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The Movement for a Sane Fourth of July.

By Mrs. Imogen B. Oakley.*

The suppression of unnecessary noise is still so new an idea to many people that they are likely to advise objectors to useless racket to take something for their nerves or move to the country.

But when under unnecessary noise we class, as we must, the destruction of life and property on the Fourth of July, it is at once discovered that there is a very serious side to the question.

Fire-crackers and toy pistols are exploded for the sake of making a noise, and not from any overpowering feeling of patriotism. It would be interesting to find out how many children really know that they are supposed to be celebrating the signing of the Declaration of Independence when they fire off these crackers and torpedoes. The protest against the noise of the Fourth of July, with its attendant appalling consequences, began only seven years ago. It was started by Mr. James Keeley, editor of the *Chicago Tribune*. A child of his was very ill on the Fourth, and the shock of the explosion of pack after pack of fire-crackers in the immediate neighborhood was almost too much for her weakened vitality. Mr. Keeley never forgot the anguish of that day. He began to collect statistics about the fire-cracker and its deadly work. He found many deaths from the effect of noise alone, the very young, the

very old, and the very ill being peculiarly susceptible to the shock of loud, sudden noises; but he soon discovered that it is the well, strong, active children who are the chief victims of our passion for explosives. Thirty-four thousand killed and wounded is the record for the last seven years,—more than were killed and injured during the War for Independence which we are supposed to celebrate with this slaughter.

The American Medical Association soon joined hands with the *Chicago Tribune*, and in their *Journal*, published in Chicago, they have recorded for the last five years the deaths and character of the injuries caused by the deadly fireworks. They show that during the celebration of the last five national holidays 1,153 persons were killed and 21,520 were injured. Of these, 88 suffered total blindness and 389 partial blindness. 794 cases of tetanus are recorded, most of the victims being bright, active boys from six to eighteen years old. The most common causes of the wounds that result in tetanus are the cannon cracker and the toy pistol, and the wound is usually in the hand that holds the instrument of destruction.

The cannon cracker is also responsible for a large proportion of the non-fatal accidents, although the rocket comes in for a goodly share of the cases of blood poisoning, and the Roman

*From the *Civic Club Bulletin* for March, 1910, published by the Civics Club of Philadelphia.

candle has not been guiltless. In 1908 the non-fatal accidents, such as the loss of legs, arms, hands, fingers, and noses, numbered 5,460, including 11 cases of total blindness. In 1909 there were 5,092 non-fatal accidents with 16 cases of total blindness. It does not seem strange, in view of these figures, that parents are becoming alarmed at this annually recurring slaughter of the innocents, and are praying for the total prohibition of the manufacture and sale of explosive playthings.

Cleveland, San Francisco, Washington, Toledo, and Baltimore have already adopted prohibitive ordinances, and last year these five cities demonstrated the fact that every degree of patriotic fervor can be expressed without exploding gunpowder or dynamite.

Chicago and Springfield, Massachusetts, are trying restrictive laws,—that is, the cannon cracker, toy pistol, and other very dangerous toys are prohibited,—but no ban is put on the small cracker and the torpedo. The restrictive law of Chicago is a model of its kind. All explosives are forbidden except fire-crackers and torpedoes. The crackers must not be more than two inches long and one-quarter inch in diameter, and the torpedoes must not exceed three-quarters of an inch in diameter, and they must not be put on sale before July 1 nor after July 5.

No fireworks of any kind, including these so-called harmless crackers, may be discharged on any day except the Fourth itself. The law was quite effectively enforced last year, and yet there were more fires and accidents than a civilized city ought to permit. Restrictive laws are not of much avail. So long as dangerous explosives are on sale, legally or illegally, so long they will be bought and used by children of thoughtless and over-indulgent parents.

The police are charged in Chicago to enforce the law that limits the size

of fire-crackers; but, if a policeman hears an explosion just around the corner, how is he to tell from the fragments of the cracker whether it did or did not exceed the dimensions authorized by the law? The small and so-called harmless cracker is not so harmless as is supposed.

The secretary of the Loss Committee of the New York Board of Fire Underwriters says, "The impression I have received from my own experience and observation is that, while cannon crackers are a much more prolific source of personal injury, the small crackers cause more fires." In the last seven years \$20,000,000 worth of property has been sacrificed to the fire-cracker. Property is nothing compared to life, but \$20,000,000 is a large sum to pay for a useless and dangerous amusement.

The only effective way to stop the Fourth of July horrors is to prohibit the sale and use of explosives, as has been done in the five cities above cited.

The movement for a sane Fourth is already nation-wide. The New York Society for the Suppression of Unnecessary Noise, whose president and animating genius is Mrs. Isaac L. Rice, has written to the governors of all the States requesting that each bring the subject before his State legislature and ask a State law forbidding the manufacture and sale of explosives. Nineteen governors have already responded, promising support, and they all agree that a national committee of governors to promote the safe and sane observance of Independence Day would be a wise and suitable plan.

Have we ever realized how insane we all are on the Fourth? We ask in effect every Fourth of July morning: "Are the firemen all on duty and alert to respond to the first call? Are the doctors in their offices, with antiseptics and knives for the cases that threaten tetanus? Are the ambulances hitched up and ready to start? Are the hos-

pital nurses amply equipped with bandages and anæsthetics? If so, let us give our children all the gunpowder and dynamite they ask for, and put our trust in the Lord."

But, if we take away from the children the privilege of killing themselves, what can we give them in its place? asked our tender-hearted citizens. Now the Fourth of July is really not a children's holiday, but has only become such in proportion as the adult population has ceased to care for what the day commemorates. It is a day on which we as citizens should recall the principles on which our government is founded, and honor the memory of those who established those principles. Still more is it a day on which we as citizens should take stock of ourselves, and ask with deep heart searchings whether we are living up to those principles and guarding them, so we can hand them on unimpaired to future generations.

All the same, it is our great national holiday, and there is no reason why parents and children should not unite in a really suitable celebration of the kind already proved to be a success in Springfield, Massachusetts, and Wash-

ington. The National Playground Association has sketched an ideal Fourth of July celebration, modelled upon the Springfield festival. It includes sectional pageants or parades, with bands and music in abundance, in all of which the children will participate. Historical spots will be visited, and short—very short—patriotic talks will be given at each spot. All parks, playgrounds, and vacant lots will be thrown open, and games and athletic contests held. Family picnics in park or country will be encouraged, and the day will conclude with municipal fireworks set off in different sections of the city under the control of experts.

Certainly, enough has been done in this country and in Europe to prove that people can enjoy themselves without the use of gunpowder and dynamite. Any celebration that carries with it a train of ambulances, doctors, and nurses, is neither safe nor sane nor civilized. The Fourth of July can be observed joyously and yet safely and sanely. Why should we allow our greatest national holiday to be an occasion for the legalized destruction of life and property?

A Sufficient Reason.

Far be it from me * now or ever to seem to underestimate for a moment the dignity, and majesty, and power of knowledge, and the far-reaching and sweet influences of the cultural side of our club life; but I am frank to say that I should not consider this alone a sufficient reason for the existence of the club movement in America and for imposing such heavy burdens of care and responsibility upon the women who are the offi-

cers and leaders of the movement, women already "cumbered with much serving" in many instances.

But to remember the little children it has taken out of mills and mines, the adjustment of the difficulties of the wage-earning women it has brought about, the abatement of the sweat-shop evil, the establishment of Juvenile Courts, the stamping out of injustice and cruelty in eleemosynary institutions in so many States, is to believe that all the labor we have given it and all the love we bear it can never be given in vain.

* From an address by Mrs. A. C. Scott, former President of the Oklahoma and Indian Territory Federation of Women's Clubs.



A GROUP OF YOUNG GARDENERS.†

Hints on Children's Gardens.*

By Mrs. Fred H. Tucker.

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In the spring the thought of the patriotic club woman lightly turns to children's gardens. For she feels that by no other means can the idle and waste places of our cities and towns be so readily made productive and beautiful, and at the same time our future citizens be trained in personal and civic virtue as well as in one of the most practical arts of life.

In a communication from this Department a year ago* the benefits from children's gardening were forcibly described, and clubs were urged to adopt this as one of their activities. It is the aim of this article to give a few practical hints from the experience of clubs and other organizations in conducting home and school gardens.

