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The Woman's Page

PROBLEM OF WOMEN IN DEMOCRACY IS DEALT WITH

University Professor Thinks Women Will Not Work Together With the Franchise

"With the advent of democracy, women will be thrust out of the garden which was created for them, and they will be compelled to face the naked truth of the world unsheltered by the shelter of convention," said Sir Andrew MacPhail, of McGill University, Montreal, in a lecture given at Toronto, last week.

The problem of democracy, he said, was "who would do its work"; men would work for women, but would not work with them; and women would not work for one another. The solution was that every man would do his own work and every woman hers.

In Sir Andrew's opinion all public effort is now being devoted to destroying the institutions of the past in blank uncertainty about what was to follow. In analyzing the effect that the extension of the franchise to women would have on democracy, Sir Andrew said the duty of voting was on women equally with men. If women refrained from voting, government would be impossible, because no leader could define when they might or how they would vote. The threat would always be there, vague and impalpable, but none the less real. Women must face their responsibilities, having agreed to assume them, said Sir Andrew. Voting was not enough; they must gain entrance to parliament in proportion to their numbers.

It is just possible that Sir Andrew has not taken into consideration the fact that, as a rule, women have always faced their responsibilities, and we need not go into detail as to how great are the responsibilities which women have always been called upon to face. And as for women not working together—well, they are learning.

He says that if women refrained from voting, government would be impossible, because no leader could define when they might or how they would vote. It seems that Sir Andrew is wishing to convey the idea that women's vote would be so uncertain that no politician could tell beforehand "when they might or how they would vote" and therefore the risks would be too great for him to take any chances in running for office. This might leave the country in a desperate plight—no politicians and no government.

The idea of being "thrust out of the garden which was created for them" might be appalling to some women, but the really progressive woman of today feels that she is "breaking out of the field of drudgery and inferior station which has been forced on them." It is altogether probable that woman will not shirk her responsibilities when it comes to voting any more than she has in other work that has come before her.

MILK AND ICE CREAM TREATMENT FOR UNDERFERD PUPILS

At Braddock, Pa., a local milkman has invited the schools to send to him each morning one of the most underfed pupils from each grade. The pupils will drink a pint of milk on their way to school. In the afternoon they will stop at the milk depot and drink another pint of milk, and on their way home at 4 o'clock they will stop and have a dish of ice cream; all at the milk dealer's expense, incidentally.

At regular periods, probably for three months, these children will be weighed and the comparative weights will be published. Superintendent C. L. Wilson reports he is not having any trouble in securing plenty of candidates for the treatment prescribed.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Typographical Union will put on a whist drive and dance in Haddon Hall, corner Namayo and Jasper, on Saturday evening, January 24th.

The reputation of the Typo. ladies for making a success of affairs of this kind is sufficient guarantee that a big treat is in store for those who attend the event on the 24th. Tickets may be obtained from the chapel chairman of any printing office and those who intend going should obtain their tickets early as the number for sale is limited.

MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED NURSES FORM TRADE UNION

New York Nurses Decide Eight-hour Day Can Be Obtained Through Organization.

More than five hundred nurses employed in hospitals in New York and Brooklyn have formed a union affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, and will present demands, both to the city authorities and hospital superintendents, for a readjustment of hours and wages. The name of the new organization is the Trained Nurses' Association, Local 16,461, A. F. of L., with headquarters in the Rand School Building, 7 East Fifteenth street. The Women's Trade Union League is co-operating with the organization, it was declared.

First news of the formation of the union was received at several hospitals when circulars signed with the name of the union and by Mrs. Rose Maxwell, its secretary, of 948 Bergen street, Brooklyn, were distributed.

Following is an abstract of the circular distributed by the new union: "Some say, 'Is it professional for nurses to organize?' It is professional and in keeping with professional dignity for nurses to work twelve hours and more a day, thereby being virtually reduced to the status of slaves.

"Doctors and lawyers are organized professionally in their medical societies and bar associations. Are they ashamed of it? Not at all. These organizations maintain a certain standard.

"Until recently school teachers thought it beneath their dignity to organize into a union. Today thousands of teachers are members of the Teachers' Union, which is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

"Tailors, bricklayers, carpenters, ironworkers, etc., are working eight hours a day. They have not gone through a three-year difficult training course. Human life is not dependent upon their effort. Yet they work only eight hours a day, whereas you work twelve hours a day.

"With an eight-hour day you will have time for recreation or further study. It will give you a chance to overcome the severe strain you have been undergoing. The community will receive better and more conscientious service. Sister nurses, do you want an eight-hour day? It depends upon you, and you alone.

MARRIED WOMEN EMPLOYED IN WINNIPEG WILL NOT BE DISCHARGED

Married women employed by the city hall in Winnipeg will not be discharged, as has been prophesied, the finance committee finding that none of the married women were earning "pin money," but were the main support of their families. Each department has been requested to turn in a report on the married women employed.

