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OUR WOMEN'S CLUBS.

The city federation of colored women's clubs held its quarterly meeting in St. John's church, Monday evening. The federation is desirous of falling upon some definite plan of practical work, work that shall be productive of helpful results. There were several splendid suggestions made by presidents of the various organizations, but the federation was unable to decide which to accept. It seems as though not a little of their efforts thus far have been directed towards the Old Folks' Home. Some question the advisability of continuing this, while others believe the Home should have the federation's support until an endowment can be obtained. A women's exchange, a home for wayward girls, a bed in a hospital, providing homes in suitable localities, are among other suggestions made. Now what will the women do? It is certainly gratifying to see them so desirous of concentrating their energies. All of the suggestions made are excellent ones. It should be their purpose, however, to select something that can be carried on in harmony by all. We believe the home should not be neglected. It should continue to receive a fair portion of support. Of the new suggestions, the women's exchange seems to hold out the most encouraging prospects at this time. This, if conducted in a down-town location, by a thoroughly experienced business person, could be the foundation of an excellent work here in Cleveland. It would encourage efforts in a large number of directions and, if properly managed, would net a good sum each month for general purposes.

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State Federation Holds Splendid Meeting in Lebanon.

Rag Time Music and "Jim Crow" Cars Denounced--Mrs. Carrie Clifford, of Cleveland, Presided.

Special.—The third annual meeting of The State Federation of Colored Women's clubs, of Ohio, convened in Lebanon, Ohio, July 28 and 29. Mrs. Carrie Clifford, president, of Cleveland, presided.

This is the most representative body of colored women in the state and is auxiliary to the national federation which recently sat in St. Louis. The motto of the federation, "Deeds, not words," was very beautifully exemplified in the reports of the various clubs which showed that the spirit of "lifting as we climb" has spread its influence over all and many clubs, primarily organized for pleasure, have turned their attention to better things and are attempting to bring "a little sunshine" into darkened lives.

The sessions of the federation were marked by strict decorum and business was transacted with promptness and exactness. There were forty-four delegates present and many presidents of various clubs were in attendance as well as the presidents of the city federations.

Many subjects of vital importance to the race were discussed and the ladies entering into such, showed a breadth of thought and sound judgment which would do credit to any race variety.



Motto: "Lifting As We Climb"

The matter of the "Jim Crow" car was discussed at round table talks and the seal of the federation's disapproval was placed upon it. Miss Halle Q. Brown, the now world famous elocutionist, spoke long and earnestly upon the subject and won the ear and heart of her listeners.

Mrs. Ida Joyce Jackson read a most instructive and practical paper on music. "Rag time" music was denounced as the cause of much race retrogression in a strong paper by Mrs. A. Miller, of Cincinnati. Both the state and national superintendents of music were present and showed by illustrations the beauties of good music.

The president, Mrs. Carrie Clifford, read a most beautiful poem, the composition of which had been inspired by the reading of Prof. Du Bois' book, "The Souls of Black Folk." Mrs. Clifford is a woman of fine attainments and was unanimously re-elected state president.

The third annual meeting goes down into history as the most successful and helpful ever held.

The Charity club, of Lebanon, who entertained the federation, were untiring in their efforts for the comfort and happiness of their guests. The federation will ever hold the beautiful little town of cedars in grateful remembrance. Dayton was selected for 1905.