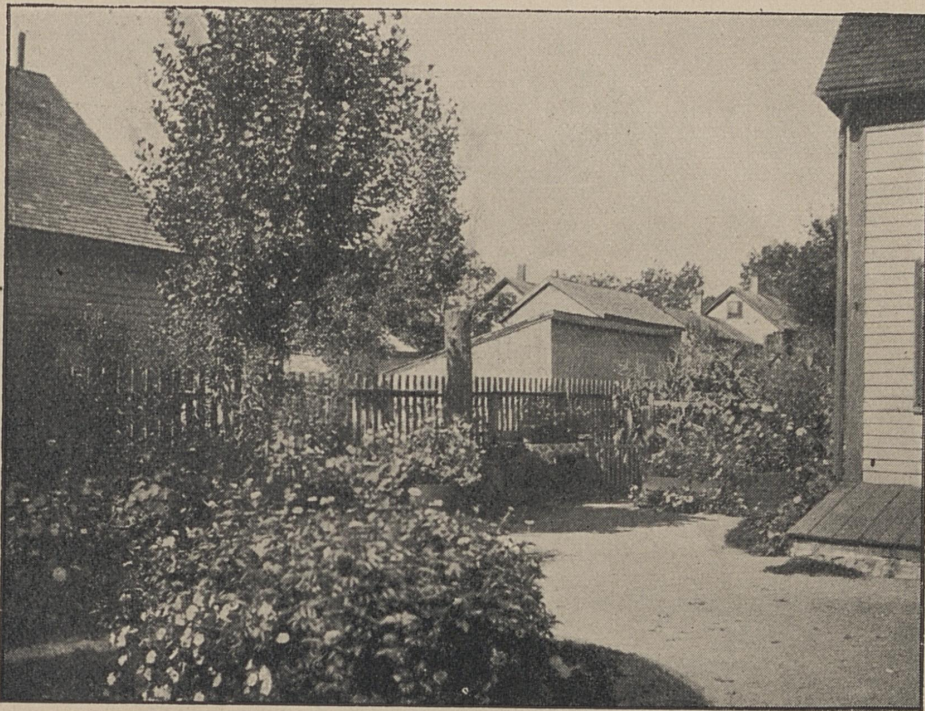
* See FEDERATION BULLETIN for April, 1909, on "Children's Gardens," and reprints therefrom.

The main problems are how to raise the money, how to reach and interest the children, and how to organize and carry on the work so as to produce the best results. These questions, however, being interdependent, cannot be wholly separated in discussion.

The possible expenses to be considered include the land and its preparation, tools with place of storage, fertilizers, seeds, prizes, incidentals, and the services of an expert director. In the case of home gardens without paid director the expense may be reduced almost to nothing.

The money for gardening is often raised by a spring festival in which the

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MARY MCALEER'S PRIZE FLOWER GARDEN, HOME GARDEN ASSOCIATION.

children take a prominent part, thus engaging their interest from the start. At least one club has the seeds for sale on this occasion in one-cent packages, and each child buying five-cents' worth is registered, and enters for the prizes. The general opinion is that it is better for children to pay—say five cents—for the seeds or an equal sum for registering. One flourishing garden association raises its funds, several hundred dollars, wholly by subscriptions and unsolicited gifts. The largest manufacturing concern in this place contributes \$75 annually for prizes, in recognition of the business value of the enterprise.

The free use of a vacant lot for gardening may usually be obtained where there is no school land, and the preparation of even a forbidding piece of ground can often be accomplished by the children. But it is a question whether they should expend their enthusiasm on this labor rather than be left free for the really productive effort

which will furnish scope for all their energy and zeal.

The management of gardens may be in charge of a paid director with volunteer inspectors, forming a working and supervising board, or the whole work may be voluntary. Although excellent results have been obtained with a wholly amateur service, it is the unanimous verdict that the highest efficiency can be reached only under a paid expert. One of the important duties of this director is to instruct the inspectors, whose knowledge and training are often inferior to their zeal. It is most desirable also that these inspectors have gardens of their own wherein they themselves may work out the problems which they must help the children to solve.

The preliminary instruction as to preparing the ground and planting must usually be given to the children in groups, and this is most conveniently done through the schools. The director goes from room to room, giving



BACK YARD EFFECT IN WALTHAM, BEFORE PLANTING.

instruction, registering names, and distributing seeds. Then the inspectors should begin work at once. Perhaps no item has been more neglected than this. Verbal instruction alone is seldom enough to enable children to deal with the hard, infertile earth in many of their yards. Every child should be started right, and then followed up as necessary. Reports from garden work indicate that often only about two-thirds of the children who take seeds produce any results worth counting, and that most of those who fail give up discouraged during the first few weeks, before receiving any visits from director or inspectors.

Concerning the gardens themselves there is scope for boundless variety of plan and treatment. While the main emphasis must usually be placed on vegetable and flower beds, it is suggested that attention might perhaps oftener be given to shrubs and vines and to the decorative treatment of the yard as a whole. Children should at

least be inspired and taught to keep their yards neat and trim, and not to allow the beds to become shabby as the season wears on. Also children whose parents own the premises might sometimes plant a tree, judiciously selected and placed, this done, like all the work, with the approval of the parents. The incidental relations of sociability and co-operation between the inspectors and the families, centring in the children, are among the finest fruits of home gardening.

Older children can be encouraged to keep records or diaries of their work. These may be illustrated by photographs or drawings, made by the children themselves, showing the gardens at various stages of development. Such records suitably bound form an interesting and valuable part of the official exhibit.

The ideal or standard gardening plant for a community would perhaps be organized something like this: Home gardens for children who have avail-

able land; school gardens where plots shall be given to those who cannot have home gardens, surplus space to be assigned at discretion; supplementary window gardening; school gardens to be used as models and as practical object-lessons for class work with the home gardeners; a paid expert director; a large number of inspectors, among them some teachers, especially of nature work; inspection to begin with the preparation of the ground; many graded prizes, with ribbons and honorable mentions, so that no good work shall go unrecognized.

But a beginning must usually be small, and every earnest, intelligent effort will win results. The prize for simplicity of organization with minimum outlay of money and effort should go to a club in a congested manufacturing suburb of Boston. The Civics Committee had for some time conducted a mothers' club. In the spring of 1909 they interested these mothers in gardening for their children in their tiny and desolate back yards, to be sup-

plemented by window gardens. Seeds were given to the mothers with instructions, to be passed on to the children, as to planting and care. This was followed up by regular visits from the committee for further instruction and encouragement. In spite of a summer exceptionally hot and dry, most of these gardens flourished and brought forth goodly crops of flowers and vegetables, although much gardening in more favored spots and under more expensive and elaborate methods came to grief.

Many points remain to be covered which cannot be touched in a short article. The Chairman will be glad to reply to calls for further information. For helpful books see "Bibliography," in June BULLETIN, 1909, and reprints therefrom. Also "Garden Making," by Liberty Hyde Bailey (*Macmillan*, New York), and other books by Professor Bailey.

Miss Annie Chase (14 McKinley Avenue, Beverly, Massachusetts), who has made a special study of gardening



BACK YARD EFFECT IN WALTHAM, AFTER PLANTING,



A NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP OF GARDENERS IN WALTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS.

and nature work for children, may be consulted by clubs desiring information. Miss Chase has written books upon

this subject which should be of great use, and has a new one now in preparation.

A Course of Study in Play.

Prepared for The Playground Association of America.

By Lee F. Hanmer.*

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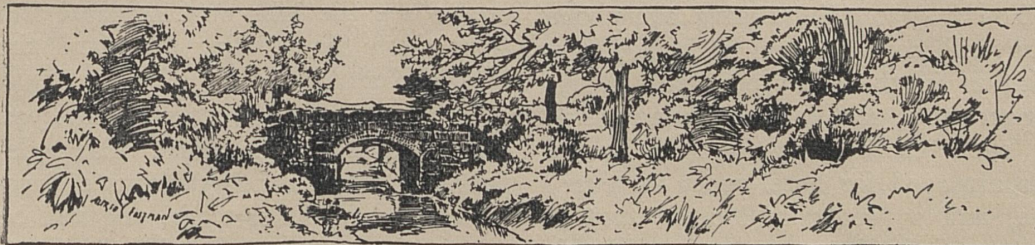
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The President's Message.

The loyal co-operation of State Presidents, and through them the loyalty of the State, is shown in a remarkable manner this month in regard to the question blanks from the General Federation Chairmen. Almost all have responded with great pleasure in seeing that this work is carried out, one saying she would send telegrams, if necessary, and see that her State reported accurately the fine work accomplished. Those appointed to see to its fulfilment in their respective States have planned accompanying circulars, and postal cards to follow up the dilatory ones. Taking it all in all, we are hoping the expense of time, labor, and money will be a wise contribution to the "team work" of State and General Federation.

Questions are coming in every mail concerning the Biennial: Shall we be permitted to bring family and club friends? What will the weather be in Cincinnati in May? Is it true that Cincinnati is as filled with coal black as Pittsburg? Shall we plan for many social functions or excursions? Who will be the speakers? and many others I have neglected to recall.

You may certainly bring every one who will be interested with you and with us in the great problems of our departments, and in the business side of such an organization. Cincinnati has arranged for hotel room for every one, and so centrally located that it matters little if you are not at "head-quarters." Prices will be the same for all. The ticket committee of the

Local Board will see to seating our friends from outside, and the evening meetings are probably open to the public,—first come, first served.

The second week of May should be in Ohio the perfection of weather; but an almanac brought to my door recently says, "hot, and unsettled weather, with thunder storms the week following." So prepare yourselves for all kinds of heat and cold, wet and dry, and then you will feel calmly assured of being well and comfortably dressed in any emergency.

The Cincinnati club women have presented several suggestions to their public-spirited friends among the gentlemen, which, if followed, will make the city clean and smokeless. We are sure that everything possible will be done for our comfort.

The social functions will be few in number, as requested by the General Federation Board, and will probably be mentioned in this number of the BULLETIN. Excursions are, in the nature of things, not a large part of the Cincinnati offering, as they were in Boston. The two cities differ historically as they do physically; and we are to see the hills of Cincinnati and from them the winding Ohio and the hills of Kentucky.

