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SOCIETY NEWS.

The Travellers' Club held its first meeting of the New Year Jan. 10th with Mrs. W. R. Gwaltney. Mrs. E. B. Cline, the club secretary was gladly welcomed home after her Northern tour. After quotations on Labor Mrs. Cline presented a very interesting account of Barnaby Rudge and the Riots." Mrs. Bost then read a paper by Mrs. Graves on "Schools in Dickens' Time." A very pleasant social time was then spent over delightful refreshments before the meeting adjourned.

The second meeting of the Travellers' Club was held Jan. 17th at Mrs. Royster's home. The program was unusually interesting, having a good start with the quotations on "Children." Miss Geitner's paper: "Dickens' Children and Heroines" was very fine. Mrs. H. D. Abernethy's story of "Dombey and Son" held all by its pathos. Mrs. Royster's account of "Old Curiosity Shop" gained interest by the picture shown which was obtained in London during Mrs. Royster's "trip abroad." Miss Geitner for Mrs. C. M. Shuford read Bret Harte's poem "Dickens in Camp." Then before adjournment dainty refreshments were served thus prolonging the pleasures of social intercourse.

Friday, the 18th, Mrs. Neil Clarke with her sister, Miss Allen entertained six tables of Bridge. Mrs. Royster and Mrs. H. D. Abernethy kept their places at the head table during the whole evening, but Miss Rose Shuford gained the prize—a silver thimble.

Saturday afternoon, the 19th, Mrs. Beard had six tables of Bridge at her home, Miss Rosa Shuford also gained the prize then, a beautiful vase. At both Bridge parties toothsome dainties added to the pleasure of the guests. Mrs. T. J. Greer, revived six

handed euchre in a very delightful afternoon Monday, the 21st, with four tables at her home. Miss Lily Jones won the prize, a fine deck of cards, Mrs. H. D. Abernethy the consolation, and Mrs. Johnson for the punchers. It goes without saying that dainty and elaborate refreshments were served before the guests departed.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Cline entertained seven tables of six-handed euchre Tuesday evening, the 22nd. The dainty little Dutch maiden on the score-cards proved Miss Boyden's right to the prize, a beautiful table scarf. Miss Ada Schenck, the 20th, hand prize. Mr. Neil Clarke and Mr. Alex Shuford the prize for the men. Delicious refreshments were served at the conclusion of one of the pleasantest events of the season.

The Round Dozen Book Club met with Miss Lizzie McComb on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 23rd, with a full attendance. The discussion of all of the books by the members was varied and unusually interesting. The hostess then told in a very entertaining manner, of her own special book, "The Sage Brush Parson," and its author, A. B. Ward (Mrs. Alice Ward Bailey.) Afterwards she delighted the club with a number of John Charles McNeill's "Fables for the Fireside," "The Frogs," and "The Girl and her Suitors," being especially enjoyed. Mr. McNeill might appropriately be called the "Patron Saint," of this book club, and his writings are always received with delight. Current news was responded to with a full budget. After the literary part of the program was concluded, Mrs. J. L. Murphy and Mrs. C. C. Bost sang by request the duet, "On Mossy Banks," by Gilbert. The quaint, beautiful china (an heirloom in the McComb family) on which delicious refreshments were served, called forth much admiration from the

members of the club. The members were reluctant to leave the warm, cozy parlor, the congenial atmosphere, the summer-like pots of blooming flowers and their gracious hostess, and at a late hour they faced the wintry air and turned reluctant faces homeward.

BOONE ITEMS.

A party of men have been prospecting for gold on Watauga river and has offered Rev. Billings, who lives near the river, a fancy price for the farm but he refuses to sell.

It is reported that a railroad route is being surveyed from Wilkesboro through Cook's Gap.

The people through the Watauga Democrat, are discussing good roads, and doubtless a measure will be taken in the Legislature to have an extra road law in this section.

The splendid water power of Watauga causes people to think of putting in dynamos for the purpose of furnishing the towns with electric lights. Mr. L. D. Lowe is planing to place one at Banner Elk and Dr. J. W. Jones hopes to carry out the same plan in Boone.

The public school at this place taught by Misses Bertha Eller and Sallie Ray has just closed. Miss Eller will now teach the Primary department of Appalachian Training School.

McKinley Sigmon who has been home on a two weeks visit left Tuesday for Plumtree, N.C., where he will take up his work in the Lee-McRae Institute.

The Ariel Quartet appeared in the Academy of Music here last Saturday night. The talented young ladies gave an excellent entertainment and every member on the program was oncored. The violin selections by Miss Leavitt deserves special mention. She has perfect control of the instruments, and her playing was hartily enjoyed. Miss Sampson's solo was a rare treat.

PHYSICIANS DISAGREE

Different Opinions on Cooper's Remarkable Success Held by Cincinnati Medical Men.

Cincinnati, O. Jan 30.—The astonishing sale of Cooper's preparations in this city has now reached such immense figures that the medical fraternity at large have become forced into open discussion of the man and his preparations.

The physicians as a whole seem to be divided with regard to the young man's success in Cincinnati—some being willing to credit him for what he has accomplished, while others assert that the interest he has aroused is but a passing fad which cannot last, and which will die out as quickly as it has sprung up.

The opinion of these two factions is very well voiced in the statements made recently by two of a number of physicians who were interviewed on the subject.

Dr. J. E. Carass when questioned about the matter said: "I have not been a believer in proprietary preparations heretofore nor can I say that I believe in them at present.

But I must admit that some of the facts recently brought to my notice concerning this man Cooper have gone far towards removing the prejudice I had formed against him when the unheard of demand for the preparations first sprang up in this city. Numbers of my patients whom I have treated for chronic liver, kidney and stomach troubles have met me after taking Cooper's remedy and have stated positively that he has accomplished wonderful results for them. I notice particularly in cases of stomach trouble that the man has relieved several

cases of years standing that proved very obstinate in treatment."

"I am the last man on earth to stand in the way of anything that may prove for the public good simply though professional prejudice, and I am inclined to give Cooper and his preparations credit as deserving to some extent the popular demonstration that has been accorded them in this city."

Another well known physician who was seen took the opposite view as the "Cooper-mania," as he calls it which now has this city in its grip. He said: "I can only liken the present state of affairs to ascertain kind of hallucination.

For what of a better name I might call it "Cooper-mania." The people of Cincinnati seem to be firm in the belief that this man Cooper has health corked up in a bottle."

"Some of them imagine that he has completely cured them of various ills judging from their statements. It is beyond me to say why the city has gone crazy over the man. It may be safely put down, I think, to one of the passing fads that so often attack the American public."

"Sooner or later the people are bound to regain their senses and will then realize the reputable physician is the one to whom their health had best be entrusted."

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