

\$500 limit, in which case the disposition of the amount in excess of said \$500 shall be brought to the attention of the Executive Committee for their action.

In this connection it was urged that too much secrecy had been observed in regard to loans; that in the future they should be considered in the light of a business transaction; also that a small rate of interest be charged on said loans, thus relieving the borrower of any feeling of sentimental obligation.

3. That, owing to the increasing expense incident to securing new members of the Executive Committee, a committee be appointed by the President for the purpose of devising an improved method which should accomplish the result at less outlay.

4. That the publication of the "Alumnæ News" be continued until March 1, 1898, at which time the Business Manager shall report on the financial condition of the same, thus enabling this committee to decide upon the advisability of continuing or suspending said publication.

On motion by Dr. Margaret B. Wilson, duly seconded, it was resolved that the committee to assist the chairman on "Alumnæ News" be increased to consist of a representative from each class, to be appointed by the chair.

At the urgent request of Mrs. Charles S. Douglas, treasurer, it was moved by Mrs. Clara E. Williams, and seconded—that a committee of two be appointed by the chair to audit the accounts of the Associate Alumnæ semi-annually.

Just previous to the adjournment of the meeting, Miss Emma Requa called the attention of the executive to the request before the Board of Education—that one of the High Schools be called the Lydia F. Wadleigh High School—and asked all those interested to subscribe their names.

Report of Convention.

The third Annual Convention of the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs was held November 10th, 11th and 12th at the Women's Industrial Union, Syracuse. There were present about two hundred delegates, representing about one hundred and fifty clubs, with a total membership of over twenty thousand women. These clubs vary in numbers from ten members to fifteen hundred, and are scattered all over the Empire State, not confined to our large cities; but many of the clubs doing good work flourish in small towns and hamlets remote from railroad centers.

Nearly one hundred clubs have joined the Federation during the last year.

The opening session was held on Wednesday morning. The credentials of the delegates having been passed on, there was a roll call of clubs. Our Associate Alumnæ was represented by two delegates, each entitled to a vote.

The regular order of business was begun, the vice-president, Mrs. W. Tod Helmuth, occupying the chair in the absence of the president, Mrs. Montgomery, who was unable to be present on account of illness. Mrs. J. V. L. Lynch extended to the delegates a warm welcome in behalf of the club women of the city, and referred to the fact that old Onondaga County was no stranger to federation, for in old colonial days Hiawatha, chief of his tribe, met his braves in council on the shores of Lake Onondaga and formed the League of the Five Nations.

Reports from the Corresponding, the Recording Secretary and the Treasurer closed the regular business of the morning. The meeting then adjourned, the delegates being entertained at luncheon by the federated clubs of Syracuse, and later in the day an informal reception was given at the Kanatenah Club House, whose hospitable doors were thrown wide open, the rooms of the delightful old Colonial House being thronged the entire afternoon with visiting delegates, who were delightfully received and entertained by the club women of Syracuse.

In one of the rooms was an exhibit from the different clubs, consisting principally of programmes of work, club reports, copies of papers published in the interests of clubs, specimens of art work. Noticeable among these was the report of the Buffalo Educational and Industrial Union, a most suggestive and helpful report, and the programme of the Friday Afternoon Club of Brooklyn, containing a literary programme of unusual interest. It was noticed that the pile of Alumnæ reports and copies of "Alumnæ News" rapidly diminished during the afternoon. We came away wishing the Alumnæ might have some such delightful home in which to welcome its members and friends, and to discuss and arrange our various lines of work.

The evening meeting was held in one of the Baptist churches and consisted of an address on Shakespeare by Anna Randall Diehl, interspersed with Shakesperian music.

