At Eastern Normal.

Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart was greeted Monday night at Eastern Normal by a large and intensely interested audience. She came under the auspices of the State Federation of Women’s Clubs. After a chorus by 25 or 30 young ladies, a quartet by four young ladies, a violin selection with piano accompaniment and a hearty encore, which was responded to by another selection, Mrs. Stewart was introduced by Dr. Crabbe in his usual pleasing manner.

Mrs. Stewart then began her address and for 50 minutes held the closest attention of the audience. The name of Cora Wilson Stewart is known in every hamlet in Kentucky and in many States besides Kentucky—indeed, her name and her work have become almost nation-wide. She was the first to conceive the idea of moonlight schools and organized them in her own county of Rowan to stamp out illiteracy among her people. Under her leadership and with the aid of other faithful teachers of Rowan, many seemingly insurmountable difficulties were overcome and the enterprise became a success from the start. It was through her influence that the bill creating an illiteracy commission of five members was passed by the last General Assembly. The Governor very properly and promptly appointed her chairman of the commission. Mrs. Stewart is a graceful speaker and forceful as well, often pathetic and not without a vein of humor in what she says. The secret of her power and success in the great and good work she has undertaken lies in her intense enthusiasm and earnestness. Her mind, heart and soul are in the work. Every fiber of her being is enloused. It is well known what a great work she has done in Rowan, and yet she modestly declines to take the honor to herself, but gives the credit to the faithful teachers of that county. This is but a brief and imperfect notice. There is much more we could say; much more we would love to say along the line of the good work that has been done, is being done and remains yet to be done. Mrs. Stewart has put on this work and has shown what can be done. Let every one do his or her part, some way, some bow, either by financial aid or by personal help. As Mrs. Stewart puts it, let Kentucky be not 37th from the top in the illiteracy of States, but 37th from the bottom.