It will be but a short time before you know about the speakers. Each department Chairman is desirous of having the best for her work, and will be constantly alert to obtain the best. Come and see and hear, and I assure you that you will not be disappointed.

Remember always that the spirit you bring to the convention will be the glasses through which you will view everything and which will color everything you see.

There are two points I wish to bring to your attention: The pleasant assurance from the American Federation of Arts that the word "misleading" in the February number resulted from a misunderstanding which is quite cleared away. The other is the desire to bring to the notice of older members of the Federation the sending of old documents concerning the historical beginnings of 1889-1894 to the Bureau of Information. One was sent to me recently, which was forwarded at once.

The Tenth Biennial will soon be of

the past. May its inspiration last through many years to come!

Sincerely yours,

EVA PERRY MOORE.

The President acknowledges with thanks the receipt of Year Books from:—

STATE FEDERATIONS: Alabama, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, North Carolina, West Virginia.

CLUBS: *Massachusetts*, Arlington, Woman's Club; Boston, The New England Woman's Club; *Michigan*, Hartford, Woman's Club; *Montana*, Billings, Woman's Club; *New Jersey*, Jersey City, Woman's Club; *Pennsylvania*, Philadelphia, Monday Club; *Washington*, Spokane, Ross Park Twentieth Century Club.

The new Arkansas Club Journal and the Report of the Sixth Biennial of the National Federation of Musical Clubs.

Civil Service Reform.

As the April number of the BULLETIN will be the last opportunity offered before the Biennial for committee communications, it may not be amiss to give a suggestion of the program plan of this committee. The convention hour for Civil Service Reform is scheduled for the morning of May 16, and the conference for the afternoon of the same day. The general subject for both sessions is as follows:—

"Is the Federation doing Vital Work through this Committee?"

It is the purpose of the committee to have a very short formal program and to give half of the time in the morning session, and the entire conference, to discussion.

Some encouraging letters have been received during the month. Mrs. Cole writes from Nebraska:—

"Truly, I believe that we are a long ways from having any reason to feel discouraged in our work. I can say for Nebraska that the sentiment for Civil Service Reform is certainly in the air, and I hope that you and I will live to see it on the books of every State in the Union."

The suggestions from the Civil Service Committee of Illinois are the

finest and most practical, and withal easily understood, of any yet presented. Will not State Presidents and Chairmen "read, mark, and inwardly digest"?

SUGGESTIONS FROM THE ILLINOIS CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE FOR 1909.

The Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs, as an organization for extending the Civil Service Work, has definite duties and indefinite opportunities. As our clubs and club women give us their warm support, will we be enabled to keep in close communication with the different parts of the State, and to help in the formation of an enlightened public conscience in regard to the merit system. Let us join hands in working for the definite duties.

FIRST.—By each club appointing a committee to urge, by personal influence and newspaper articles, desirable applicants to enter examinations for positions in the State institutions, information in regard to which will be found in the pamphlet called "Manual of Positions" sent each club.

SECOND.—That every club devote an afternoon or evening, preferably when the men can be present, to a discussion of Civil Service topics, and any assistance that the committee can render in securing speakers is at the service of the clubs.

THIRD.—That each club shall urge their legislators to work for the extension of Civil Service, to cover the Reform School at Pontiac, the Penitentiaries at Joliet and Chester, together with employees of the grain and factory inspectors' office, and the

miscellaneous executive offices at Springfield, when such bills shall come before the Legislature.

FOURTH.—To each club there will be submitted, for approval or non-approval, books to be used in the schools, along Civil Service educational lines.

FIFTH.—That club women should always remember that, if science and wisdom are needed for dealing with the sick, how shall we measure the cultivation necessary to cope with restoring to their rightful footing in the world those both sick in mind and body. Certainly, there is no ability too fine to be devoted to this task, and in your efforts to secure desirable applicants to enter the examinations, never forget that Civil Service means "placing the public good above all else,"—above personal, factional, and partisan interests,—and that this new morality demands that loyalty to neighbors and friends should be sacrificed if it endangers placing the helpless ones in our State institutions in the hands of those with whom we would not trust our own.

SIXTH.—Do club women realize that this is the moment in which to unite with all the forces that are working for National, State, and Municipal righteousness, and for

bringing public institutions for the criminal and dependent classes up to the highest order of honesty and efficiency? Do we understand that all experience, thorough investigation, and observation show that in this way alone can be obtained disinterested men and women to carry out the various reforms to which our General and State Federations are pledged? Why is it that all plans for city charters include recommendations for the Merit System? Why has President Roosevelt vetoed the Census Bill? Why has he included so many fourth-class postmasters in the classified service? And why has Governor Deneen in his message pointed out the benefits it has wrought and advised its extension?

SEVENTH.—That clubs shall not forget to thank their Representatives for any good work done.

EIGHTH.—That every club will remember that in proportion to the amount of energy and enthusiasm given to this work, and as you report in detail the work accomplished, will be revealed to your committee the indefinite opportunities.

SARAH S. PLATT DECKER,
Chairman Civil Service Reform Committee,
1550 Sherman Avenue, Denver, Colorado.

Art and the Women's Clubs.

By Mrs. Everett W. Pattison,

Chairman Art Committee, 4254 Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri.
(Sixth Article.)

The circle of readers of this series of articles is widening each month, and, better still, each month's letters show an increasing interest in civic art. The following correspondence is but a sample of many requests and of the sort of answers I am giving privately. I am sure that the two club women who will recognize these extracts will pardon me for giving the same help to many readers:—

Mrs. Blank, President of our State Federation, writes me, "I have been much interested in the articles appearing in the club journals relative to Civic Art, and I think it is a line of work for our clubs the value of which can hardly be too strongly emphasized."

With this idea in mind, she asks me to give a talk at the State Federation Convention on Practical Suggestions for Civic Clubs,—says she is more and more impressed with the need of giving to our clubs some definite suggestions, some specific things which they might do. Now, what can I say that has not been said already many times? Please send me, if possible, a few ideas. What would you give as practical suggestions for work?"

My answer was, in part:—

Here are a few suggestions.

1. Let each club study the actual and possible artistic features of its home town, using the following as a skeleton to work on.
 - (a) History: Historic buildings and sites preserved. Memory of such preserved by names of streets, parks, and schools.
 - (b) Topography: Do streets and building lots follow or oppose natural contours? Water fronts: utilized for beauty or commerce, or neither? Parks and playgrounds, present and future.
 - (c) Architecture: How many styles? Which best suited to climate and purpose?
 - (d) Civic Centres: Present and possible; municipal buildings; public comfort stations; public utilities.
2. Let each club have a contest, for members only, with outside expert jury, if possible. Then have a contest for the public with prizes. If possible, go further and have a State contest.

I will send a list of questions and rules for such a civic art contest to any club applying for them. The Art League of St. Louis conducted a similar contest a few years ago, and I

have on hand quite a number of circulars.

It is sometimes difficult for Mrs. Moulton and me to draw a definite line between the work of our two committees. If, in quoting what Mrs. Cooke, of Nashville, Tennessee, has written, I am trenching on the civics territory, here's my apology. But the little story of a definite accomplishment fits in so well with the above request for practical suggestions that I just *must* give it to my Art Committee workers. She writes:—

Am sending a cut of some gates which one of our Civic Clubs erected at the old City Cemetery. It was not ready when I wrote you last,—has just been completed. It is, as you see, a Wayfarer's Gate, and, in the cool interior, seats are placed for the comfort of those who have been wandering around the old graveyard. . . . As to the study outlines, we have decided, in view of the fact that there is an Art Association here that has just taken up civic work, to confine the work of the Centennial Club Art Department, for this year at least, to the study of the language of art. That will give us a good working basis for future things.

The Colorado Art Committee, realizing the tremendous good of the Travelling Library, is building up a Travelling Art Gallery, which consists of several boxes of pictures, with literature concerning them, and several collections of unframed reproductions of the world's best art. A collection of originals is now being gathered from artists who are glad to loan their best work in this great educational movement.

From North Dakota comes the following message:—

We are hopeful of presenting at our next State meeting, through the efforts of the Industrial Arts Committee, an Industrial Art Exhibit. Why not also a Fine Arts Exhibition? Because we have no Committee. If our present hopes materialize, the keynote of that meeting will be Art. Is it not unfortunate that we have no Committee to plan and oversee this work!

But North Dakota will soon have its Art Committee, as Arizona just now

has. And, by the way, the new enthusiasm in Arizona over art matters is very encouraging.

Mrs. E. R. Michaux, of Greensboro, is Chairman of the Art Department of the North Carolina Federation. Here is the greater part of her report:—

During the past year the clubs in our own State have reported variously the systematic study of the Renaissance, the Cathedrals, History of Architecture, Indian Pottery, the Art History of America, Spain, France, and Japan, with public lectures on Civic Beauty, Æsthetic Education, and English Galleries. Several clubs gave exhibitions of original water-colors by well-known artists and reproductions of best paintings, Mexican and Indian arts and handicrafts, and pictures painted by North Carolina artists. Money was contributed and pictures bought for decoration of public school-houses, both in towns and rural districts. This effective work for art should prove inspiring, and give a hint to the clubs that have done nothing along these lines.

