

WHAT WOMEN'S CLUBS OF OREGON HAVE ACCOMPLISHED, AND WHAT YET REMAINS

TUESDAY afternoon's session of the annual convention of the Oregon State Federation of Women's Clubs held at La Grande, the president, Mrs. Sarah A. Evans, delivered her annual address, reviewing the work of the year and suggesting certain lines for the coming year. Mrs. Evans said:

The wings of time never seem to move so rapidly or the years appear so short as when we begin to punctuate them with presidential addresses. The twelve months roll a trouncing between the greetings of old friends, the hand clasp and the parting are long delayed it is true, but unaccountably the hours are counted by the working day and whether they go on gladness wings or drag their length, the minutes are established only by the sheaves we have gleaned when the sun goes down. And so it is with our club year as well. In convention to cast up and compare our accounts and start anew. Here we set down on one side of the ledger what we have done, and on the other what we have done, and striking a balance take heart of grace for renewed endeavor.

It is not the province of the president to pass upon the first two. The committees and the individual clubs in their reports, must answer the first; our conscience will answer the second, and by taking council together we will determine the last. And I can only hope to assist you in turning, as Mrs. Decker would say, "right about face." On the opening night of the great biennial convention at Boston last June, Professor Zublin, in his lecture on "Culture and Democracy," said:

What are the tendencies? What are some of the indications of the tendency and connection in human achievement? I am going to suggest as illustrations subjects with which many people of culture do not much concern themselves—the political movement, the labor movement, and the woman movement today. And Mrs. Decker, a past president of the General Federation, said in her paper on "The Long Path." You will remember the day the subcommittee invited the school mistress to take the long path on Boston Common. The proposition was a long time deferred, but when the president of the United States invited the president of the General Federation to be present at a conference of governors of all states—an honor that came to our distinguished president—Mrs. Decker we have trodden the long path alone for the last time.

And this is a culmination of the woman movement. Ours was the only organization of women recognized, and Mrs. Decker was the only woman present. The strong and the weak of the United States alone could not have induced President Roosevelt to give his president a seat in the conference, but when a woman stood as the representative of 300,000 women, it was a power that could not be ignored. But the number who were alone would not have counted had it not been for the principles back of them, and which even the government of the United States was pleased to acknowledge.

This was signally displayed when Mrs. Decker sent by telegram to the government to organize woman's clubs, so that an interest would be created which would be the best and most skilled workmen would not stay without the family tie. This at once recognized the club movement and responsibility, and if we clubwomen of Oregon will just realize that one faculty belongs to us, and that we must do our share with our sister states to uphold the credit of our organization we will have arrived at a very good basis to work upon.

Our Working Medium. Our working medium is, of course, our committees, and they should be in closest touch with the clubs of the state. The work of every committee does not appear to every club. A committee can successfully do its work without an interest being shown by the clubs, even to the extent of sending an expert upon the subject of the national organization three years ago our state reorganized its committees to correspond with the committees of the General Federation, adding some that local conditions seemed to demand. Every one of them is vital to carry on the work that will make Oregon keep step with the march of progress.

The work of the national committee is just as much for Oregon as it is for Massachusetts, or Maine, or Texas, and I earnestly recommend that the chairmen of each of our standing committees put herself in touch with the national chairman, who is usually an expert upon the subject, and then adapt their recommendation to our local requirements.

Educational Work. Club women have an unusual opportunity to do educational work, as through the efforts of the General Federation, the National Educational Association and year formed a department of woman's work, with Miss Laura Gill, one of the foremost educators in the country, at the head of it. For the benefit of the educational committee I would suggest that every club take a lively interest in the school, and that the educational committee report to the condition of the schools, what they are doing in the way of advanced methods, and what they should be doing. This would give the committee an intelligent basis upon which to work. The education of our children is common ground upon which all club women can work.

State Library Work. Our library work is another place where we can all work in unison. With our excellent state library commission there seems little active work for this committee to do, and I would recommend that this committee be combined with the committee on literature, whose duty it would be to assist clubs in outlining study courses, compiling bibliographies, and service of that nature. A suggestion was received that the club women of Oregon collect and publish the poems of Sam Simpson. I heartily endorse it, and I would recommend that a special committee be appointed for the purpose of consulting with the relatives of Mr. Simpson, with this in view, and that the work be given power to act, with the consent of the board.

