

# WOMEN'S CLUBS AND WORK

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## A Fine Building For Next Convention.

The local press committee for the ninth biennial meeting of the general federation has issued the following satisfactory bulletin regarding all arrangements:

The ninth biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs will be held in Boston during the week beginning June 23, 1908. The exact date of opening has not been fixed, but will soon be announced.

In securing Symphony hall for the convention the local biennial board feels that it has successfully taken the first step in its pleasant duty of local hospitality.

Symphony hall is located on Huntington avenue, convenient to electric and steam railroads and to many fine hotels, and as the home of the famous Boston Symphony orchestra it is widely known as one of the finest auditoriums in the country. Its central location and the excellence of its accommodations make it by far the most desirable convention hall in the city.

Its seating capacity is 2,860, and in addition 250 persons may be seated upon the stage.

Rooms suitable for committee use are so numerous that all the local committees will find ample accommodations in the building.

Chickering hall, a few steps down the avenue from Symphony hall, will be used for overflow meetings.

In this building the Emerson College of Oratory is housed, occupying nine rooms. These rooms have been engaged by the Massachusetts State Federation and will be used as state headquarters for large visiting delegations. By vote of the board no charge will be made to state delegations for the use of these rooms during biennial week.

States desiring such headquarters should apply at once, through the general federation state secretary, stating the number of delegates to be accommodated.

Applications should be made to the chairman of the hall committee, Mrs. Royal Whitton, 36 Melville avenue, Dorchester, Massachusetts.

The Woman's club house, situated just below Chickering hall, has been generously offered to the local biennial board as its two large halls will be used for conferences and for exhibits respectively. The principal committees have been appointed. These committees will all be enlarged later, and the full committees with sub-committees will be announced in later bulletins.

## Woman's Club Has Rare Social Treat.

The psychology department of the Woman's club of Portland was most delightfully entertained this week at the beautiful hillside home of Mrs. Alice Weister, the leader of the department. The evening was ideal, being bright moonlight, balmy and summer-like, while the broad veranda was a perfect bower of roses, and the guests, who thronged the house, were in the gayest and happiest mood.

Slips of paper with quotations written on them, from noted authors on the "Subconscious Mind," were passed around, each one reading their paper for the benefit of the entire meeting. Then Mrs. Allen, from Berkeley, a mag-

azine writer of prominence, read a paper which had been published in Mind on "Spiritual Development." Mrs. Allen is a sister of Mrs. Lattimer of this city, and the company was very fortunate in having her here on this occasion.

At 8 p. m. the company was entertained by a stereopticon exhibit of a few masterpieces of sculpture and architecture and famous pictures just to show what a charming way it was of studying these subjects—a way that will be used extensively in the new art department studies of the ensuing year in the Woman's club.

But the crowning glory of the exhibit was the trip through the Yosemite. They left the wonders of Europe for home with great enthusiasm. These pictures were all taken by Mr. Weister and his account of them was filled with amusing incidents. The pictures were colored beautifully and brought forth many exclamations of surprise and wonder. The last picture shown was Yosemite Falls by moonlight, one of the most gorgeous effects ever seen in the world. The crowd called out unanimously, "America forever!"

## Ashland Clubwomen Assist in Civic Work.

During the winter the Ashland Study club has taken the regular Bay View literary course which has been a study of English history, literature and a brief view of modern England. As a club it has done nothing in the way of civic or municipal work; as individuals, the members have used their influence and furthered in every way possible the extensive line of city improvements undertaken by the present progressive city officials. These improvements include a system of sewerage, cement sidewalks, street grading, street paving, and extra attention to sanitary details. The E. F. railroad company also has greatly improved the depot grounds, and is erecting a series of masonry arches in place of a long, unsightly trestle within the city limits. It would seem that a woman's civic club is a superfluity, at present.

## League of American Pen Women at Jamestown.

Among the many gatherings of notable women to be held at Jamestown this summer is that of the League of American Pen Women, which convenes at the Inside Inn on the fair grounds during the session of the National Editorial association, which will be opened by President Roosevelt June 16.

The Inside Inn will be headquarters for both these conventions, and the hospitality of the exposition and all social features that are arranged will include both organizations.

At the meeting in June will gather a

great company of women writers from all over the United States, as the list of league members includes many of the brightest and best known women writers of the land, among them being found such names as Mrs. Mary E. Wilkins Freeman, Helen H. Gardner, Mary Temple Jamison (Mag), the McGowan sisters, Cynthia Westover Alden, Mrs. Terhune (Marion Harland) and many others equally as prominent.

The league is composed wholly of women who would be classed as professionalists, for to become a member the applicant must be either a journalist, an author or an illustrator. Her name must be sent to the league with specimens of her work for which she has been paid, or properly drawn up credentials that she receives compensation for her work.