For the present year's work the Chairman recommends:—

1st. That each club, whether art or literary, devote at least one meeting to the study of household decoration or "art as applied to the home."

2d. That each club provide copies of famous pictures for public schools, both in towns and in rural districts.

3d. The encouragement of artistic hand-made articles, with an exhibition of such articles.

4th. That exhibitions of original paintings or copies of famous pictures be given by clubs of each town.

5th. That each club write to Mrs. Everett W. Pattison, Art Chairman of the General Federation, for "Handbook of Art in our own Country."

6th. That each club woman see that drawing is introduced in as many public schools as possible.

7th. That the club women work for a State Art Commission, "whose object is to develop latent talent, to stimulate interest in the fine arts, and to foster the introduction of art in the manufactures." North Carolina needs such a commission, and now is the time to awaken public sentiment.

8th. That the clubs work for Municipal Art Commissions in the various towns, whose approval is necessary before any public buildings, statues, etc., can be erected or streets laid out. Opportunity offers itself in every town in the State to emphasize civic art.

Mrs. C. C. Cody, of Georgetown, Texas, is the retiring Art Chairman

of the Texas Federation. Her recent printed report says:—

While your Art Committee has continued to encourage plans and methods heretofore used for inspiring in our Texas clubs a more serious interest in art and its study, we have endeavored to carry out the definite policy for aggressive work that was indorsed at our last annual meeting, giving very special emphasis to active Civic Art work. An Art Conference, presided over by Mrs. Everett W. Pattison, Chairman of the General Federation Art Committee, which was held in San Antonio, during the meeting of the Council, has proved a source of inspiration and help. The outcome of this effort is already apparent. A year ago we reported that twenty-four of our Texas clubs had art as a part of their study and special work. To-day there are more than forty clubs that give art, in some way, a definite place in their plan of work. During the coming year many more clubs will add an Art Department, or observe Art Day, or introduce art study or art numbers on their programs. Besides the study of art in its various forms, from Greek Art to the City Beautiful, many clubs have continued practical and educational work, presenting pictures and statuary to public schools, to libraries, and to art galleries. The Travelling Art Galleries have been encouraged and supported by our women, and many clubs have added standard books of art to their library shelves. We would

beg to call attention to, and highly commend, the work accomplished by the Art Leagues of some of our cities,—notably Houston,—in securing valuable pictures for the public schools. We respectfully recommend: 1. That we continue the policy heretofore laid down by our Art Committee for Civic Art and Art in the Public Schools. 2. That we continue to agitate the question of Municipal and State Art Commissions, so that the measure may be passed by our next legislature.

And now let me close with an extract from the letter just received from the new Art Chairman of the same State, Mrs. A. P. Hall, of Galveston:—

Replying to your article in the February BULLETIN, I, for one, say we want and need a second edition of your "Handbook of Art in our own Country." So far, I have failed to secure a copy of the first edition, but I will promise to work for the sale of the new "Handbook" and to give you any assistance in my power to gather new data. What I should have done first, I will do last,—thank you for all your splendid articles, and the inspiration you have given to me and, I am sure, to thousands of others, groping and longing as I am for more art knowledge.

The time before the Biennial is growing short. May I not have several more definite pledges like the above?

Household Economics.

There is no more interesting subject before us just now than to learn which of the many labor-saving inventions are really worth while. We are glad that *Good Housekeeping* is solving the problem for us, and that this material is available to the women of the country, upon application or through their columns.

MRS. OLAF N. GULDLIN, *Chairman.*

Good Housekeeping Institute has plans and hopes far beyond the modest beginnings of the Household Experiment Station it now is. This has grown from a small room,—never designed for but forced into being a Model Kitchen, where during the pure food campaign all sorts of pre-

served and canned articles met their fate,—to a very large, well situated and arranged room with accessory offices. This is the Household Apparatus and Experiment Station. Here any manufacturer, but no mere exploiter or advertising agent, can send any household machine or device capable of being tested in a proper and scientific manner. A mouse-trap could not be tested where there are no mice, but fireless cookers, vacuum cleaners, washing machines, and countless smaller labor, or time, or fuel saving devices are here on trial.

Each and every article is tested by mechanical or electrical experts, examined scientifically and practically and from all points of view to see if the work it claims to do is done and in a

scientific, sanitary, and practical manner, for nothing is approved that does not conform to a certain standard. That is, a fireless cooker may cook, but with so great a loss of heat as not to reach the standard of a good fireless cooker, or a vacuum cleaner may clean with too great an expenditure of labor or strength on the part of the user. Such devices would fail of approval.

The articles which appear in the tested and approved list in the magazine are those in which the housekeeper may be interested or may invest with safety, and we invite and encourage correspondence with the readers of *Good Housekeeping Magazine* concerning their experiences with all these things. Little by little we are gathering valuable stories of personal experience with household utensils, and, as these grow, they will be published in the pages of the magazine for the benefit of the housewives. The story of a vacuum-cleaner experience will appear in the May issue, and we are now gathering data concerning fireless cookers.

There is also a reference library where we are gathering together books and pamphlets relating to the house and all its various activities, so that the visitors to the Institute may have the opportunity to examine at their leisure and

determine the value of such books to their home libraries.

Our aims are first, to assist the housewife to gain that knowledge of the furnishing of her workshop which will enable her to make the output show a margin of profit in time, labor, and money; and, secondly, to give her those facts which will assist her toward forming accurate judgments of the value of machines and devices for reducing household labor. This is but one small step toward the fulfilment of a hope, a vision of things which will justify the name of Institute.

At the present time *Good Housekeeping Magazine* is vitally concerned with the question which is agitating the whole country, the cost of living. It is giving the various reasons assigned for the condition, by men well known in economic affairs, while endeavoring to teach and show the housekeeper where her responsibility lies, and how she must and can meet it. It is trying to settle every demand of the club woman for better living and better standards in the home; a better form of education for the daughters; better conditions, moral and physical, for the child; and equality of opportunity for every one.

HELEN LOUISE JOHNSON,

Associate Editor "Good Housekeeping."

The Cincinnati Music Festival.

The annual May Music Festival will be held in Cincinnati during the week preceding the dates of the Tenth Biennial Convention of the General Federation. The Festival opens Tuesday evening, May 3; with the unveiling of the Theodore Thomas statue and a rendering of Handel's "Judas Maccabæus," followed Wednesday evening by Beethoven's Fifth Symphony and "Missa Solemnis"; Thursday afternoon with a Symphony concert and Schu-

mann-Heink as vocalist; Friday evening with "The Children's Crusade"; Saturday afternoon with an orchestral concert; and Saturday evening with "The Trojans in Carthage," by Berlioz. These programs will be rendered in Music Hall by the Theodore Thomas Orchestra, the great organ, the Festival Chorus, a choir of three hundred boys, a chorus of seven hundred children, and a full corps of distinguished soloists, including Emmy Destinn, Mme.

Schumann-Heink, and Mme. Louise Homer. \$1.50, \$2.50), with plats of the hall and other information, by addressing *The Cincinnati Musical Festival Association, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

Persons residing at a distance can secure tickets and reserved seats (price

Tenth Biennial Convention.

Cincinnati, Ohio, May, 1910.

Concerning the Program.

The Call to the Cincinnati Biennial, May 10 to 18, will contain a short Schedule of the Program. It will note times, places, and Chairmen of Meetings and Conferences, and will hint at some of the social doings to be enjoyed.

The sessions will be in the usual form,—a long morning session from 9.15 A.M. to 1 P.M., followed in the afternoon by at least three conferences held by Chairmen of Standing Committees, at 2.30, 3.30, and 4.30 P.M., each overlapping the other as long as desired. The evening sessions will be open to the public, gentlemen included, as well as to delegates.

The Biennial is preceded by a Council, at which we hope to welcome all Officers, Directors, State and Club Presidents, and General Federation State Secretaries on Wednesday morning, May 11. This Council will consider some of the measures that may be brought to the main body during the sessions, and aims to be educational, so that the delegates may know somewhat whereof they speak when the matters come up in the convention. Do not miss this important meeting.

The evening preceding the Council, Tuesday, May 10, at 8.30, Ohio welcomes us with a brilliant concert, by the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Mr. Leopold Stokovski, which will be a treat indeed, and is due to the open-hearted generosity of the Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs.

Again, on the afternoon of May 11,

the Ohio Federation invites us to call and see its members *At Home* from 3 to 6 P.M., in the Assembly Hall of the Sinton Hotel. From that time on, every State in the Union will feel at home in Ohio.

Wednesday evening, May 11, the Biennial has its Formal Opening, with Addresses of Welcome, and Response from the President, and, after an opening address, the delegates will linger in the hall for the informal greeting from friend to friend.

After this comes Biennial work, through busy morning, interesting afternoon, and brilliant evening, each following close on the heels of the other, for six whole days, divided by a Day of Rest, when we shall seek the churches of Cincinnati in the morning, and gather at four o'clock in the afternoon in our own meeting-place for an Organ Recital from the Great Organ of Music Hall, and the sweet Vesper Service given to us by Mount Holyoke College. Sunday evening is home evening, with time free for each to come and go as best pleases her.

Friday afternoon and evening are reserved for an Excursion on the River with refreshment and fireworks, which will be perfect if the Weather Man is good to us. Saturday evening there is a session on Social Problems, which will be of great interest, especially after a delightful afternoon of receptions, including one at the new Woman's Club-house at Mount Auburn.

