ADDRESS OF GEORGE H. MAX-WELL, DEAN OF THE HOME. CROFTERS GILD OF THE TALISMAN.

Before the Biennial Convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, at St. Paul, Minn., June Fourth, 1906.

one of so much importance, and the opportunity one which I so greatly appreclated, that I ought to do somevance. I was asked for a manuscript was unsafe to give it because I never happen that made me lay aside my

some other occasion, in some other place, and talk to you about something is that if the women who are here towhich has been suggested to me here day would go to their homes from this this morning by the address we have just listened to from Mr. Mills.

I was born in California and spent fornia delegates) until within a very California. (Applause.)

I question very much whether those ple, and that it is controlled by their tering of that opinion; and the thought opinion and brings about reforms, is, in my judgment, often a thing that springs from the minds of the women of the country rather than from the

I am free to say that in my earlier years, and before I had a wider exper ence and opportunities of obnot here to make a plea for that to- please. (Applause.) day, because I am not so much impressed with the importance of it as the mothers of the country that control this country. (Applause.)

lay that conclusion before statement that women can control and the right kind of a this country by the power of thought without the ballot. If the women who are here to-day and those who are afand through the columns of every newspaper in the land, and by correspondence, you could accomplish great things which would be a record year of hard work for your organization, and that is, first, to save the big trees of California (Applause); and, second, to secure the passage of the bill providing for forest reserves in HOMECROFT, however small, the White Mountains and on the Appalachian Range. (Applause.)

If those great trees in California were once destroyed they could not be replaced in centuries and probably never. They were there when Christ walked the earth. They were there Carthage nestled amid green fields of the Mediterranean. They were there when Palmyra, with all her magniti-cence, was the meeting place of the caravans traveling between Asia and the Mediterranean country. And today they stand there pleading with their out-spreading branches against ruthless destruction to satisfy the greed of man.

We may go back through history, and ruined city after ruined city shows how ephemeral is everything that man builds. Did is never occur to you, has it never occurred to those who are interested in uplifting and increasing the power for good of the church, and in carrying its missionary work into the cities and into the slums and into the tenements, where, God knows, it is needed most of anywhere on this earth-has it never occurred to you that a child nurtured in the tenements and in the slums and in the City flats, and seeing nothing around it but bricks and mortar and asphalt and trolley-cars and things that man has made, lives where there is nothing to create a conception of a higher power, and lacks the influence of the splendid manifestations of nature, which are the most convincing revelation that we have that there is a Creator, and that there is a God, and that there should be a faith in religion in the heart of every man.

If you wan to make this a religious nation, as you must if it is to be preserved, you must get the children of the cities back to nature, and under the spell of its influence, or at least rear them in an environment where they can see and be convinced by the miracles of nature's mysteries that there is "a Go: who Rules the world and Rolls the ages on." (Applause.)

And so through you I appeal not only to the women of the country, but to the churches of the country, to put forth every influence, not only to save

FORESTRY AND HOMECROFTS those great trees in California, but to aid this whole great movement for the preservation of the forests we have, by their right use, for the planting of new forests, and for the scattering through this great nation, in every state and territory, of forest plantations that. when they come to maturity a generation from now, will supply every state with wood and timber of every kind for every purpose from Forests and Tree Plantations within its own bor-

I have no time today to go into de-MADAME PRESIDENT AND DELE-GATES—LADIES AND GENTLE-and see the actual conditions with refand see the actual conditions with ref-MEN:
When I received the invitation to be with you here to-day and speak upon with you here to-day and speak upon the subject "Forestry and Home that country, you will be converted crofts," as it is announced on the in an instant to the necessity for the program, I felt that the occasion was creation of the Appalachian Forest re serve; and the same thing is true of the proposed Vhite Mountain Forest Reservation in New England. Those thing which I rarely do, and that was Reserves are comparatively small to at least think out a speech in ad- things in the amount of money involved. If we can throw money to the of it for the press, but I felt that it birds, as a manure spreader throws it out of the back of a wagen into the did that yet that something didn't field, to build the Panama canal and manage the conquest of the Philippine speech and talk about something else. Islands, and to build huge battleships, I have a speech , epared which was I maintain that we can at least spare planned to last for half an hour, and money enough to perpetuate the for-I maintain that we can at least spare there it is (holding up a card). Now, ests that God gave us and for the pres-I have fifteen minutes to speak, and ervation of all the Internal Resources I am going to save that speech for of our country at home. (Applause.) I maintain another thing, and that

