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New York Honorary President.
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MISS U. S. HEACOCK.
Recording Secretary, Utica, N. Y.
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Pres. Nat. Household Economic Ass'n.
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Utica, N. Y.



MRS. ELLEN H. WALWORTH.
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MRS. CHARLES M. DOW.
Member Executive Board.



MRS. W. H. H. GREENE.
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Pres. Western N. Y. Federated Clubs.
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MRS. A. R. DIEHL.
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of New York State.

In this galaxy of bright women probably no name deserves a more honored place than that of Mrs. J. C. Croly, the pioneer woman journalist. In recognition of her services in the woman's club movement of America, Mrs. Croly has been made the honorary president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the honorary president of the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs and Societies.

Representative Club Women

The third annual congress of the New York Federation of Woman's Clubs, which came to a close in Syracuse yesterday, was a magnificent success in every way. Over three hundred delegates were present, besides women of national reputation from all over the country. About seven years ago the general Federation of Women's Clubs came into being. The next phase was the evolution of the State Federations, which have been springing up one by one until they now number twenty-four. New York was one of the first of the States to fall in line, organization being effected in New York City in November, 1894. The first annual meeting was held at Brooklyn in 1895, and the second at Buffalo last fall. A common interest in literature, science and art is the impelling force that has irresistibly drawn these club women into organization for mutual helpfulness and mutual improvement.

Mrs. William Todd Helmuth, of New York, and Mrs. Frederick Charles, of Cuba, N. Y., are both indefatigable club workers. Mrs. Charles is the president of the Western New York Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Mary Stone Gregory, of Utica, is the chairman of the kindergarten department of the new Century Club of that city, and a kindergarten worker of prominence. Miss N. S. Heacock, the recording secretary of the federation, is another one of the younger club women. Mrs. Anna Randall Diehl is a distinguished Shakespearian scholar. She is the founder and present president of the Fortnightly Shakespeare Club of New York City. Mrs. Harriette W. H. Greene, of Herkimer, is the president of the Progressive Club of Herkimer, and also a member of the new Century Club of Utica. Mrs. Ellen Hardin Walworth, of Saratoga, is the president of the Post Parliament Club of New York. Mrs. Charles M. Dow, of Jamestown, is a literary woman and a graceful writer. She is a member of the present Executive Board.

"A KANSAS GENTLEMAN." By Mrs. Ellen M. Henrotin.

ON all sides is heard the regret expressed that men are no longer chivalrous, that the modern woman, by her executive ability and capacity, has banished chivalry, and the toast is often quoted which some man offered at a banquet, "To lovely woman, once our superior, now our equal." The women's clubs have been especially blamed as being one of the chief factors in banishing from society the outward expression of man's devotion to woman. It has remained for Captain Bertrand Rockwell, of Junction City, Kan., to disprove this charge against the clubs and to show that in the heart of one man they have aroused a feeling of generous chivalry.

Captain Rockwell presented to the Ladies' Reading Club of Junction City a clubhouse, and during September a housewarming took place, when the Captain handed to Mrs. Newell F. Green, the president of the club, the deed for the house and lot.

The Reading Club made their housewarming a notable one by inviting the presidents of neighboring clubs and all their friends, and on the evening of the opening a large number of guests responded to the invitation from neighboring cities, among others being the president of the Kansas Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. J. C. McClintock, of Topeka. The officers from Fort Riley and their wives were also present, as were guests from Kansas City and Sedalia, and even Colorado was represented. Mrs. McClintock gave an enjoyable address on the women's clubs of Kansas.

The new clubhouse is a building thirty-seven by fifty-seven feet. The woodwork is all of hard pine, and the floors are highly polished. The walls and ceilings are tinted a dull rose pink; the door knobs and hinges are of polished brass. The windows are of beautiful cathedral glass, and the auditorium of the club is a delightful room with a platform on the west side. Between the auditorium and the library is a Wilson rolling partition, which renders it possible to throw the whole interior together. The library is in size sixteen by

twenty-one feet, and is an ideal room. Every detail is perfect, even to the screens in the windows. The decorations were most effective on the evening of the opening. Napoleonic leaves of green foliage and red berries tied with ribbons, the club color, while palms and red cannas decorated the platform.

On the platform was a grand piano, perfectly new, a present to the club. When Captain Rockwell came forward to present the clubhouse he was naturally received with tremendous applause. He made a speech in which he explained his reasons for presenting to the woman's club a permanent home of their own. He said that for twenty-two years the Reading Club of Junction City had been useful to the community and had done much for the morality and intelligence of the city; that they had studied history, art and literature and economic and domestic problems, and that the course of study pursued had been more beneficial to some of the members than a college training would have been; that it was a post graduate course at home; that the members of the club had studied the questions which affect human welfare, how to reclaim from vice and build up virtue; how to strengthen the weak and make people happier and better. To discuss the virtues rather than the vices of mankind is one of their unwritten laws. Sectarianism and partisanship are ignored.