Monday evening the State Presidents

will give us happy greeting, combined with a little touch of local color.

Wednesday evening is the climax, the General Federation President's own evening, and the closing session of the Biennial.

Thursday morning, May 19, the Council meets again to consider what has been accomplished by the Biennial and to look forward over the coming two years' work.

There are interesting whispers afloat about Kentucky's plans for a trip to her wonderful Mammoth Cave, at the close of the convention, but this is a beautiful secret, all the more beautiful because there is mystery about it yet.

All this and more awaits you at Cincinnati! Come early and stay late!

FANNY H. CARPENTER,

Chairman of Program,

Van Cortlandt Terrace, Yonkers, New York.

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To the Presidents of State Federations, General Federated Clubs, National and International Organizations, and all Local Federations,—

It is requested that a list of Delegates and Alternates elected or appointed to the Tenth Biennial in May be sent as early as possible to the Chairman,

MRS. D. L. MURRAY,

Room 1231 Union Trust Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Tickets.

TO PRESIDENTS OF STATE FEDERATIONS
AND PRESIDENTS OF FEDERATED
CLUBS:

Madame,—The Tenth Biennial of the General Federation of Women's Clubs will be held in Cincinnati's great Music Hall, May 10-18, 1910.

To secure admission to the numerous meetings, tickets will be absolutely necessary, and, to avoid confusion and disappointment, the committee earnestly requests that you will, as speedily as possible send a *certified type-written* list of members of your Club or Federation, who are neither Delegates nor Alternates, who desire to attend the Convention. The names of State, City, Club, and Applicant are desired.

All tickets will be ready for distribution at Committee Headquarters in Music Hall during Biennial week, and the committee will be most grateful for a prompt reply. Address Mrs. FREDERICK BURCKHARDT, 2346 Madison Road, Cincinnati, Ohio.

MILLICENT W. BURCKHARDT,

Chairman Biennial Courtesies Committee.

State Headquarters.

Headquarters for State Delegations, ready for use at all times, on second floor of Floral Hall. The President of each State Federation is asked to send without delay an estimate of the probable number of delegates from her State, to Chairman of State Headquarters, Mrs. ALICE WILLIAMS BROTHERTON, 1015 Locust Street, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Press Committee.

Press representatives who wish places reserved at the press tables during Biennial Convention should send in names in order that arrangements may be made for necessary space. Visiting press people should bring credentials from their papers.

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The Ohio Federation.

The Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs extends a cordial greeting to all officers, speakers, delegates, and alternates, and visiting club women of the Tenth Biennial of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, to be held in Cincinnati, May 10-18, 1910, and invites them to be present at a concert to be given Tuesday evening, May 10, by the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra under the leadership of Mr. Leopold Stokovski in Music Hall. The Ohio Federation also invites all club women to be present at an "At Home" in the Assembly Room of the Sinton Hotel, Wednesday afternoon, May 11, from three to six o'clock.

ESTELLA BROOMHALL, *President.*

Hotel Bulletin No. 2.

The Hotel Committee of the Local Biennial Board is now located at 612 West Sixth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, and all mail should be addressed to that office.

The Hotel Sinton, Official Headquarters, Fourth and Vine Streets, cannot take additional guests, as it has contracted with Biennial Delegates for the use of all its rooms from May 10 to 18, 1910.

The Hotel Committee has ample

accommodations at its command, on both the European and American plans.

Applications should be made at once.

Burnet House: Vine, near Fourth Street (opposite Hotel Sinton)—American Plan. \$3.00 per day, single rooms, per person. With bath, \$3.50 per person. Special prices to large parties two to a room.

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cars pass these hotels, or within a block or two of them, for Music Hall, the place of meeting. We especially request that you apply for accommodations as soon as possible. Please be EXACT in your requests. Be sure to state NAME, EXACT ADDRESS, NUMBER of rooms needed, whether with BATH or not, whether on EUROPEAN or AMERICAN Plan, the price PER ROOM you WANT TO PAY, and the HOTEL you PREFER. With this information before us, our work will be lightened, and we can undoubtedly secure you desirable accommodations; but, to do this, WE MUST HEAR FROM YOU PROMPTLY. Address Nellie A. Bechtel, Secretary, 612 West Sixth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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MRS. WM. V. EBERSOLE, *Chairman.*

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INDIANA. Milford. Columbian Reading Circle. 22 members. *President*, Miss Maude L. McLaughlin.
NEBRASKA. Lincoln. Tuesday Reading Club. 22 members. *President*, Mrs. George Elmen, 1427 South 21st Street.
OHIO. London. East High Street Club. 29 members. *President*, Miss Alice Louise Byers.
ILLINOIS. Kane County Federation of Women's Clubs. 600 members. *President*, Mrs. F. B. Cornell, 33 Porter Avenue, Elgin.
OHIO. Columbus. Advance Club. 16 members. *President*, Frances M. Rarey, Ohio Avenue.
WISCONSIN. Whitewater. Whitewater Federation of Women's Clubs. 170 members. *President*, Mrs. Agnes H. Salisbury.
OHIO. Toledo. Woman's Educational Club. 790 members. *President*, Mrs. William Harley Porter, 444 Kenilworth Avenue.
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ILLINOIS. Virden. Clio Club. 24 members. *President*, Mrs. J. H. Wiley.
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ILLINOIS. Chicago. Windsor Park Woman's Club. 150 members. *President*, Mrs. William Brady, 7642 Marquette Avenue, Windsor Park, Chicago, Illinois.
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The transfer of the Woman's National Press Association from the Affiliated Societies is authorized. It has been shown that the Association is National only in name, and it is therefore restored to its former regular membership, and will adjust its back dues as a club with the Treasurer.

An Appeal to Missouri Women.

The Committee on Education of the Missouri State Federation of Women's Clubs wishes to get the following circular into the hands of every school director and patron in the State. Have the club women of the Federation such a pride in the educational advancement of Missouri that they will write immediately to the Chairman of Education, MRS. HENRY N. ESS, 2416 Brooklyn Avenue, Kansas City, agreeing to distribute a goodly number of this circular where they will do the most good, and enclosing a list of addresses in rural districts to which the literature can be sent with profit?

Let every Woman's Club in the State—History, Literature, Art, Current Event, Domestic Science Clubs, King's Daughters, Church Societies, Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of the Confederacy—help in the work of distribution, and the whole State will soon be talking of present conditions and future betterments in a way to make possible the many recommendations of our State Superintendent of Public Schools in his last report, which can be had on application to his office in Jefferson City. "There is not a cottage in the State too humble to help along this agitation for better schools, better teachers, better school directors; and there is not a man or woman who cannot bring some influence to bear that will bring to every boy and girl a better chance to make a first-class citizen. The training of the individual is necessary to his success in life, and the training of the many is necessary to the successful life of the community. No State can rise above the level of her average man. Every untrained man lowers her moral and economic value. For the sake of our own children let

us look beyond the education of our own to that of the community in which they must live." We must raise the standard of our schools till they can with certainty turn out a moral personality trained to effective power in action.

Committee on Education.

Department of Parents' and Teachers' Meetings.

With a view to stimulating popular thought in regard to the efficiency of modern school methods, and the lack of productive co-operation between home and school forces, the following questions are submitted, not in a spirit of criticism, but with a desire to bring about a more general consideration of the purpose of State education and its more effective accomplishment. Please reply to the Chairman on questions which apply to your conditions.

1. How many School Directors has your district?
2. Does their election result from political affiliations, or from educational applications?
3. What is the occupation of each Director? How long is the term of office?
4. How many of the Directors have had less than a Grammar School education? A High School? A College?
5. By whom are your teachers appointed?
6. How many teachers have your schools?
7. How many pupils attend your schools?
8. What is the average salary in your Primary grades? In the Grammar grades? In the High School?
9. How many graduates of Normal Schools have you in the Primary grades? In the Grammar grades? In the High School?
10. Is the compulsory education law enforced in your schools? How many truant officers have you?
11. Are your school buildings and premises regularly inspected as to sanitary conditions?
12. Will you visit and note carefully the conditions of your school buildings, their premises, the toilet, the ventilation, the drinking water, and playgrounds? Are you awake to the dangers of unsanitary floors and desks?
13. What is your opinion of the moral atmosphere of your schools? Do your teachers realize that the purpose of your schools is to develop an intelligent and upright citizenship?
14. Have you occasional parent-teacher meetings to discuss morals and discipline in a spirit of mutual helpfulness?
15. How would a woman on your school board help the work?



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16. How could your schools be divorced from politics?
17. Have you Manual Training or studies in Agriculture in your Primary grades? Grammar grades? High School? Is it compulsory and regular, or at the discretion of the teachers?
18. Do you believe in Industrial Training in the schools? How could it be introduced?
19. Have you a county High School? Why not?
20. Could you have better schools and teachers if several adjoining districts united in one larger School? Why does not your school district move in the matter? Have you talked with the State Superintendent about it?
21. Have you county graduations?
22. Cannot you have a patrons' meeting at your school building and talk matters over?

Any of the members of the committee named below will be glad to give information in regard to any matters mentioned in this circular.

