanner. Mr. Cook will also have charge of manual training.

Excursion Passes To V. City.

Wednesday at about 10 o'clock an excursion train consisting of five coaches and a baggage car passed thru the city. It was a Sunday school picnic from near Indianapolis to Lake Maxinkuckee. The train was well filled although many more would have gone had it not been for yesterday's rain. A change of engine was made here, the train continuing over the Lake Erie and leaving on the Vandavia road south.