At a meeting Mayor Charles F. Gray repeated his intention of combining out all women, married or not, that were working only for "pin money." His scheme, however, met with little backing from the committee.

A GOOD NIGHT KISS

By EDMUND VANCE COOKE.

Just as you have the guest room fixed and everything looks snug, The little legs will toddle in and tumble up the rug. Just as you have the batter mixed before the dinner-hour, The little hands are busy in the open sack of flour. Just as you have the mirror shone as bright as angels' eyes, A snubby nose has used it as a field for exercise, But never mind the mischief done, or what has gone amiss, It's forgiven and forgotten in A Good Night Kiss.

O, what a host of fearful things the babies find to do! O, how the mother-heart is tried before the day is through! And sometimes at the end there comes a reckoning of dread And the long-forgotten offender is sent supperless to bed. Then God defend him from the darks and shadows of his room, And God bring mercy to the heart which sends him to his doom, And God bring quick two loving arms to bridge the black abyss, With the snorer of a supper and A Good Night Kiss.

So are the hours of each of us which make our faulty day, For we have left our foot-prints where we had not meant to stray, And we have sullied the whiteness of the noontide and the dawn, And now the dusk is lonely and the night is hurrying on, O, reach back in the records of the mothers gone before, And from Elysian meadows or some far enchanted shore, O send us each his mother, for, in such an hour as this How gladly, gladly would she bring A Good Night Kiss.

CALGARY U.F.W.A. WISH NEW DOWER LEGISLATION

Will Present Resolution Regarding Same to Coming U.F.A. Convention.

The Calgary local U.F.W.A. have a resolution regarding the dower legislation of the province, which they will present to the coming U.F.A. convention. The resolution is as follows: "Whereas, we consider that the laws of Alberta are very unjust to married women, both as to custody of children and property rights;

"And whereas, the court will not give the custody of the children to their mother unless she has the means of supporting them;

"And whereas, the wife should in any event be protected by law in her right to half of the joint earnings of herself and husband during their coverture (being all property acquired by both or either during their coverture, otherwise than by inheritance);

"And, whereas, we believe it is to the best interest of the home that both husband and wife shall have a dower interest in any estate of the other which is not the result of their joint earnings;

"Therefore, be it resolved, that the infants' act be so amended as to place the father and mother upon equal footing in regard to the custody of their children during their lifetime, and the guardianship after the death of either parent; and that the father convicted of adultery be denied access to his child, or the same restriction removed from the mother;

"And that the wife be given the right to half of the joint earnings of herself and husband during their marriage (being all property acquired by both or either during their marriage otherwise than by inheritance), by passing the following legislation:

"That the dower act be so amended as to require that the wife's signature be necessary to any transfer, mortgage, or any disposition whatever, of any real estate which is owned by the husband, and that the husband shall have the same right to any real estate which is owned by the wife.

"In any case of legal separation, if there are no children, all property owned by either or both shall be divided equally between them, provided that a judge shall have the power, upon the application of either party, to alter this disposition regarding any property which does not represent their earnings during marriage.

"And that in case of a legal separation, if there are children, it shall be in the power of a judge to give to the one to whom he grants the custody of the children, such portion, more than half, of the property of both or either, as to him shall seem just.

"That either husband or wife shall have the power to will one-half of his or her interest in the joint estate (being one-fourth of their joint earnings), provided that if there is a minor child or children such will leaves property of a fair value of at least ten thousand dollars for the survivor, or the children, or both, but the husband or wife may only will the remaining fourth to the surviving parent, or to the children bequeathed to both parents; and that either parent may appoint a guardian who shall act alone, if it is not especially stated that the guardian shall act with the surviving parent, and that in the case of the death of both parents the surviving guardians shall act together.

"And that upon intestacy, all of the property of both or either shall belong to the survivor, if there are no minor children, and if there is a minor child or children, it shall belong half to the surviving parent and half to the child or children, and the surviving parent shall be the guardian, unless it can be shown that the surviving parent, whether father or mother, is unfit to be the guardian of his or her child or children."

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The U.F.W.A. recognizes that it is asking for something, but does not believe that the resolution stands for other than absolute justice. It is recognized that the property rights of married women, and the rights to the guardianship of children are one and the same question. No legislation purporting to give the mother equal guardianship of children is worth spreading upon the statute books that does not at the same time give the mother equal property rights. The first question asked by a judge regarding the disposition of a child is, which parent can support it. So, although a mother might be given a divorce on the ground of cruelty and adultery, yet the children might, and probably would, be given to their father. Then, too, the U.F.W.A. believes that the mother should have the same right to protect her children in the event of her death that the father has in the event of his death, and also the same enjoyment of the estate if she survives her husband.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Mr. J. B. Williams, of the International Bible Students' Association, spoke to about five hundred and fifty people in the Allen Theatre Sunday night on the subject "Is There Hope for the Non-Christian Dead?" This being his first appearance before a public audience in Edmonton since his return and recovery from a recent illness. Mr. Williams handles this subject with his usual frankness, taking his text from Titus 2:11, and on to the 14th Verse. He pointed out that the common version rendering of this text gives the implication that the Gospel Message has already appeared to all men, which is not true. The marginal reading and the revised version give the thought that the Message of Grace that brings salvation to all men has appeared. It has not appeared to all men yet, but only to a few believers. The salvation, however, is for all. The Scriptures make it clear that all shall hear about it in due time and be blessed in due time. Christ died for all.