convention, and take up and study the possibilities of the development of Arizona and New Mexico under a my life there (appliause from the Cali- policy which will reserve for national control the forests and the water supfew years when my work in the Na- ply which are the only things that tional Irrigation Movement took me keep that great country from going away from my native state. But I back to the desert, you would save want to take advantage of this op- this nation from the infamy of joinportunity to stand here and make a ing Arizona and New Mexico in the plea for the preservation of those bonds of joint statehood. In the face Temples of God-the Big Trees of of your opposition that great wrong could never be accomplished. women in the land should rise up and who are here to day realize the power protest against it, because it is that is yours, in bringing about right abandoning the destiny and developaction, whether it be in congressional ment of the foundation of all the reor state legislation. We often say sources for homemaking of those terthat this is a government of the peo- ritories to the unrestrained legislative control of a legislature which will be votes. So it is. But behind the vote dominated by the most evil political is the thought of the people. It is influences that ever existed in any public opinion which controls this state-the offscourings of the worst The vote is merely a regis- political rottenness that ever prevalled in Pennsylvania, coupled with of the people which precedes that the iniquities that will prevail by reason of the fact that so large a proportion of the population of New Mexico cannot even speak the English Language. The joint statehood bill minds of the men of the country, proposes to give to the control of such a legislature as that, without any possible check r binderance, a land grant of about twenty million acres to servation, I was not a believer in giv- grab and speculate with and graft on ing the ballot to the women, I am and practically to do with as they

I only want to say in closing: If others who think that the ballot is the a man gone wrong anywhere; if you and Gardens are located at 143 Main main thing. It is the conversation of find political corruption or anything the home circle and the thoughts that going wro. in our political institu-spring most often from the minds of tions, you will fi d, if you trace it And although I believe to-day that fact that there was not the right the status of the man and the woman, kind of a home and the right are already at work at the looms, so far as their rights of citizenship kind of a mother. If you find a cerned, should be the same, I want (or a woman either) you trace it ba and you will find that it simply as a basis for the broader there was the right kind of a mother

We have heard a good deal lately about the "man behind the gun" and the "man behind the pick" and "the filiated with you in this great organi- man behind the ballot" and the "man zation, would take up one or two behind" a great many other things, Homecrofters' Gild of the Talisman, should be to get a home of his own things as the result of this conference but I want to tell you that you can 143 Main St., Watertown, Massaand go hence and agitate it in every pile them all one upon another like home circle, and in every women's Ossa upon Pelion and all of them toclub, and in every village and city, gether are not of as much importance as the "Mother behind the Home!" (Applause.)

If you are to have the right kind of within the next twelve months two homes and the right kind of mothers everywhere throughout ne length and of accomplishment sufficient for one breadth of this great and beautiful country of ours, you must make it easily possible for every man who works and lives by his toll to have a home of his own on the land-a

You must train every child in garden schools to know how to plant seeds and make things grow and get food directly from the bossom of had formed. And out of the ground Live on it. made the Lord God to grow every

tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food." God intended that every man and woman and every child should live next to nature and on the land, and every man who marries a woman should put her in a home in the midst

of a garden. The great movement which is now fairly under way, known as the HOMECROFT MOVEMENT, proposes to do that v 'y thing, and the Creed and Platform c" the Homecrofters tells how it may be done. The slogan of the Homecroft Move-

ment is: Every Child in a Garden-Every Mother in a Homecroft-and Individnal Industrial Independence for Every Worker, in a Home of his Own on the

Is not that a Cause which should have the ardent and enthusiastic support and co-operation of every man and woman, and especially of every mother in the land?

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Rordmonth.

"The Citizen standing in the doorway of his home contented on his threshold, his family gathered about his hearthstone, while the evening of a well spent day closes in scenes and sounds that are dearest he shall save the Republic when the drum-tap is futile and the barracks are exhausted,"—Honry 11. (crady.

great cities are social dynamite, cer. dividual homes on the land-hometain to explode sooner or later. The crofts, however small, owned by the only safeguard against such dangers family can enjoy individual industrial is to plant the multiplying millions of independence."-George H. Maxwell.

