

# Women's Clubs and Their Work

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THIS century is rapidly becoming known as the century of woman's advancement, not only in this country but in nearly every civilized country in the world. Many people do not know that the representative women of 26 countries have organized for the purpose of providing opportunities to meet together from all parts of the world to confer upon questions relating to the welfare of the individual, the family and the individual.

This band of women known as the International Council of Women includes the following national councils: United States, Canada, Ireland, Denmark, Netherlands, New Zealand, Tasmania, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Italy, France, Argentina, Switzerland, Austria, Hungary, Norway, Belgium, Queensland, Russia, Bulgaria and Greece. Each of these national organizations of women, the combined membership of all councils being over 1,000,000.

It is impossible to overestimate the far-reaching influence of such a council. As an interchange of opinion on the most vexing questions of the world cannot but result in new thoughts, tend to give a new sense of the power of organized effort.

However, the governments, religions, laws and customs may differ, all are agreed on one point, namely, man's sovereignty in the state, in the church and in the family. One of the most important questions upon which these 26 national societies are united is woman's citizenship. The International Council of Women, however, is not limited to questions touching the political rights of women, but includes religious, educational, moral reform, social reform, moral reform and civic reform.

On September 5 the International Council of Women held a special convention in Geneva, Switzerland, for the purpose of revising the constitution and making arrangements for the quinquennial meeting of the International Council of Women which will be held in Toronto, Ontario, in 1909. Two of the important questions discussed at this meeting were "What Women Are Doing to Advance Public Health" and "The Educational Information Scheme." The general plan of this scheme is to establish in the larger cities of each country educational information bureaus, where expert advice and information would be available for private individuals on the careers open to young men and women, and the best means of training boys and girls for the selected lines of work to organize these local bureaus in connection with a central or headquarters bureau in each country which should serve as the recognized means of communication between the local bureaus in one country and those in any other country. Among the functions of a central bureau would be the collection of detailed information from the local bureaus, the assortment and subsequent publication of information in convenient form, the careful annual revision of information and its circulation to the national and international system of bureaus.

The president of the international council, her excellency, the Countess of Aberdeen, is a well-known leader in various philanthropic movements, and has published six volumes on "Women in Professions," "Women in Social Life," "Women in Industry," "Women in Politics" and "Women in Education."

The corresponding secretary is Mrs. Marie H. Ogilvie Gordon, D. Sc., Ph. D., U. S. of London, England. Mrs. Gordon is well known in the scientific world and was the first woman to present an original work on any natural science subject at the International Congress (London), and she was also the first woman to enter for the degree of Ph. D. (Munich), which she won with highest honors. Mrs. Gordon has written many scientific books. In December, 1904, she was among the first group of scientific women admitted as fellows of the Linnean Society of London.

The National Council of Women of the United States, sent seven delegates to the Council of Women held in Geneva, Switzerland, September 1-5, as follows: Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett, M. D., D. Sc., general superintendent of the National Florence Crittenden mission, will act as proxy for the president of the United States council, Mrs. Mary Wood Swift, who found it impossible to take the

place in the delegation to which her office entitles her. Mrs. Barrett has devoted her life to philanthropic work, and was one of the incorporators of the Women's Medical college of Georgia, and is now one of the vice-presidents at-large of the Virginia State Conference of Charities and Conference of Churches and Convention of the National Council of Women. Mrs. Ida Husted Harper, author, editor and correspondent, addressed several congresses at the World's Fair, Chicago, and wrote the state monograph for Indiana, receiving a diploma of honorable mention. She has served as delegate and speaker to many of the conventions of the International Council of Women, also to the International Woman's Suffrage convention, and has been a frequent contributor to the well-known magazines and her influence has been felt in the field of woman's education and moral reform.

Mrs. Mary Church Terrell is honorary president of the National Council of Women, and has done much for the education and moral reform of the women of her race.

The study of labor conditions and securing legislation for the protection of children who work are the two aims to which Mrs. Florence Kelley secretary of the National Consumers League, has given most attention. Her contributions to leading papers and magazines have had a wide influence in bringing conditions for laboring people, and as state inspector for factories in Illinois, she is able still further to pursue her work, which extends also to foreign lands.

Mrs. M. Josie Nelson who proudly claims to be a housewife, a mother and an educated, is supreme secretary for the Pythian sisters and is the editor of the "Pythian Guest," the official organ of that society.

As an exponent of the peace doctrine, Mrs. Leta Stetter in 1904 was assisted at five international peace congresses, and is probably the only American not employed by a government who is giving her whole time to the cause. Her published works and magazine and newspaper articles bearing on international problems and woman's suffrage, have helped to make her well known to the reading public.