The Thursday morning session opened with an excellent report of the educational committee, full of valuable hints, by Dr. A. E. Trant, of Buffalo. This paper in full has been promised for publication in the "News." The principal work of the session was the

revision of the Constitution, always an important task. This had been in the hands of our former President, Mrs. John I. Northrop as Chairman of the Committee, and it is almost needless to say was handled in her well known able manner. The changes made and the reason for so doing were given in a concise and convincing manner, and while some of these changes called forth spirited opposition and discussion, the new Constitution was approved and adopted by a large majority. The motion to work under it during the present session, however, was lost.

Perhaps, the most interesting and profitable portion of the entire session was that devoted to the sectional club reports. Owing to the great number of clubs, these were grouped into four classes, namely, educational, literary, philanthropic and economic, civic and æsthetic. The statistical report of each club was not given, but was filed with the Secretary for publication. The report presented from each club was limited to a two minute talk on distinctive features. There was a marked improvement in the character of the reports read and it was noticeable that even the smaller clubs formed at first only for study and mutual improvement had become more and more altruistic and were carrying out the spirit of giving, not getting.

Our own Alumnæ, which is the largest club with one exception in the Federation, could scarcely be classed only under the head of an educational club, for our many lines of work really entitle us to a report under each of the different divisions, and two minutes was very little time to give a brief résumé of even one of our distinctive features. These, however, were concisely and clearly given, and it is gratifying to know of the esteem in which our Association is held and the high place it occupies in the Federation. Among the reports of the more recent clubs to enter the Federation was that of the Lydia F. Wadleigh Association; it is only a year old, but already has two hundred and fifty members. The old familiar name brought back a flood of tender memories of her whom we long since learned to love and honor.

The evening programme of Thursday included two papers of especial interest on "How to Teach Art in the Public Schools" and "Vacation Schools." The experiment of the latter has already been tried in several cities, our own city having had eleven during the past summer conducted with such gratifying results, that it is hoped they will be incorporated in the regular school system. To our great delight and gratification we find that ten thousand dollars has just been appropriated by the Board of Education for vacation schools.

The business of the Convention was closed on Friday with the election of officers. Mrs. W. Tod Helmuth and Mrs. J. V. L. Lynch were candidates for the presidency. Mrs. Montgomery was strongly urged to accept the re-nomination, but declined on account of illness. Mrs. Goodale, of Utica, was also proposed and declined. The election was a close one, Mrs. Helmuth winning by a small majority. Miss Eliza MacDonald, of Flushing, was elected Vice-President.

While waiting for the returns there was a Parliamentary drill led by Mrs. Ellen H. Walworth, of the Post Parliament Club, followed by several papers. Mrs. Northrop was on the programme for a talk on "Nature Study in the Club" during the afternoon, but owing to unfinished business, withdrew her paper. In our humble opinion the Federation missed what would have been a delightful and helpful talk.

The evening programme consisted of papers on "Some Uses of Hero Worship," "How Patriotism is Taught in the Kindergarten," and "Present Methods of Studying and Writing History," by Alice Morse Earle.

The benefits accruing to us as an Association from membership in the Federation should be many. To see how other women work and conduct the routine business of their clubs; to obtain suggestions for broadening and carrying out our work more successfully; to appreciate the force that lies in union; that centralization is a proof of the sincerity and vitality of the club movement; all these should stimulate us to broader lines of work and a thorough systematic and united effort to bring the greatest good to the greatest number, thereby making our Association a power for good in this our Greater New York. C. L. G.

Among the New York clubs sending delegates were the following: Lydia F. Wadleigh Association, College Women's Club (Intercollegiate Alumnæ, N. Y. Chapter), Phalo Club, Post Parliament Club, Society for Study of Political Science, Sorosis, Women's Health Protective Association of New York, Women's Health Protective Association of Brooklyn, New York Chapter D. A. R., Woman's Press Club, School of Applied Design for Women, Metropolitan Trained Nurses' Association, Brooklyn Women's Club, Colonial Club, Friday Afternoon Club, Clio, Rutgers' Alumnæ, Society for Ethical Culture.