The motto of the league is "One for all and all for one." The badge is a tiny gold owl in a triangle composed of a brush, a pen and a pencil. It is hoped to have every state represented at Jamestown and an invitation has been sent to the Oregon representatives to bring a message to the convention, but it is not definitely determined yet whether or not this will be possible.

## Forest Grove Club Closes Prosperous Year.

The Woman's club of Forest Grove, at its meeting next Monday will close a very successful club year.

The most important work of the year has been preparing for the introduction of manual training in our public school. We secured the cooperation of the school board, and are now assured that when school opens next fall it will be with a fully equipped manual training department.

We established department work in our club, and it has been of great benefit. Our club also has the honor of having received the noted Portland artists, William Wallace Graham, violinist, and Madame Jennie Norell, soprano, to give a grand concert in our college auditorium May 15.

We have had two open meetings during the year, the program of one of which was furnished by the Shakespeare department.

MRS. JOHN A. ABBOTT, Vice-President.

## Child Labor and Woman Suffrage.

In one of his "Treason of the Senate" articles, David Graham Phillips says:

"If Pennsylvania's working children were to stand shoulder to shoulder, the line would reach more than 22 miles. If one of them were to pass your door each minute, day and night, it would take three months for the entire number to go by."

"There is a real problem for real constructive statesmanship. And a senate of and for the people would consider it to the exclusion of all other problems until it was solved."

Florence Kelley is of the opinion that the enfranchisement of women is indispensable to the solution of the child labor problem. She says: "In the four states in which women vote on all subjects, child labor and illiteracy have ceased to be problems. Nowhere in the industrial world are children so effectively safeguarded in life, limb, health, education and morals as in Denver, where mothers and teachers unite to keep in office the justly famous Judge Lindsey of the juvenile court, overcoming (with the help of a minority of politically independent voters) the united efforts of the Republican and the Democratic bosses against him."

## Portnomah Club Gives Social Meeting.

The Portnomah club of Portland held a delightful social meeting at Larowe hall, Twenty-third and Kearney streets, Saturday afternoon.

The principal purpose of the meeting was that the members and many invited guests might become better acquainted with each other and in that way promote the many good things the

club has in contemplation. The Portnomah is one of the fine, enterprising clubs of the city and while not actively undertaking anything during the winter they have been studying along many lines of civics and preparing for more active work when the club opens in the fall.

Mrs. M. E. Morrell has been president during the past year, but owing to an enforced absence from the city the vice president, Mrs. Nina Larowe, has most efficiently filled the chair.

At Saturday's meeting a short program was given and during the social hour delightful refreshments were served. Mrs. E. R. Brown was chairman of the social committee.

## New York Federation Passes Significant Resolution.

The thirteenth convention of the New York City Federation of Women's clubs last week was largely attended, not only by official delegates, but by members of women's clubs generally. There was the first meeting over which the new president, Mrs. William Cumming Story, has presided. One of the most interesting features was the appointment of a special committee on equal suffrage.

Few had forgotten the farwell address of Mrs. Belle de Rivera at the last meeting of the Federation, in which she spoke of having refrained from advocacy of equal suffrage during her administration, leaving the question to be settled by spontaneous action of the clubs. It was an especially fitting tribute to the former president that such action should have been taken at the first meeting since her retirement.

Mrs. Clarence Burns' resolution, asking the city authorities to build booths in the public parks for the distribution of pure milk, was passed.

Mrs. de Rivera reported that \$3,000 had been subscribed for the Federation hotel for working girls, and when \$2,000 more is in the hands of the committee the work will begin.

The committee on flowers, vines and area planting of the Municipal Art society, through its chairman, Mrs. Edw. H. Hall, made an attractive exhibit of window and balcony boxes and of ornamental tree tubs.

## When Cooking Becomes A Dignified Profession.

The head cook of the Cavendish hotel, London, Mrs. Rose Lewis, receives a salary of \$15,000 a year. Besides this position, but in connection with it, she takes girls and women pupils and her graduates are said to be always able to command the best positions and the highest salaries.

This is a much more practical way of learning cooking if there is not so much of domestic science in it, than in a regularly appointed school where conditions are never the same as in a regular kitchen. And when girls can be trained in cooking to command salaries running up into the thousands the sting of being a domestic will be removed.

## The Jewish Societies Leading in Philanthropy.

The associations of Jewish women are doing great work in charities of various kinds. In New Orleans they have lately opened the Toure infirmary, a thoroughly modern hospital of 150 beds, of which 80 will be free.

A Jewish maternity hospital in New York, on the east side, is to be opened in September.

In Philadelphia the Rebecca Gratz Home for Working Girls was opened last month. It will accommodate 30 girls with reserve beds for immigrant girls needing temporary shelter.