"The slums and tenements of the our fast increasing population in inoccupant, where every worker and his



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Land a chance to get it.

We believe that, as a Nation, we

should be less absorbed with Making

Money, and should pay more heed to

be Law-Abiding Citizens; that the wel-

Wealth; and that Stability of Na-

tional Character and of Social and

Business Conditions is of greater im-

portance to the people of this country

as a whole than any other one ques

tion that is now before them; and we

believe that the only way to Preserve

such Stability, and to Permanently

Maintain our National Prosperity, is

to carry into immediate effect and

operation the Platform of the Talis-

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND

HOMES ON THE LAND.

gardening and homecraft in the public

schools, and that Homecraft and Garden Training Schools shall be

established by county, municipal,

where every boy and every man out

of work who wants employment where

he can gain that knowledge, can learn

how to make a home and till the soil

be taught that his first aim in life

BUILD HOMECROFTS AS NATION-

AL SAFEGUARDS.

Land Taxation and Land Purchase

and Subdivision, and Advances to Set-

tlers Act, shall be adopted in this

country, to the end that land shall be

subdivided into small holdings in the

hands of those who will till it for a

livelihood, and labor find occupation

in the creation of homecrofts, which

will be perpetual safeguards against

the political evils and social discontent

resulting from the overgrowth of

cities and the sufferings of unem-

PROTECTION FOR THE AMER-

ICAN HOMECROFT.

3. That Rural Settlement shall be

encouraged and the principle of Pro-

tection for the American Wageworker

and his Home applied directly to the

also of all personal property, not exceeding \$2.500 in value, used on and

provides therefrom all or part of the

ENLARGEMENT OF AREA AVAIL

ABLE FOR HOMEMAKING.

4. That the National Government

policy of internal improvements

river control and regulation,

as part of a comprehensive nation

and for the enlargement to the

utmost possible extent of the

area of the country available for agri-

culture and Homes on the Land, and

necessary to safeguard against over-

flow and save for beneficial use the

flood waters that now run to waste.

RECLAMATION AND SETTLE-MENT OF THE ARID LANDS.

5. That the National Government

shall build the irrigation works neces

sary to bring water within reach of

settlers on the arid lands, the cost of

such works to be repaid to the govern-

ment by such settlers in annual in-

stallments without interest, and that

works necessary for the utilization of

the waters of such large rivers as the

Columbia, the Sacramento, the Colo-

rado, the Rio Grande, and the Missouri.

and their tributaries, shall proceed as

rapidly as the lands reclaimed will be

ployed wage-earners.

support for a family.

2. That the New Zealand system of

on the land.

1. That children shall be taught

man, which is as follows:

This book is the first of a Series land as fast as it is needed to give that will Chronicle the Progress of the every man who wants a Home on the

HOMECROFT MOVEMENT and inform all who wish to co-operate with it how they may do so through the formation of local Homecrofters' Circles, Clubs or Gilds to promote raising up and training Men who will Town and Village Betterment, stimulate home civic pride and loyalty to fare of our Workers is of more conhome institutions, industries and trade, sequence than the mere accumulation improve methods and facilities of edueation in the local public schools, and create new opportunities "At Home" that will go far to check the drift of trade and population to the cities.

The first Gild of the Homecrofters has been established at Watertown, you find crime anywhere; if you find Massachusetts. The Gildhall, Shops Street, where the Garden School is now fully organized and over one hundred children are at work in the back, that the fault lies in its original Gardens. The departments for trainsource, at some place or other, in the ing in Homecraft and Village Industries are being installed. The Weavers

It is not designed to build here an and rights before the law are con- man of strong and sterling character isolated institution, but to make a model which can be duplicated in any state, and national governments. town or village in the country.

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"Peace has her victories no less renowned than war.'

