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ANNUAL MEETING.

Mrs. Benjamin A. Fessenden gave an address on the subject of "Woman as a Factor in Municipal Reform," before the meeting of the Woman's Clubs of the Tenth congressional district, held in the clubhouse of the Ravenswood Club last Thursday afternoon.

"What would the stock of the Northwestern railway be worth," Mrs. Fessenden said, "if it were known that the president and board of directors had been chosen because they were democrats or republicans, or because they were German, Irish or Swedish? What would be the feeling if it were known that the train dispatcher, the engineers and the conductors were appointed because they had a 'pull,' or because they had the backing of the saloon element? Would many passengers risk their lives on the company's trains?"

"Now, a great city represents vastly more wealth and immensely more important interests than any railway company. Every man, woman and child in it is a stockholder, and every paid official, from the mayor down to a scrub woman, is a servant of every citizen, and the efficiency of these employes depend on a vigorous public sentiment. It is on the indifference of the individual citizen that the corrupt politician relies for immunity. His only hope is that, in his time, the women of the home will take no interest in civic affairs, and that there will be no concerted home action. For when the women of the homes arouse the men to a sense of their civic responsibility, and not until then, will dawn the era of good government.

"I am told that among the lowest classes of people in our great cities wives, mothers and sweethearts make it their duty, when an election approaches, that the men register, and then that they vote. Harper's Weekly, in a recent article, made the statement that in New York a corps of men was appointed and well paid by a great political organization to keep in touch with every home in the poorer wards for the purpose of instructing the women how to influence the votes of their husbands, fathers and brothers.

"I think, therefore, that the era of good women are banded together more and more every year for this purpose. Every year individuality is more and more merged into universal helpfulness, for the education of children, for the love of country and for civic uplifting."

Several other papers were read Mrs. Arthur G. Bennett, of Ravenswood, read a paper on "Music."

The North End Woman's Club—Speaker, Mrs. Amos Lears. Subject: "School Decoration as a Factor in the Lives of School Children, and the Value of Art Study."

The Neighbors of Kenilworth—Speaker, Mrs. Bronson Peck. Subject: "The Value of the Study of Citizenship in Our Schools."

The Wilmette Woman's Club—Speaker, Minnie H. Dingll. Subject: "The Study of Elocution and Literature in Our Public Schools."

The Rogers Park Woman's Club—Speaker, Mrs. Jennings. Subject: "What Does the Traveling Library Do for Our School Children?"

The Argyle Portia Club—Speaker, Mrs. Edward Portman. Subject: "The Vacation School as a Factor in the Lives of the Children in the Tenement Districts."

The Summerdale Woman's Club—Speaker, Miss Priscilla Scott. Subject: "Suggestions as to Reform in Public School Sanitation."

At 12:30 the ladies adjourned to the diningroom for luncheon and a very delightful hour was spent in social intercourse.

During the afternoon session a cordial invitation was extended to the ladies in the Tenth district by the Ossili Club of Highland Park to hold their next annual meeting in their clubhouse. The invitation was unanimously accepted.

Mrs. Franklin, one of the probation officers of Chicago, closed the program by telling of some of the "Statistics" and trials of a probation officer.

C. A. Kuist has just received a carload of nails.

AUCTION SALE.

The undersigned administrator of the estate of John S. Taylor, deceased, will sell at public auction on

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1903.

At 1 o'clock p. m., on the old Recktenwald farm, one-half mile west of Highwood, the following goods and chattels:

4 head of cattle, 2 wagons, 30 tons of hay, 1 cultivator, 1 hay-rack, 2 mowers, 1 set of bobsleighs, 1 plow, 1 dray, 1 lot of tools.

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