The Captain went on to say that women's clubs are brain builders for mental improvement and development, and he closed by saying: "I believe in the educating and uplifting influence of the woman's club, and our country needs more than ever to-day the preservation and existence of women ennobled by good education and by all the virtues which make a good citizen. It has long seemed fitting to me that this club should have a permanent home, that such a home would add not only to the dignity and comfort of its members, but to their ability to work. I also believe it will contribute to our loyalty to Junction City and to our much misrepresented Kansas; that it will add to the attractions of our town

and make it a more desirable city to live in, for people of the right sort are careful where they live, and we all want Junction City to be the best town in the State."

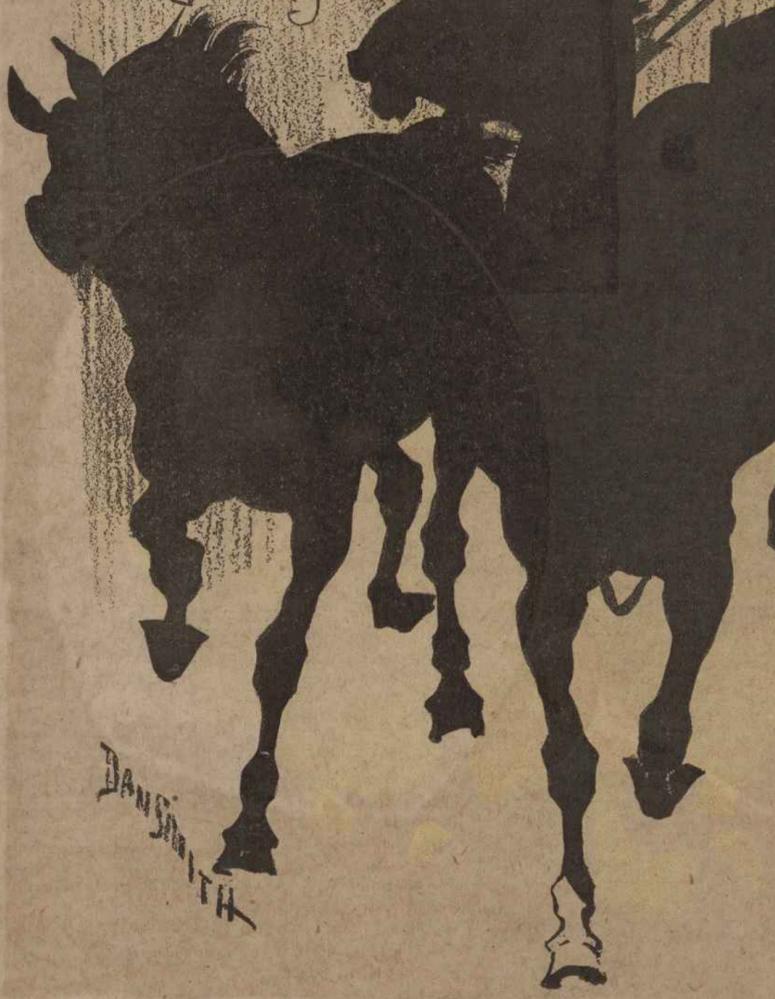
These are some of the reasons given by the Captain for presenting the deed of the ground and the clubhouse to the Junction City woman's club.

The president in responding said that they could only express their thanks to Captain Rockwell by proving to him the truth of his kind estimate of their work, and saying, also, that the members of the club realized that it was largely through the influence of Mrs. Rockwell that the Captain became interested in the work of the club and so encouraged them by insuring their future. She closed by saying: "We accept this gift in the beautiful spirit in which it is given, and the clubhouse shall become the shrine of loving fraternity and intellectual fellowship. We will strengthen its foundations with truth and sincerity and uphold its honor and usefulness."

Mr. Noble L. Prentiss, a man who was prominent in Kansas in pioneer days and most influential with the older generation, next gave an address, entitled "Looking Backward," in which he reviewed the past of Junction City and of the club. As Mr. Prentiss is really an orator, he held the undivided attention of his audience.

Not only were the members of the club delighted with this gift of Captain Rockwell, but all the people of the community have watched its erection with interest and made a holiday when the house was opened. The whole building is complete. It is of handsome native stone, with a low, arched loggia, surrounded by well-laid stone walks. The building is lighted by electricity, and is a model for good taste and simplicity.

This clubhouse is unique in being the first ever presented to a woman's club by a man. Who can now say that the Western man is not chivalrous?



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