The rest of the passage declaring that Christians who have received this message of hope are taught thereby to live a self-sacrificing life, building themselves up in a Christ-like character, looking for the blessed hope of Christ's appearing and Kingdom. Has been changed by the clergy to a programme of bringing the world into the Church and reigning over the masses by wire-pulling with the politicians. The churches had claimed the responsibility for converting the world, and have failed to do it. During the last century, the greatest for missionary work since the world began, the heathen population has doubled and church

THE COMMUNITY KITCHEN SOLVES SERVANT PROBLEM

Well-cooked Meals Are Worth Much to Comfort and Repose of Housewife's Day.

Although the Community Kitchen of Evanston, Ill., is only a few months old, it is delivering nightly by motor-truck, steaming hot dinners to more than one hundred servantless homes along Chicago's North Shore.

It is operating daily, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. a thriving cooked-food service station. And so great has been the interest aroused throughout the middle west by the financial and civic success of this woman-made institution, that it has been compelled by numerous requests to open a school of training for managers.

"Mothered" by three prominent Evanston women, Mrs. Rufus C. Dawes, Mrs. James A. Odell, and Mrs. Homer H. Kingsley, who were inspired by the great civic need for such an organization, and who were encouraged by the Woman's Club of Evanston, a city having a population of about 35,000 and adjoining Chicago on the north, this Community Kitchen was launched on a borrowed capital of one thousand dollars. That original capital remains untouched, much new equipment has been added, a trained manager is in charge, and the credit balance is growing.

Three factors contributed to the birth of this centralized food shop—the war, the influenza epidemic, and the servant problem, and the greatest of these was the servant problem.

The community kitchen at Evanston is equipped with the most modern appliances: steam tables, electrical devices, and all up-to-date apparatus for making labor thorough and expeditious. Within a single month \$600 worth of new equipment has been purchased; such as a lightning potato masher that whips up a bushel of potatoes in four minutes; an electrical mayonnaise mixer

membership in home lands is not only not keeping up with the population, but is falling off. Leading clergy have recognized this and many of them have quit trying to "preach men into Heaven," and are giving their attention to politics to save the world en masse by legislation and social uplift schemes. They have made a bad job of this too. Politics became corrupt wherever the ecclesiastics mixed into them. Responsibility for the world war was directly traceable to their door in that they could have prevented it by taking a Christian stand in all so-called Christian nations.

which prepares six gallons of salad dressing in six minutes; a cake beater, turning out one hundred cakes a day where a maximum of forty was rarely reached by hand-power.

The original undertaking was exclusively a service station where cooked foods, such as meat pies, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti and tomatoes, veal loaf, baked or mashed potatoes, boiled, baked or escalloped ham; bread, biscuits, cakes, and pastry, were sold over the counter. But in the past few months the final Utopia has been reached, for a motor-truck delivery service, completely balanced, dietetically correct, nourishing dinners are sent out nightly in temperature retaining containers, ready to be served at once or in two hours' time, to families in Evanston or nearby Chicago, and the wall of the housewife whose cook has taken French leave, is heard no more in the land.

None but the most expert operatives are employed in the kitchen. Starting with three cooks, the number had been increased as necessity demanded, until now eight are employed, six permanent and two substitute cooks. These with washwomen and helpers, number about twelve workers.

The committee purposely delayed the delivery service until it was able to secure just the sort of carrier desired, for investigation had proved to these efficient women that the success of the cooked food service depends upon the kind of container in which the meal is delivered.

A glass-lined temperature-retaining, metal container was found at last and accepted by the committee. This container consists of six parts: the base, the outer insulating sleeve or jacket, and four covered, insulated glass-lined metal inserts. These inserts are filled separately and placed (covered) one on top of the other, and the outer jacket dropped over them and clamped to the base.

The menu is changed daily and the housewife does not know what her evening dinner is to be until she opens the container. "It is just like opening Christmas boxes," one patron remarked. "I never knew what an appetite was until I tried the community kitchen dinner."

The prices are commensurate with good food and good service. Dinners are served at 85 cents per person up to four in a family; after four the price is 75 cents per person.

The community kitchen figures and its patrons agree that these prices are as low as possible under existing food costs. It is food, plus fuel and maid service, and the patrons are unanimous in the belief that the well-cooked, well-balanced nourishing meals, and the hours which are added to the comfort and repose of the housewives day, are worth more than the price paid.

There is always hope for a man until he loses his self-respect.