Mrs. Lydia Avery Coonley Ward of Chicago, two of the delegates are both patrons of the United States council.

(Mrs.) LILLIAN M. HOLLISTER, president of the United States Council of Women.

PREPARATIONS for the proper dissemination of affairs connected with the coming convention of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs in this city, is now under way, and many of the general plans are already worked out, all pointing to the one aim in view—to give the federation the best entrance to the history of its organization. Thus far the plans carry out the aim admirably. At a meeting of representatives of the Lytle Tuesday Musical and the Neighborhood clubs yesterday afternoon, which will be joint hostesses in the coming event, resulted in the appointment of a full slate of committees, the decision on the emblem which will mark the badges of our ladies' work of deep importance to the welfare of the coming convention, which will convene early in November—date as yet undecided.

**Sugar Beet Emblem.**

It is optional with the city entertaining the state federation to select its own emblem and have it printed on the badges. The committee meeting yesterday afternoon chose the sugar beet as a fitting emblem, and F. S. Taylor has supplied the design to be used to make impressions on the red, white and blue badges. In view of the fact that La Grange is the only city in the state that can boast of a beet sugar factory the insignia will be especially appropriate.

**Mrs. E. G. Moore Chairman.**

To procure harmonious, yet concentrated action on the part of the Council of Women, the Philomathean club and the Daughters of the American Revolution, in the search for revolutionary incidents to joining the last named society, Mrs. E. G. Moore, chairman, has been elected to preside at all committee meetings on arrangements. Mrs. Robert Newlin is permanent secretary.

**The Committees.**

Committees were nominated, and as there is a wide field in which to work, each will have an abundance of labor. There will be about 50 delegates in attendance, and each school and society will be required to successfully carry out every detail of the undertaking. The city at large will, of course, lend a willing hand to the matter, as conveniences of any description are desirable ventures. The full list of committees follows:

**Credentials**—Mesdames G. T. Cochran, George Carpy, N. Molitor.

**Entertainment**—Mesdames Barry Oliver, George Palmer, J. M. Barry, T. H. F. E. Ivanhoe, E. C. Moore, M. B. Donohue, E. Polack and Margaret Anson.

**Music**—Mesdames E. Stetter, J. F. Corbett, A. L. Richardson, John Anthony and Nellie Neill.

**Hospitality and reception**—Mesdames W. A. Worsell, J. D. Stetter, T. Richardson, C. G. Osburn, Claire Scriber, Vincent Palmer, William Ramsey and A. W. Beermann.

**Decorations**—Miss Nina Hunstock; Mesdames John Anthony, Claire Scriber, R. E. Smith, J. W. Knowles, George H. Curry, J. K. Wright and M. M. Keith.

**Pages and ushers**—Mrs. R. L. Newlin, chairman.

**Press**—Mesdames F. E. Moore, F. B. Curry and W. L. Brenholte.

**Committee on hall**—Mesdames G. T. Cochran and N. Molitor.

The committee will select permanent meeting places for the two clubs this winter and also select the hall in which the convention proceedings, which will last three days, will be conducted.—La Grange Observer.

are tested as to imperfect sight and hearing; and will have a tender thought for those defective ones who ought to be given special care and training.

"She will always insist upon a cultivation of gentle manners and knows the education and its outcome in good moral life and character. She will want kindergarten, if they are not to be given to children, and she will want high schools, so that the full benefit of public education may be secured, and she will want the young mothers and many more will demand her thought and sympathy, and she will feel, as a mother, that in these great public schools of ours lie all the issues of the future."

Would it not be well for club mothers to cut out these suggestions, and not leaving it all to a woman director go themselves to the schools and check off each suggestion and find out how conditions really are in our Oregon schools?

CALIFORNIA women will be disappointed to learn that the board of the General Federation of Women's clubs decided upon Cincinnati as the place to hold the biennial convention of 1910. Four cities were in the field—Atlantic City, San Francisco, Hot Springs, Ark., and Cincinnati. Atlantic City would probably have been the far east this year.

San Francisco was a favorite with many of the members of the United States live east of the Rocky mountains, and the long, expensive trip was a great drawback.

Cincinnati is in the very heart of clubdom, and no place could have satisfied the desire of this city, which has already begun to prepare to give the clubwomen of the country a royal welcome.

The invitation of San Antonio to hold the council meeting of 1909 was accepted.

Text sent a most urgent invitation which was read at Boston and the choice meets with general approval.

THE Forestry club held its monthly meeting at the Oaks last Monday. The day being rather chilly the attendance was not as large as usual, but those that were present enjoyed the outing very much.