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maid of the other, both in state and nation. This is an age of advertising, and dignified exploitation is much to be desired. I do not refer to personal glorification or the character of newspaper journalism, but to the fact that their clubs suffer throughout the land, but to the kind that educates the public and draws their eyes from the absurd caricature to the real club woman. For Professor Zublin has truthfully said: "There are wide-awake students of economic and political literature who are aware of the political movement and the labor movement but who do not know that there is a woman's movement."

I would urge upon every one of you to secure some space regularly in your home paper for your club department, and have it edited by a club woman. Do not confine yourself to local news, but cut-out from many magazines bits of general information. The Federation Bulletin—the official organ of the general federation—will help you greatly in this. The member will be bound to find lodgment where women are needing a club to arouse them from their slumber. If you are blessed, by entertaining your readers, doing missionary work, and assisting the needy, you will have done your duty. You will have a four-fold blessing, send the paper to your state president.

Reciprocity is but another word for federation. It is the mutual exchange of information, the giving and the taking, and it is in its scope, at our last meeting we exchanged the word reciprocity for business information, much needed, however, fulfill this mission without the most hearty cooperation of the clubs from the very nature of it. It must be of information, and you will have every one of those excellent papers you spent so much time on; the most insignificant of them, probably, but which subject some one else will want and need, because she cannot get the reference information, and she has a long Then you have the privilege of calling upon the bureau when your hour of need comes. It stands ready to serve you without cost, whenever you call upon it.

Pure Food Laws. When a certain city council recently, after making extravagant appropriations for city improvements, refused to appropriate for the health department, a laboratory and chemist to examine the poisonous foods that were on the market, the strong and the weak of the United States alone could not have induced President Roosevelt to give his president a seat in the conference, but when a woman stood as the representative of 300,000 women, it was a power that could not be ignored. But the number who were alone would not have counted had it not been for the principles back of them, and which even the government of the United States was pleased to acknowledge.

Problems of Forestry. On the subject of forestry the club women have shown themselves alert and intelligent. In this branch of our work the government again recognized the efficiency of their work by putting at their service its best lecturer, Enos Mills. It will be gratifying to those who heard Mr. Mills at Salem last year to know he has been promised to Oregon again this winter. His services are given free of cost to the clubs, and applications for his services by clubs that are interested in February, can be made to the chairman of the forestry committee.

Irrigation Live Topic. With the subject of February goes irrigation. It is a subject of national importance, and it is one that should come into club work. Our committee would answer, for the life and beauty of the state, the dignity of our organization, and the honor of those who have upheld the dignity of our organization at the legislature for the past 10 years no shadow of reproach has ever fallen upon us, and as it has been safeguarded in the past so must it be in all the years to come. I would caution the congressional committee, hastily considered measures, or burdening it with the work of other organizations. I was recently amazed to hear another organization appropriate to its credit a measure that our legislative committee had already a whole month ago, at its own expense to farther and eventually put through.

Let us give to every good work our sympathetic support, but do not let us prostrate our own finances or energies in the sacrifice of our own organization. This was one of the strong points in Mrs. Decker's administration—she kept her eye steadily fixed on the maintenance lines of club work. That was necessary is evidenced from the fact that during the past two years over 4,000 applications were made to the General Federation for endorsement, and included everything from an amendment to the constitution of the United States to a beauty soap for the complexion. In proportion our State Federation is solicited for endorsement and cooperation. Certain societies send regularly for our year book and immediately make an appeal for financial or other assistance. Most of them have worthy objects, and most of them have wealthy patrons, and by depicting our treasury to assist other organizations, we are not in a position to carry forward our own work successfully. I am aware that many will not agree with me on this point, for it is so common to hear the kind hearted woman say, "Let us give to every good work, and only reply, "If you were building a house and were having a hard time for enough money, would you give part of it to your neighbor that he might have his first? Just apply the same business principles to your club work that you do to your private affairs, and you and your neighbor will both be better off."