EDUCATION GO-OPERATION OPPORTUNITY HOMECROFTS

We believe that the Patriotic Slogan of the Whole People of this Nation should be "Every Child in a Garden-Mother Earth. You must so train all Every Mother in a Homecroft-and Inboys and girls that their first great dividual Industrial Independence for ambition will be to get a home of Every Worker in a Home of his Own when Rome shone resplendent in all their own with a piece of ground on the Land," and that until he owns her glory. They were there when around it large enough for a garden, such a Home, the concentrated purpose The Good Book tells us that "God and chief inspiration to labor in the life Home by the Exemption from Taxaand vineyards on the southern shores planted a garden eastward in Eden; of every wage worker should be his tion of all improvements upon, and and there he put the man whom he determination to "Get an Acre and

> We believe that the Slums and in connection with, every Homecroft Tenements and Congested Centers of or Rural Homestead of not more than population in the Cities are a savagely ten acres in extent, which the owner occupies as a permanent home and cultivates with his own labor and so deteriorating social, moral and political influence, and that a great public movement should be organized, and the whole power of the nation and the states exerted for the betterment of all the conditions of Rural Life, and to create and upbuild Centers of Social and Civic Life in Country and Suburban Towns and Villages, where Trade and Industry can be so firmly anchored that they cannot be drawn into the Commercial Maelstrom that is now steadily sucking Industry and Humanity into the Vortex of the

for the protection of those Homes from We believe that every Citizen in either flood or drouth, shall build not this Country has an inherent and only levees and revetments where Fundamental Right to an Education needed, and drainage works for the which will train him to Earn a Livreclamation of swamp and overflowed ing, and, if need be, to get his living lands, but shall also preserve existing straight from Mother Earth; and that forests, reforest denuded areas, plant he has the same right to the Opportunnew forests, and build the great reservoirs and other engineering works ity to have the Work to Do which will afford him that living, and to earn not only a comfortable livelihood, but enough more to enable him to be a Homecrofter and to have a Home of his Own, with ground around it sufficient to yield him and his family a Living from the Land as the reward for his own labor.

We believe that the Public Domain is the most precious heritage of the people, and the surest safeguard the nation has against Social Unrest, Disturbance or Upheaval, and that the Cause of Humanity and the Preserva- the construction of the great irrigation ton of Social Stability and of our Free Institutions demand that the absorption of the public lands into speculative private ownership, without settlement, be forthwith stopped; and that the nation should create opportunities for Homecrofters by building irriga-

that the amount needed each year for construction, as recommended by the Secretary of the Interior, shall be made available by Congress as a loan from the general treasury to the Re-clamation Fund, and repaid from lands reclaimed, as required by the National Irrigation Act. SAVE THE PUBLIC LANDS FOR

pay the government the cost of con-

HOMEMAKERS.

6. That not another acre of the pultic lands shall ever bereafter granted to any state or territory for any purpose whatsoever, or to any one other than an actual settler who has built his home on the land and lived on it for five years, and that no more land scrip of any kind shall ever be issued, and that the Desert Land Law and the Commutation Clause of the Homestead Law shall be made to conform to the recommendations of the Public Lands Commission appointed by President Roosevelt and of the RIGHT OF APPROPRIATION FOR Message of the President to Congress.

PLANT FORESTS AND CREATE FOREST PLANTATIONS.

That the Timber and Stone Law shall be repealed, and that all pub-lic timber lands shall be included in permanent Forest Reserves, the title to the land to be forever retained by the National Government, stumpage only of matured timber to be sold, be perpetuated by right use; and bution of the water

that the National Government shall, struction of the irrigation works, and by the reservation or purchase of existing forest lands, and the planting of new forests, create in every state National Forest Plantations from which, through all the years to come, a sufficient supply of wood and timber can be annually harvested to supply the needs of the people of each state from he Forest Plantations in that state.

UNITED OWNERSHIP OF LAND

AND WATER.

8. That it shall be the law of every state and of the United States, that beneficial use is the basis, the measure, and the limit of all rights to water, including riparlan rights, and that the right to the use of water for irrigation shall inhere in and be appurtenant to the land Irrigated, so that the ownership of the land and the water shall be united, and no right to water as a speculative commodity ever be acquired, held or owned.

BENEFICIAL USE.

9. That it shall be the law of every state and of the United States, that all unused and unappropriated waters are public property, subject to appropriation for a beneficia, use, first in time being first in right, and that on all interstate streams, priority of use shall give priority of right, through out the entire course of the stream, without regard to state lines, and and young timber to be preserved for that in each drainage basin the irri-future cutting, so that the forests will gators therein shall control the distrigators therein shall control the distri-

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