A good deal of business, preliminary to the year's study, was transacted. It was decided to write to Mrs. Peterson, president of the national committee on forestry, for an outline of study that would be consecutive and comprehensive. There is no one in the country better qualified to furnish this information than Mrs. Peterson, whose address is, corner of Lincoln and Peterson avenues.

Upon invitation of the president, Mrs. A. H. Breyman, the club voted to meet permanently during the winter with the president at 582 Myrtle street. The treasurer having resigned, Mrs. H. A. Moomy was elected to take her place. The next meeting of the club will be held on Monday, October 12, with Mrs. Breyman.

DURING the time that women had the right of suffrage in Washington, Judge Roger S. Greene, in charging the grand jury, said: "Twelve terms of court, ladies and gentlemen, I have now held, in which women have served as grand and petit jurors, and it is certainly a fact beyond dispute that no other 12 terms so salutary for restraint of crime have ever been held in this territory. For 15 years I have been trying to get a judge ought to have never till the fact that La Grange is the only city in the state that can boast of a beet sugar factory the insignia will be especially appropriate."

JUDGE Ashman of the orphan's court of Philadelphia gives his opinion regarding the desirability of woman suffrage as follows:

"Woman suffrage is one of the few questions in morals and politics about which it has always seemed to me there was scarcely a room for conflicting opinions. The axiom that taxation without representation is tyranny would seem to secure the franchise to women as a matter of indisputable right; and I have met with no objection on the score of policy to an exercise of that which has not seemed puerile and selfish. The plea that she is mentally incapacitated to exercise a sound judgment in civil matters is grotesque when we consider the mental makeup of the average woman who through the polls and in effect control the destinies of a party; and the plea that her womanly duties are incompatible with the duties of a citizen, is equally untenable. After all, the convincing argument with me is that the average woman is on a higher moral plane than the average man; that she is a worse sufferer than he from the mischiefs of misrule; that if her voice would be raised for social order, and that her presence at the ballot box would be now as in the church, a force upon the side of enlightened rule."

ALMOST daily the mails bring some echo of the great biennial convention that was held in Boston in June. Here are three: Mrs. Edward L. Buchwalter of Ohio, who has attended every biennial convention writes: "The ninth biennial will pass into the history of these splendid meetings as being the most brilliant and the most successful of all. The club women for club women, free from all the distractions of outside influences. It was a business meeting and debates were always to be found in their seats when business was to be transacted though outside attractions, never more carefully planned, lurled them on every side. This feature bore such fine fruit that it will probably be long until a 'play day' with its chance for tragic consequences will be a thing of the past."

Mrs. Samuel B. Sneath writes from her summer home in Canada: "It was a grand biennial! Each department of work was presented in a most interesting and that part of the program devoted to industrial conditions seemed to create most general interest."

The address by Senator Beveridge on "Child Labor, Its Attending Evils, and the Need of Wise Legislation Regarding the Same," made the thoughtful woman realize that no matter how perfect any state legislation might be there can be no complete freedom from child slavery when our nation is awakened to a full realization that the great evil which belongs to our national life. Those states that have the best child labor laws should feel compelled in their work to conform to a universal law. Although the several states have varied and diverse laws, it is a pity that the child is employed, they must be united in a grand work of child liberation."

Miss Blanche Vinton, vice-president of the northeast district of Ohio, who attended a biennial for the first time is more or less an uninitiated biennial. The pleasure and anticipation that one experiences upon looking forward to reading a book that is so interestingly spoken of and praised by our friends is a thing that the visitor who for the first time is employed on this vast

army of women from all parts of the world. I went to the Boston biennial filled with anticipation. Eager and curious to see what so many women would do and how the great work of the biennial would be accomplished, I left Boston with a great admiration for the many clever and competent women who had seen and heard for their splendid reports, for the work that had been done in all the states and the future plans of the organization."

A MEETING was called in Cincinnati on July 30 in the Women's club rooms to consider the proposition of the Cincinnati Business League through their president, W. B. Mellan, to furnish the finances and the labor necessary for the entertainment of the general federation, should the executive board of the federation accept the invitation to hold the next biennial, 1910, in Cincinnati. The following committee was appointed to secure an endorsement of the board of the Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs: Mrs. George S. Rice, Mrs. D. L. Murray, Mrs. Alice Williams Brotherton, Mrs. Annie D. Tatem, Mrs. Edward L. Buchwalter of Springfield, and Mrs. Orr of Lima, were later added to the committee.