Mrs. E. R. Weeks, 3408 Harrison Street, Kansas City; Mrs. John Franklin, 421 Mulberry Street, Chillicothe; Mrs. H. Clay Harvey, Kirksville; Miss Alice Kinney, New Franklin; Mrs. Grace Lindsey, Marionville; Mrs. R. H. Allen, Malden; Mrs. Harlan Spangler, 2816 East 6th Street, Kansas City; Mrs. E. M. Rothwell, Moberly; Miss Georgia Hardy, 985 Benton Street, Springfield; Mrs. E. M. Elgas, 6158 Washington Avenue, St. Louis.

Hoping that you are sufficiently interested to give me an early reply, I am

Yours truly,

MRS. HENRY N. ESS, *Chairman*
Missouri Federation Committee on Education.

The above circular has been sent to County Supervisors of Education, School Directors, and many Teachers in Missouri. The following leaflet has been mailed to every Women's Club in the State.

The Loan Scholarship Fund.

1. The Committee on Education of the State Federation takes pleasure in calling the attention of your club to *The Loan Scholarship Fund*, a new feature of State work adopted at the Springfield Convention, May 7, 1909.
2. To make this department of work a success, each club in the Federation should be vitally interested in it, and aid it by contributions until a sufficient sum is obtained to meet the demands of the work.
3. The purpose of this fund is to loan money without interest, to enable girls to secure an education that will make them self-supporting.
4. The applicant must be a girl of good health, under twenty-five years of age, and without the means to secure the desired training.
5. She must furnish a satisfactory recommendation from a High School or a good Private School. (In case a girl of unusual ability has no such recommendations, the Executive Committee of the Federation shall have discretionary power.)
6. She must be proposed by a federated club. Her application must be signed by the Chairman of Education in the district to which the club belongs.
7. The District Chairman of Education must immediately forward all applications and recommendations to the State Chairman of Education, Mrs. Henry N. Ess, 2416 Brooklyn Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.
8. The State Chairman of Education, acting with the State Executive Committee, will decide upon the merits of the applicants.
9. The applicant may enter any one of the institutions included in the College Union of Missouri: the State University, Drury College, Washington University, Central Missouri Valley College, Tarkio, and the five Normal Schools—Kirksville, Warrensburg, Cape Girardeau, Springfield, and Marysville.

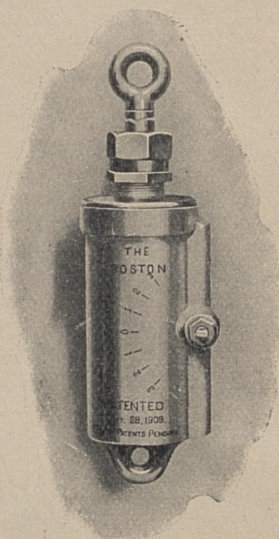
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A Georgia Campaign.

Mrs. Hugh Willet, President of the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs, made one of the principal addresses at the Conference for Farmers' Wives held in Athens, Georgia, at the Agricultural College, recently.

The Conference was arranged by Mrs. Walter B. Hill, director of School Improvement Work in Georgia, and to it came the farmers' wives from the surrounding counties. There were lectures on every phase of home economics, and there were on exhibition all the new devices for cooking and for the care and improvement of the home.

Mrs. Willet spoke on what the farmers' wives could do for the women of the cities and towns, and what the women of the cities and towns wanted to do for the rural woman.

She spoke of the mutual benefit which could accrue from a club extension work in the rural districts, and stated that one of the chief objects of the Federation work this year would be this organization of the rural women and the incorporation of the city clubs in the work. She thought the central meeting-place could be the community school, where, with the aid of the teacher, the club women and the farmers' wives could be brought together and work together.

Literature of a useful and practical nature could be sent to the rural centres by the club women, and in this way a communication established. She further stated that the local clubs could push the work by getting in touch with the rural women nearest them, and establish at stated times meetings, when all-day sessions could be arranged at the clubs, and the women of the town and county participate.

Mrs. Willet received every assurance of co-operation from the group of women present, and at the conclusion of her talk there was a symposium of informal talks, where chicken-raising, duck-raising, and many practical subjects were touched upon.

One thrifty little woman, who resides on a farm, and had come to the conference for new ideas, said that she made the money, with which she dressed her children, on the chickens she raised and sold, and the eggs she could spare from family use. Another



MRS. HUGH M. WILLET,
President of the Georgia Federation.

came to learn the latest things about dairy products, that she might work along that line. Before the adjournment of the conference it was evident that the work of agricultural development in Georgia will be incomplete until there is a well-organized movement which will directly aid the farmer's wife in her part of rural life. The Georgia Federation has been invited by Dr. Soule to aid in the work, and they are planning, under the leadership of Mrs. Willet, a campaign in this direction.

Mrs. Willet's address at the Conference will be incorporated in the annual report of Dr. Soule on the agricultural development being accomplished under the head of university extension work.

Library Extension Work in Nebraska.

Last year there was some haziness in the minds of the public as to the purpose and methods of the Nebraska Public Library Commission. As this Commission came into existence through the initiative of the Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs, we have a perpetual duty toward it and a legitimate interest in all its activities. The *officers* of the Federation have kept in touch

with the Commission and have called on the clubs biennially for assistance in the matter of interesting our legislators. Before the next call, however, we desire that every club member may know how worthy of our support is the Commission. We ask every club in the Federation to set aside one day on the Calendar for 1910-11 as Library Day, and we suggest the first meeting of

December as a suitable one. Miss Templeton, secretary of the Commission and a member of our Committee, will furnish matter to clubs for this program, on application.

By our State law every school in the State must be provided with a library. The choosing of the books for these libraries rests with the teachers and the school directors, who are often unfit, through lack of time, knowledge, or training, to choose wisely. The Library Commission has prepared lists of books suitable to different schools and various grades, and is glad to send this to school authorities. The County Superintendents have endeavored to spread the knowledge of these lists, but calls for them have not been so general as it was hoped. Will not the clubs help the Commission to come in touch with the school authorities in this matter? An occasional note in the local paper with the publication of a list of books is possible with almost every club. Parents who wish to add to the useful and entertaining numbers of the home library will also profit by the suggestions given in this way.

In towns where libraries already exist, great good may be done in the surrounding rural communities by loans of books. The Fall City Library has been a pioneer in this line of library extension, and clubs wishing to follow up the suggestions may receive help from Mrs. Frank Reavis, of Fall City, Nebraska.

By conference with the Chairman of the Art Committee a plan has been formulated which, we hope, will prove a practical help to the clubs making a study of Art for the whole or a part of the year's work. The Art Committee, co-operating with the Library Commission, has worked out the details and made the plans real. It is mentioned in this report simply that repetition may give wider publicity and greater emphasis.

The circular to the club officers sent out last year by Miss Charlotte Templeton, secretary of the Nebraska Library Commission, contained an announcement of the plan for co-operation between the Club Program Committees and the Library

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FRANCES D. KEEFE,
Chairman Library Extension Committee.

New Hampshire Announcements.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the New Hampshire Federation of Women's Clubs will be held in Keene, May 5 and 6. The local clubs, which include some of the best club workers in the State, judging from their previous record, will not be at fault if this does not prove one of the most enjoyable meetings the Federation has held. The meeting will open Thursday, May 5, at 2.30 P.M., when, after the preliminary exercises and greetings, the Standing Committees upon Club Extension, Reciprocity, Indus-

trial and Child Labor, Legislation and Conservation, will deliver their messages, each to be followed by discussion of the points made.

Thursday evening there will be music, an address by Mrs. Ethel Puffer Howes, Ph.D., of New York, upon "Art in Life," followed by a reception by the Keene club.

Friday morning the business session will be followed by messages, with discussion from the Standing Committees upon Education, Scholarship Fund, Civics, and Forestry.

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Friday afternoon the Committee on Civil Service Reform will report, and the subject of "A Sane Fourth of July" and "Our Duty to Posterity" will be discussed. Unfinished business and election of officers will follow.

Friday evening there will be a lecture, probably upon the subject of Civic Betterment, by a speaker not yet announced.

At the March meeting of the Executive Board a new club, the Civic Association of Portsmouth, was admitted to the Federation. Mrs. Safford, of Rochester, and Mrs. McLane, of Milford, were appointed alternates to the Biennial to fill vacancies, and the President was authorized to fill any others that may occur.

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The Rhode Island State Federation.

The Council of Presidents has held two meetings thus far during the season, with a large attendance on both occasions, of the ex-Presidents of the State Federation and the Presidents of Federated Clubs in Rhode Island. The chief question to be discussed at these meetings was that of an increased tax from clubs to the Federation. Opinions from the members of the various organizations represented by their presiding officers at these Councils seem to be in favor of a ten cent per capita tax, with minimum rate of \$3 for small clubs and maximum dues of \$5 and \$10, respectively, for purely philanthropic societies and alumnae associations, of which there are several in the Federation. The matter will come before some future meeting of the whole body.

The question whether invitations to club functions extended to Presidents of clubs shall be considered to allow of the sending a substitute, in case of the inability of the President to accept, has been fully considered by the Council, and at its last meeting it voted unanimously to permit the representation of the club by another officer, member of board, or other substitute, in all invitations sent in future.

