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**Ossoli Club.**  
 Report to the Ossoli Club of the  
 Annual Meeting of the State Fed-  
 eration of Woman's Clubs, held at  
 Rockford, October 16-19, 1906.

The special train which bore the  
 delegates from Chicago and vicinity  
 had scarcely stopped at its destina-  
 tion before we were conscious of  
 the spirit of hospitality which per-  
 vaded Rockford; even the children  
 we met on the streets wore an ex-  
 pression which signified that they  
 would deem it a pleasure to serve the  
 visiting women. And the visitors,  
 promptly reflecting the warmth of  
 their reception evinced a good fel-  
 lowship toward their hostesses and  
 each other, which resulted in the  
 genial glow that was felt throughout  
 the four days' meeting.

Well planned and exceedingly en-  
 joyable were the luncheons, the din-  
 ners, the entertainment in the homes,  
 the concert by the Rockford Men-  
 delsohn club, and the receptions  
 where the many handsomely gowned  
 women constituted a brilliant as well  
 as an animated scene; but the formal  
 sessions, when the gavel came down  
 with gentle but decided taps, showed  
 that the two-hundred and fifty women  
 representing the various districts of  
 Illinois, were not on mere pleasure  
 bent. The papers, addresses and  
 discussions continuously proved that  
 dear to the hearts of the women of  
 our state are the great aims of true  
 philanthropy and the high ideals of  
 the honest educator as well as the  
 magnificent work of self-training.

One of many bright papers was by  
 Miss Effie Shaw, president of the  
 Woman's Club of Mt. Carroll. Miss  
 Shaw said, "Though organized on an  
 educational basis, the club's intellec-  
 tual value is not great. Why? Lis-  
 ten. Some one writes of attending a  
 club where the Greek poets, the  
 Italian painters, the German mas-  
 ters, and the English novelists were  
 disposed of in an afternoon. You  
 say that is an exceptional case? Per-  
 haps it is, but the Chicago Woman's  
 club—our pattern club—dispos-  
 ing of the History of Ethics in a  
 course of twelve lectures this winter.  
 The subject of one of the lectures—  
 I quote from the club calendar—is  
 "Socrates and his Pupils—the vari-  
 ous schools considered." This will  
 include a study of "Platonism, Stoic-  
 ism, Cynicism, Epicurianism, and the  
 Peripatetics of Aristotle." We ac-  
 knowledge the justice of this trust;  
 and having before us in the program  
 of the Federation another example  
 of the tendency which Miss Shaw  
 pictures, it is impossible to give in  
 this brief report any adequate ac-  
 count of the heterogeneous good  
 things we were privileged to hear.

In the Art Committee Conference,  
 our own townswoman, Mrs. Essen-  
 den, read a poem upon "The City  
 Beautiful" which was a graceful  
 composition calling for civic rectitude  
 in every portion of the municipal  
 fabric.

The only man to participate in a  
 discussion, was the Rev. P. M. Syn-  
 der, of Rockford, who, as a preface  
 to his remarks, wittily described his  
 sensations by relating this anecdote:  
 "A bishop, upon learning that his  
 man servant had been derelict in cer-  
 tain duties, called the man to him  
 and reprimanded him for his faith-  
 lessness, then, to give a pious turn to  
 the interview, he said, 'At present,  
 Patrick, who is it that sees all we do,  
 knows all we think, and looks upon  
 me even in my bishop's robes as a  
 poor worm of the dust?' and Patrick  
 replied! The Missus, Sor."

The quality of the papers was  
 good. One of the most honored club  
 women of Chicago told me she con-  
 sidered the papers at Rockford of  
 higher order than those at Wilwau-  
 kee, but we have papers produced by  
 some of our Ossoli members which  
 are in both substance and form equal  
 to these good papers we heard at

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 Has found us again, as it often has  
 found:  
 With the blessings of health and un-  
 ceasing friends,  
 And the beautiful lesson that love  
 never ends.  
 Then let us be thankful and loving and  
 true.  
 That the blessings of heaven may fall  
 as the dew;  
 For the hand of the donor is open so  
 wide,  
 And showers down blessings on every  
 side.  
 We thank Thee, our Master, and praise  
 Thee always,  
 And in our rejoicing forget not to  
 pray.  
 That the kindness that gave us the  
 friends and the hour,  
 Will keep us still loving, and still in  
 its power.  
 —MRS. M. H. BAKER.