Civil Service Reform. Civil service reform sounds so ominously political that most of us shy off from it, lest we become contaminated. Let us call good citizenship, and see how differently we look at it. It means, simply, putting all public service into the merit system, and training children to look upon public service as an honorable occupation, rather than an opportunity to graft or as a plum or political distribution. I am authorized by the board to place in the hands of our committee \$5, to be offered as a prize for the best high school essay on "Good Citizenship." This is done hoping it will induce some of the clubs to do something locally.

Chautauqua Work. Our Chautauqua work is a joy and a pleasure, and one of our most efficient sources for the promulgation of club work, and I strongly recommend its continuance. Sphere of Art. Mrs. Sherwood said at Boston, "I believe in the beautiful, and I believe in God, you know that is one way to find him, through the good and the beautiful in the world." In the civic beauty of the town, in our own lives, it is impossible to estimate the change there would be in the beloved country if the best and the truest could be crowded out by beauty."

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Individual Clubs. To the individual clubs of the state, I wish to extend my sincere thanks for your support and warm-hearted fealty, and if I have a fault to find it is that you have not complained to me often enough, or given me the opportunity to combat your just criticisms. You are the pillars of the federation, and as you have been faithful in the past, I urge upon you a greater and more active interest in the future. As surely as all the great movements that are fore-shadowed in our committee work are coming to pass, just as surely are they to be brought about by the club women of the country. We are a society organized along purely altruistic lines with not a paid officer to wield our enormous business. But as Hilda Ridley says: "Woman, even when she is unconscious of it, is in touch with the Time Spirit and the Time Spirit says, 'Up and onward forever. She cannot return to her old, unreasoning faith, because reason has become a factor in her existence. And because she has reasoned we have become a factor in this great woman movement, and we cannot now shirk its responsibilities."

NEW BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY. The following new books may be examined at the public library during this week and will be ready for circulation Monday, November 15.

Books for Children in Public Library. Compiled by Jessie M. Millard. SEA AND NAVAL STORIES. Abbott, W. J.—Naval History of the United States. Cadet life in the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. Barnes, James—Loyal Traitor. Sea story of the war of 1812. Barrow, James—With the Flag in the Channel. Story of the adventure of Captain Gustavus Conyngham during the war of the revolution. Beebe, M. B.—Four American Naval Heroes: George Dewey, B. G. Farragut, Paul Jones and O. H. Perry. Brady, C. T.—In the Waip's Nest. A story of a seafarer in the war of 1812. Bullen, F. T.—Cruise of the Cachalot. Account of actual experiences on a South sea whaler. Cooper, J. P.—Pilot. Story of a secret expedition of John Paul Jones to the English coast. Fraser, Douglas—Perseverance Island. Story of a 19th century Robinson Crusoe; of his strange life upon a desert island and his discovery of a pirate's gold. Frothingham, J. P.—Sea Fighters from Drake to Farragut. Stories about Drake, Paul Jones, Nelson, Farragut and others. Ingersoll, Ernest—Los Queen. Adventures of Three Boys and a Girl Who Attempt to Blaze Across Lake Erie and Who Go Adrift on an Ice Float. Kipling, Rudyard—Captains Courageous. Fishing life on the Newfoundland banks as seen by a boy washed overboard from an Atlantic steamer. Leighton, Robert—Olaf, the Glorious. The hero is Olaf Triggvison, king of Norway, and his career is followed from his boyhood of slavery to his defeat and death in the sea of Svold sound. Nordhoff, Charles—Mon-of-War Life. A boy's experience in the United States navy. Stockton, F. B.—Buccaners and Pirates of Our Coast. Wray, A. D.—Swiss Family Robinson. Story of a family shipwrecked on a desolate island.

There are oysters and oysters, but you can really never appreciate the difference until you have tried ours developed on the shell at the Perkins Grill. Metzger's Jewelers and Opticians, 343 Washington st., bet 7th and Park. B's Newcastle Delicatessen, 400 1/2 3rd.

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