Excursion Rates to Denver. The annual meeting of the sovereign grand lodge of Oddfellows will take place in Denver, September 19, for which occasion the O. R. & N. will make an open rate from Portland and all points on its line of \$35.00. Tickets for this event will be on sale Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, September 15 and 16, but as the going limit is 10 days, purchasers need not start on those days if they do not wish to, just so they reach Denver before the limit expires. Final return limit 19 days from date of sale. Call at the City Ticket office, Third and Washington streets, for any information desired.

RABBITS ARE FIGHTERS. The Charge of Cowardice a Slander—Defeat of a Ferret. From Pearson's Weekly. Tell a man that he hasn't the pluck of a rabbit and if he doesn't disprove it by hitting you he is certain at any rate to be extremely annoyed. Yet the taunt is a libel on the rabbit. A doe rabbit will fight like fury in defense of her young. She will charge like a battering ram and use those long sharp incisors of hers to capital purpose. An old buck rabbit is not to be light-

masked his grip and went hurtling through the air. The third repulse was enough for him. He knew he was beaten and could not be persuaded to stand up for a fourth round. Three parts by weight of borax acid to one of powdered borax makes a good compound for brushing steel. It should be applied as a paste with water. Tomorrow (Monday) positively last day for discount on east side gas bills. Don't fail to read gas tips.

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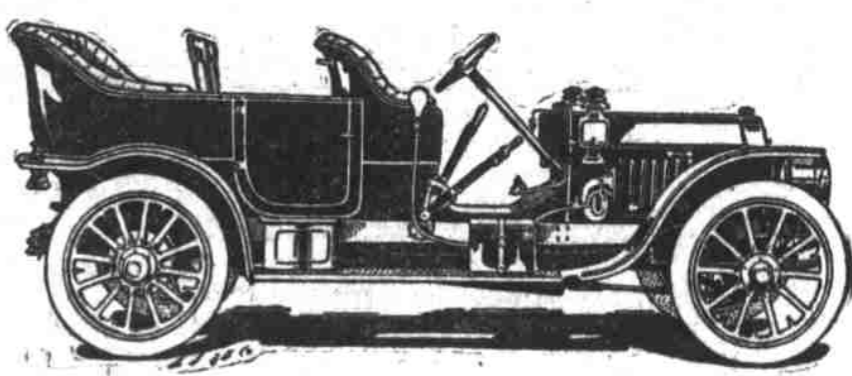
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Now is the time to buy for next summer. That's no joke, and don't let any "mere man" keep you from doing this very thing. His stories of Bargain Hunter are all very well for the foolish woman who buys something she will never use, just because it is cheap, but the woman who must make a little money go a long way will take advantage of the fact that Bargain Hunter's White Goods for waists that were 25 to 50 cents may now be bought very cheap. Pretty dresses and madras that were impossible to her limited purse are now going for less than half. It is the time to buy the materials for children's dresses and aprons that will wear dainty colors, and white, always, and tiny checks and figures are the only ones that will stand the fashion. I have found the cry of "fashion" is just a scarecrow that frightens when it is taken in connection with materials for summer clothes. We most of us get the same materials year after year, unless we are of the class that can afford strange and outre colors and combinations. And this lady does not have to read this column, anyway. We can console ourselves with the reflection that our simpler things are better taste. The dainty colored limes that are so expensive each spring are now within reach of the woman who must economize. I do not mean for anyone to make the garments now. That were folly. But if you are buying some new material in hand it will make the question of the children's clothes and your own pleasure, instead of a matter over which to be awake. Of course, the woman who never has any money beyond the needs of the day cannot buy much, but let her make a beginning of turning the expense account around, so as to have money about by buying some where else and stocking up a little from the wonderful bargains now being offered in the wise woman. Don't buy foolishly. Be sure the thing is something you will not only want, but that you can get the money you can afford to spend in a corner of your purse, and do not allow yourself to be carried away by the temptation of the beautiful lovely goods at cheap prices. I heard a young girl who was hanging round in the corner of white stuff for waists say: "If I don't leave here by main force, I shall have to go without a fall suit."

School is over, and the children are happy. Don't think, however, that you have done your whole duty by buying new clothes for your little ones. Go yourself in time every morning. Go yourself to the school, see the teacher to see how the children are getting on, and make you welcome wherever you go. But the place where the winning woman, with a store of interesting to her) aches and pains, is welcome is so small that I fear you could not find it in ten days' searching. Remember, a smile will be reflected back to you an hundred fold. Be of good cheer, and the world will bring you much joy and make you welcome wherever you go. But the place where the winning woman, with a store of interesting to her) aches and pains, is welcome is so small that I fear you could not find it in ten days' searching. Remember, a smile will be reflected back to you an hundred fold. Be of good cheer, and the world will bring you much joy and make you welcome wherever you go.

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