The Baltimore section of the council

of Jewish women has appointed Miss Martha Reizenstein to look after Jewish immigrant women and girls arriving at that port. Miss Reizenstein was formerly a resident worker in a settlement and working girls' home.

The excellent work of the neighborhood house in Portland every one in Oregon is conversant with.

Last year the Jewish industrial removal office removed 6,922 persons from New York to all parts of the country, making the total of persons removed since the beginning of the work 23,418. They were sent to 233 cities and towns. Of the 6,922 persons sent last year, 3,259 were women and children, the most of whom went in family groups.

## A Yeary Solomon On Modern Housecleaning.

From the Chicago Post.

My son, consider now the woman that cleanseth house.

She ariseth in the morning and her husband vieweth her with alarm, for she girdeth her hair into a knot like unto a doughnut.

And she attireth herself in a skirt that hath neither front nor back, but looketh like unto a piano cover.

And she putteth on a waist which she hath cherished even from the days when they were big sleeves.

And she attireth upon her feet shoes like unto them that are worn by the minstrels.

And she saith unto her husband: "Verily, this house is a fright, and I am going to put things to rights."

And her husband layeth down the paper for the murder news cannot thrill him, neither doth he care for presidential booms.

For he knoweth that nothing can happen out in the big world like unto what will happen unto his house this day.

And he goeth away unto his business and cometh not home until it is evening; yes, until it is dark.

And he findeth a colored man even then beating rugs in the side yard with his golf sticks, the which have been broken one by one.

And his cigar jar hath been emptied of cigars and made to hold tacks.

And they have taken his sweater to wash windows with.

And there is nothing in the house to eat save what was left from yesterday, and is hidden beneath fourteen flatirons and half a box of laundry soap in the pantry.

And the wife of his bosom hath soot on her nose and fire in her eyes, and she looketh like unto the breaking up of a hard winter.

And she bursteth into tears because he doth not kiss her and call her an angel for working so hard.

And she maketh him work half the night carrying things into the house.

So that he spraineth his back lifting the piano and smasheth his thumb between the wall and a bookshelf, and falleth over against the staircase when he taketh an armful of chairs upstairs, and spraineth his wrist.

And she saith that if he talks to her that way again she will go home to her mother.

Is it not so, even as we have whacked it from the typewriter with the swabbed space bar?

## An Entire Town Run by Women.

Some time ago there was a good deal in the papers about a little town in Kansas, where all the officers were women. That came about by an attempt to get a little free advertising. But in Maine there is a little town called Norway, where the women have run things for many years. The town physician is a woman. A woman is

justice of the peace. A woman manages a dry goods store. Another is a photographer; a fifth is bank cashier, a sixth is an undertaker and still a seventh is an insurance agent. Until her recent resignation Rev. Caroline E. Angell was for 18 years pastor of the Universalist church at Norway. Mrs. E. W. Sanborn is responsible for the appearance of the Norway Advertiser, the local weekly. This by no way completes the list of the successful business women of Norway.—"Women of Today."

## A Special Day For Literary Women.

The Woman's National Press association has accepted the invitation of the Jamestown exposition authorities to hold a "special day" conference for women engaged in literary work and extends an invitation to all such to join in it on June 7 and 8.

A hall for meetings and receptions will be set apart for them exclusively on those dates.

The women members of the National Editorial association and the League of American Pen Women will join in trying to make the day one of the most successful in the history of the convention.

## Alphonse and Gaston Doomed to Retirement.

The International Kindergarten union has appointed a special committee to co-operate with women's clubs in conducting a campaign of education against the comic supplements. Miss Fanning, secretary of Brooklyn is the newly elected president of the union, and will invite writers and illustrators of children's books to make suggestions for some substitute for the present type of pictures and stories. The result of the investigation will be presented at the next convention, which will be held in New Orleans.

## Daughters of Confederacy To Unveil Davis Monument.

The National Society of the Daughters of the Confederacy is making extensive and elaborate preparations to entertain members of patriotic societies from all parts of the country at Richmond, Virginia, on June 8. On that day a monument to Jefferson Davis will be unveiled and the society has been assisting in the collection of the funds. Many clubwomen who are to attend the General Federation council meeting at Jamestown on June 4 will go to Richmond for the Daughters of the Confederacy meeting and ceremonies of the unveiling.

## The Race.

Our national conventions are growing more like our racecourses, where to the knowing ones there are few surprises.—Colonel Watterson.

Colonel Henry Watterson: Mighty truth surmises: When he says to knowing ones: There are few surprises.

By condition, work and form: Judges the beginner; Not by such a cautious way: May one pick the winner.

Choose him simply for his name: From a dream or fancy; Or from tip or destiny; Or from necromancy.

When 'tis over, Uncle Sam: Then economize; Everything is just the same: There are few surprises.—McLansburgh Wilson.

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