



One of the largest clubs in this country is the Cantabrigia, of Cambridge, Mass., which numbers about seven hundred members. The founder of the club was Mrs. Estelle M. H. Merrill, who, as Jean Kincaid, is well known as a writer on club and domestic topics. She was the first president also, and it was under her talent for organization that Cantabrigia was organized into departments, this being one of the first department clubs. It began at once to do fine work for the city of Cambridge, and its domestic science exhibit of four years ago is still remembered as one of the most notable things ever done by a science club. Last year this club organized and supported a kindergarten for the poor children through the Summer and a vacation school for girls, in connection with the mothers' class of Cambridge. In the famous Rindge Training School of Cambridge, where manual training is taught the boys, no opportunity is provided for girls; and Cantabrigia has atoned for this by establishing cooking classes and supporting a cooking teacher for the public schools of the city.

The present president of Cantabrigia is Mrs. May Alden Ward, who is one of the best-known club women in Massachusetts. Mrs. Ward lived for a long time in Cleveland, Ohio, where she was well known in connection with woman's work, and came to Massachusetts some eight or nine years ago. She organized the Alden Club of Franklin and has since been president of the New England Woman's Press Association, and of Cantabrigia. She is also a vice-president of the Massachusetts State Federation. Her work in the lecture field as conductor of classes in current events and literature is well known among all Eastern club women. The pronunciation of this word, Cantabrigia, has been voted upon several times, but a few months ago the club decided for all time it should be pronounced with the soft g.

Among Eastern clubs, Women in Council of Roxbury have also done a great deal of excellent work, their first object being child study. During the past year they have had papers on the duty of the club to the public schools and similar topics, and money has been appropriated from the treasury to purchase works of art for school buildings. In six grammar schools of Roxbury and in two primary schools master-pieces have been placed which will serve as an incentive to pupils and friends to still further beautify the walls of school houses. It has been decided by the most thoughtful of club women that they can help public schools better by falling in with the line of work that they are doing and approving of the course adopted by the superintendents and teachers than by criticising them; this work of decoration is, therefore, in the right line.

The Twentieth Century Club of Detroit, Mich., is the largest woman's club in that city, having one hundred and ninety members. It is the only department club in Detroit and is constructed on the same lines as those in the East, in Chicago and in Denver. Miss Clara Avery is president; Mrs. Nellie Burr Leonard is corresponding secretary. The departments cover Education and Home, Philosophy and Science, Philanthropy and Reform and Art and Literature. During the past year the club has been studying Italy, Spain, Poland and Hungary. Miss Avery has been the president from the first and is much beloved by the entire club, which is now

four years old and one of the finest clubs in Michigan.

In Seneca, South Carolina, there is a woman's club called the Once a Week Club. Though limited to twenty-five members, it has five sections, and they meet every week. They have studied Literature, Village Improvement, Philanthropy and Self-Culture, and their fifth department, which is a somewhat unique one among clubs, is called the County Floral Association. It is from the latter department really that the club grew, and in this department a notable flower show is given each Autumn. Chrysanthemum culture is a special study. The Village Improvement Department has made a great difference in the looks of the town. Although this club numbers but twenty-five members, it has made a record worthy of some clubs that number ten times as many.

Another Southern club that is doing excellent work is the No Name Club of Montgomery, Ala. During the past year the club has been making a study of the Nineteenth Century. Each member has been obliged to give the relation of some foreign subject to American annals, although this is far from being a political organization in any sense. During the present Summer the No Name Club is devoting its energies to the Montgomery Public Library, an association which was organized May 12 at the residence of Mrs. Fitzpatrick, the purpose being the

building of a new library building. Club women, society women and church women have all united with great enthusiasm under the leadership of Mrs. George B. Eager, president of the Alabama State Federation, and an able corps of working committees, of which Mrs. Kate Hutcheson Morrisette is the secretary. This club has recently joined the General Federation and was represented at the Denver Biennial by Mrs. Fitzpatrick, who has been one of the persistent forces of the No Name Club.

The Vermont Society of Colonial Dames has recently been organized and will hold its first regular meeting at Montpelier next October. This is an independent State society and not a branch of either of the two existing organizations known as Colonial Dames Societies. The first Society, known as The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, was organized in the city of New York, May 23, 1890. In the Certificate of Incorporation, State of New York, City and County of New York, appears the following: "Fourth.—That the principal

offices and place of business of said Society is to be in the City and County of New York." This provision did not meet the general approval of the women of other States interested in such a Society. The second Society, known also as The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, was organized in 1892, and article I, of the Constitution reads as follows: "This Society shall be known by the name, style and title of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, and shall be composed of State Societies, of which there shall be one in each of the thirteen original States and one in the District of Columbia."

The Vermont Dames argue that while that state was not one of the Thirteen Colonies, she entered the Federation of Colonies, as the fourteenth state and on an equal footing; therefore, they maintain the same independent footing now as the "Green Mountaineers" did under Ethan Allen. This action of the Vermont Dames opens an interesting question and establishes a precedent which other states will not be slow to follow. The officers are: president, Miss Anna C. Park, Bennington; first vice-president, Mrs. Wallace C. Clement, Rutland; second vice-president, Mrs. E. J. Ormsbee, Brandon; third vice-president, Mrs. F. Stewart Stranahan, St. Albans; fourth vice-president, Mrs. Samuel E. Pingree, Hartford; recording secretary and treasurer, Miss Mary F. Cooke, Rutland; corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. Harrison Sanford, Rutland; registrar, Miss Elmina H. Morgan, Bennington.

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