A brief talk upon the School for the Feeble-minded, recently established at Exeter, was given by Mrs. George J. Arnold at the last meeting, and she urged all club women to inform themselves upon the needs of this school and to interest themselves in its welfare.

The question of scholarships for Rhode

Island girls who are desiring a college education, but unable to secure it, was also freely discussed, and the advisability of appointing a committee from the clubs to act jointly with a committee from the Association of Collegiate Alumnae was considered.

Attention was called to the Interstate Literary Contest, and club women were urged to submit papers as soon as possible, in order that Rhode Island might make a good showing in the two which are to be selected to come under the inspection of the Literature Committee of the General Federation. Several papers have already been sent to the Rhode Island Chairman.

The President of the Federation, Mrs. Ira D. Hasbrouck, who acts as Chairman of the Council, called attention, at the last meeting, to the newly printed pamphlet, "Duties of Committees," and distributed a large number of them. She also spoke of the Year Books of the Federation, this season's edition having been greatly improved and enlarged, containing much interesting and desirable information. The price of this book has been made so small, merely covering the cost, that every woman can afford to take advantage of the educational opportunity thus offered.

Mrs. Hasbrouck spoke of the coming Biennial at Cincinnati, and urged the attendance of club women as far as possible. Delegates will be appointed at the next meeting of the Executive Board, on March 19.

The Midwinter Meeting of the Rhode Island State Federation was held in Churchill House, Providence, on January 27, and took the form of a reception and luncheon. Women from all parts of the State assembled, forming a body of representative club women whose influence is going out for the uplift and betterment of humanity.

The reception was held in the rose parlor, where Mrs. Ira D. Hasbrouck, President of the Federation, received with the honored guests of the day. At 1.30 P.M. Mrs. Hasbrouck was ushered to the head table, where she was joined by the guests, officers of the State Federation, ex-Presidents, and Rhode Island women of note in club work. Directly after the luncheon, during which delightful music was rendered by accomplished artists, came the toasts, which were responded to by some of the most brilliant club women of other States, as well as of Rhode Island. After a brief welcome Mrs. Hasbrouck, who acted as toast-mistress, presented as the first speaker Mrs. William Burlingame, President of the New Hampshire Federation, who brought greetings from her State, and ably responded to a toast to "The Federation of Rock-ribbed New Hampshire."

The next toast, to "Civic Duty," was answered by one of Rhode Island's most distinguished women, Miss Sarah E. Doyle, who pictured the contrast in the attitude of women in the past and at the present time. She urged that no woman should shirk the responsibility imposed upon her by her civic duty, and that each should help in the making of higher and better laws, in all ways possible to her.

In presenting the next speaker, Mrs. Caesar Misch, Mrs. Hasbrouck said, in part, "We rejoice in our claim to her as a Rhode Island Club woman, and we congratulate our Federation on the well-deserved honor which has placed one of its members at the head of that splendid organization whose scientific and wonderfully efficient philanthropy is doing so much to make our country safer, purer, and better,—the National Council of Jewish Women,—and as its President I present her to you for the first time."

Mrs. Misch responded to the toast "Faith and Humanity," the motto of the National Council, and from her experience and wide knowledge of the social problems of the times was well able to explain the ways in which club women can aid in lifting and benefiting humanity, urging especially that they band themselves together to work for more social centres for the young men and women and for the teaching of one code of morals for the boy and the girl.

The next speaker was introduced as "just the right speaker to respond to the toast, 'The Value of the Woman who knows Herself.'" Mrs. John Vance Cheney, President of the Woman's International League of Right Thinking and Right Liv-



MRS. CHARLES L. FLAGG,
President of Maine Federation.

ing, spoke of the processes by which this self-knowledge is attained, showing that the woman who knows herself to-day knows that it is for her to educate and re-educate herself, so that she may command circumstances rather than that they shall command her. As this knowledge is to be brought about by women, Mrs. Cheney said, "Some day I expect to see a department in every advanced club devoted to the science of the new life."

The next speaker, Mrs. Philip Carpenter, of New York, was presented by Mrs. Hasbrouck as "the woman who represents us and our Federation interests on the General Federation Board." Her toast was "The Best that is Yet to Be." A woman of charming personality, Mrs. Carpenter brought loving greetings to Rhode Island from Sorosis and the General Federation, saying, "We know your work well, and we love you." In a most interesting manner she showed how the "best that is yet to be" is the last of life, and added a brief word as to what club women can do to bring out the best, urging them not to be satisfied until "good is brought to better, and better leads to best."

Responding to the toast "The Tie that Binds," Miss Jessie V. Budlong gave an interesting outline of the work of the Rhode Island Working-girls' Club, of which she is president, and showed that, although the

two orders work somewhat differently, their aims are one and the same; namely, the betterment of humanity.

It was, indeed, a surprise to the President, Mrs. Hasbrouck, when Miss Sarah E. Doyle announced a "Surprise Toast." This was given by Mrs. Julia Ashley Rich, who proposed "Our State President," and went on to describe her faithful, untiring, efficient work, saying that she had had but one idea in respect to the Federation,—its advancement in the best possible way. Stating that a man had once said in her hearing that women had no conception of

the word "loyalty," Mrs. Rich repudiated for the women of Rhode Island that sentiment, and pledged the affection, loyalty, and appreciation of three thousand club women to the President, who had served them so nobly and so well. In closing, the speaker presented Mrs. Hasbrouck with a beautiful bunch of roses, and Miss Doyle immediately took her hand in behalf of the federated clubs and their representatives there assembled. Mrs. Hasbrouck feelingly responded, and thus closed what was pronounced by many to be one of the pleasantest days the Federation had ever known.

The West Virginia Federation.

The West Virginia Federation held its sixth annual meeting in October at Wheeling. The committees in charge were so thoughtful and tactful in arranging every detail for the comfort and enjoyment of each guest that the meeting was pronounced by all in attendance to be one of the most enjoyable as well as profitable of conventions. The clubs of Wheeling were assisted in entertaining by the Woman's Club of Wellsburg. The headquarters for the convention were at the Hotel McLure, and the proprietor rendered valuable assistance to the hostess clubs in entertaining. The program was enjoyed by large and appreciative audiences, and the brilliant reception on the opening evening at the hotel and the elegant banquet given at the Country Club on the last afternoon gave evidence of the ability of club women to enjoy their social proclivities as well as to consider the serious conditions in life.

The State President, Mrs. Morton Wortham Sloan, presided at the opening session on Thursday morning and at the evening sessions on Thursday and Friday. Two of the Vice-Presidents, Mrs. T. C. Burke and Mrs. Charles J. Proudfoot, presided over the other two sessions re-

spectively. Addresses of welcome were made by Mrs. John Douglas, President of the Woman's Club of Wellsburg, and by Mrs. Guy R. C. Allen, who is President of the Panhandle Federation as well as a Director of the General Federation.

The morning and afternoon sessions of the first day were occupied with annual reports from the officers, the Special Committees, and the Standing Committees, who summarized their work on Education, Art, Literature, Music, Travelling Libraries, Health, Waterways, Forestry, Legislation, Civil Service Reform, Juvenile Court, Child Labor, and Reciprocity. Mrs. E. C. Ewing contributed a paper on "Forestry," and Mrs. H. H. Moss one on "Handicaps to Genius." Mrs. D. L. Murray, of Cincinnati, spoke of the approaching Biennial Convention of the General Federation, to be held in Cincinnati in May. The Friday morning session was also devoted to Federation business, including the election of officers and of delegates to the Tenth Biennial. A discussion on the Work of the Anti-tuberculosis League in West Virginia was led by Mrs. W. M. O. Dawson, its President, and Dr. Harriet B. Jones. The Thursday evening session was notable for two ad-

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dresses, one on "The Work of the Associated Charities of Wheeling," by the secretary, Mr. James Dunn, the other an illustrated lecture on "The Playground," by Mr. Lee F. Hanmer, secretary of the National Playground Association.

The feature of the closing evening session was a Travel Talk, or symposium, combining narratives, songs, and readings by several members of the Federation.

The following officers were elected: *President*, Mrs. Charles S. Morrison, Wheeling; *Vice-Presidents*, Mrs. W. H. Moninger, Cameron; Miss Martha Brock, Morgan-

town; Mrs. W. B. Shoher, Charlestown; Mrs. Charles J. Proudfoot, Parkersburg; Mrs. R. L. Hutchinson, Huntington; *Recording Secretary*, Miss Nellie H. Taylor, Parkersburg; *Corresponding Secretary*, Miss Dorothy P. Hervey, Wellsburg; *Treasurer*, Mrs. Henry Tyson Wilson, Clarksburg; *Auditor*, Miss S. M. Moore, Morgantown; *General Federation State Secretary*, Mrs. Kemble White, Fairmont.

The convention adjourned to meet in Charlestown, West Virginia, in October, 1910.

DOROTHY PRISCILLA HERVEY,
Corresponding Secretary.

A Greeting from Oklahoma.

Oklahoma State Federation sends greeting to THE FEDERATION BULLETIN. Our Federation is growing. We have received into membership thirty-five new clubs since Jan. 1, 1909. What do you think of that for our new State!

Our Federation is divided into five districts. The two former Territorial Federations were united in one great new State organization at Ardmore, Nov. 5, 1908, and the number of clubs received into membership since the union will give you a very good idea as to whether we are wide-awake out here or not. The district organization has tended greatly to increase the enthusiasm in all parts of the State, and one district alone has added fifteen new clubs.

Our united efforts have been concentrated upon the passage of laws which secure the welfare of the children, our best asset; also upon the improvement of conditions in our educational system, urging club women to inform themselves of conditions, so that they can appreciate the good, and work intelligently to eliminate the evil. We are urging the enforcement of the compulsory education law; the merit system in employment and retention of teachers in our public schools and in our State educational

institutions; the establishment of the kindergarten in all parts of the State as a part of the public school system; the election of women on school boards; the appointment of women on library boards; urging women to make intelligent use of the limited school suffrage which the State law gives us. And last, but by no means least, we are actively engaged in the war against tuberculosis.

These things are not all, but they include the things we are laying emphasis on just now. We must concentrate on a few things to achieve results, and in a new State there are so many things to consider, in which women should take an intelligent and active interest for the sake of the children, that it is hard to say, "we will work steadily for this for the next year or two years, and we will have to wait to take up that until a year from now."

There has been almost criminal delay in building the State training school for the boys and girls who come under the charge of the Juvenile Court. The Juvenile Court is doing nothing as yet, because there is no place to send the boys when necessary. But we have assurance now that a temporary home is being built, and that the larger and permanent building will be in course of erection

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before another month is gone. Our compulsory education law is being fairly enforced in the greater portion of the State, but its enforcement under present conditions is difficult. There are in our larger towns too many incorrigibles and delinquents to force into school with the better controlled children, and the consequent danger of contamination of these is imminent.

The following will give you a glimpse of one phase of our school problem:—

In 1900 Oklahoma City had ten thousand people enumerated in its federal census. To-day we have sixty thousand. Our school census in 1904-05 was five thousand. To-day, five years later, the school census is over thirteen thousand. The legal school age is from six to twenty-one years. It has been an enormous drain on the people to build school-houses each year to accommodate the large increase in school population, even before compulsory education went into effect. You can easily see how compulsory education makes this problem more difficult, and also brings in new and harder problems to solve. Many of our smaller towns are increasing in population in nearly the same proportion as Oklahoma City, and their problem in providing adequate school room is very similar to ours.

The constitution of the State demands that domestic science shall be taught in all public schools. The facilities for teaching it properly—*i.e.*, floor space, with proper equipment and properly trained teachers—are not available in many towns as yet, because of limited school funds. The con-

sequence is that in many places they are not attempting to introduce it: in other towns, and in district schools, they are teaching it with text-book only, without the practical lessons in cooking and sewing. But the club women are awake to the need of proper teaching of this branch, and they are working to solve the problem.

We established at our last State convention (the first annual meeting of the Oklahoma State Federation of Women's Clubs) an educational loan fund for the use of girls who are working their way through any one of our State educational institutions. Secured loans of a limited amount will be made to such needy girls, with the understanding that the girls are to pay back the same when they become wage-earners: The amount in the fund at the present time is two hundred and forty-five dollars. We think this is encouraging, as the fund was started only last November. Mrs. Edwin F. Moulton, General Federation Chairman of Civics, was with us at that time, and was much impressed by the fact that one hundred dollars was subscribed in less than seven minutes after the President's ten-minute talk for the fund. She held her watch when the subscriptions began and timed us.

The women of the Oklahoma State Federation are working for a greater Oklahoma with a higher standard of citizenship. Will you not wish us "God-speed"? We are planning to bring with us a delegation of at least thirty to the Cincinnati Biennial.

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Civil Service Reform.

The cause of civil service reform is so obviously a righteous cause, the principle upon which it is based is so self-evidently true, that it would seem, on the face of it, that the mere statement of that principle would convince all thinking people of the justice of our cause, and would insure their ready co-operation and help, but, unfortunately, the great majority of people do not think on matters pertaining to government, and constant vigilance and persistent work are necessary, not only to take any advance steps, but to hold the ones already taken. But all great movements for the betterment of governments and peoples have been slow. No reform ever attained to a successful activity at one leap: it must have years of earnest thought and labor before results are apparent. We must, therefore, be patient, never allowing our interest to slacken or our courage and enthusiasm to fail. There is always a bright side, and there are many reasons for congratulation and encouragement at the present time.

President Taft, during his first year in office, took a great forward step in the reform of the Civil Service by issuing an executive order early in the year placing the Consular Service upon a merit basis, and following it in November last by a similar order for the Diplomatic Service. This means not only increasing the efficiency of those departments by the appointment of better men, but the creating of an incentive for young men to enter the consular and diplomatic service as a profession, or life-work, with every chance of reaching the

top. This plan has long been desired by business men and organizations, and has more than once been urged in Congress.

The necessity of improving the methods and increasing the efficiency of municipal government is in the air, investigations are going on in many parts of the country, and the disclosures that have been made of extravagance, of wastefulness, of corruption, and of inefficiency in many of our cities, have aroused people to demand radical changes. Many cities are seeking and obtaining new charters, almost all of which contain provision for the application of civil service laws.

We are just now rejoicing over the defeat of the Spanish War Veterans' Preference Bill, which came up in a new form this winter. The committee in charge of the bill reported against it, and their report was accepted, without debate, by both branches of the legislature. Other legislative matters of interest to us are the recommendation of Governor Draper for a larger appropriation for the Civil Service Commission, that they may be paid better salaries, and so devote more time to the rapidly increasing work, and the recommendation of the Boston Finance Commission, favoring the extension of the civil service laws to the Collecting Treasury, and Penal Institutions Departments of Boston. It is hoped that every club in the State will use its influence in securing the passage of these

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bills, which will mean another great step in bringing about better conditions in our State.

We all believe that the extension of the Merit System will solve many of the difficulties now encountered in the attempt to rectify abuses and improve conditions in our Cities, States, and Nation, but there is still another remedy that must not be overlooked, and that is EDUCATION. It is often said that our schools do not educate our children for citizenship, and it is a just criticism. Our boys and girls should be taught to respect the rights and property of others, to understand the duties and responsibilities of citizens, to know the city or town in which they live, its government, its institutions, and its laws, and they should be taught, too, a new conception of patriotism.

Our flag must be made to mean something more to them than a piece of bunting to be carried at the head of an army or to wave from the flagstaff of the village square. It must stand for the honor, the integrity, and the fair name of our country, and the name of our country will be just so fair and just as honorable as we, the people, make it by our own conduct. No man is patriotic who waves the flag, however vigorously, with one hand and steals from the public treasury or defrauds his neighbor with the other. No man honors the flag who cheers it ever so loudly on national holidays, but who meanwhile holds a position under that flag for which he is in no respect fitted, and receives a salary which he has not earned. Let us begin with our children early, and

teach them that at all times, whether in war or in peace, they are to give of their best to their country, and demand the best for their country. When we have done this, we shall not need to send forth J. G. Holland's despairing cry, "God give us men!" We shall have them, ready and equipped for service,—

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Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy,
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The Drama.

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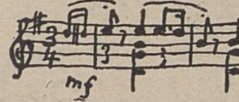
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This list is offered under the following classifications, but makes no pretence at being comprehensive:—

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International Peace is a subject that every woman should have a vital interest in. If an opportunity is made for every club woman to be not only interested in, but informed on, this great question before the next Hague Conference is called, probably about 1915, our clubs will have made an enormous contribution to the promotion of this splendid cause.

The Department hopes that clubs will keep these subjects in mind in making up their club calendars. It will furnish speakers, lantern slides (for Saner Fourth only),² and press material. It will help arrange a club program, a public meeting, an Independence Day program, or a course of study on International Peace. For any service the Department can give to Massachusetts Clubs there will be no fees: only necessary expenses, such as expressage on lantern slides, cost of printed material, or travelling expenses will be asked.

May 18 is Peace Day. Will all clubs, as far as possible, secure recognition of the day by schools and churches? The Department will be glad to assist in planning for an observance of the day.

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It has been said that the work of the Consumers' League is vague. To this criticism Mr. John Graham Brooks, president of the National Consumers' League, made the encouraging answer: "Well, all educational work is vague, is it not?"

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To quote once more from Mr. Brooks, in writing of the Consumers' League, he says: "To every one who cares, it can, through its label, offer a definite opportunity to buy goods in such way as to create and enlarge the area in which the toilers do their work in hope and not in entire despair. Is even so small a service as this a mean achievement?—To give all who can be helped to recognize the evil, a chance to use his influence against it?"

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Hours for Luncheon, 11 to 3 o'clock.



The cost of food materials has increased so greatly that it is impossible to continue, without serious loss, the thirty-five-cent table d'hôte luncheon for the relatively small number of members who order it. Accordingly, the Union regrets to announce that, dating from March 1, the table d'hôte luncheon will be discontinued, at least for the present. A private room, seating not more than six persons, may be reserved at an additional charge. Arrangements may be made for special dinners for parties of from five to fifty persons.

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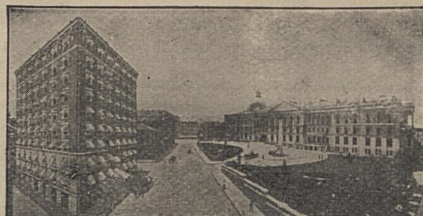
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