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We returned the petition to Mr. Green full as it would hold. Every lady who saw it signed it. Not one refused.

The September meeting was held here at my home and considering the busy time was well attended. We knew our secretary was a loyal suffragette, but we were surprised when she and another member arrived with a huge banner on one side of the carriage reading "We Will Have Our Rights," and on the back "Votes for Women." But we were disappointed in her enthusiasm as it was the work of the children and not of her loyalty. "No wonder every one we met had such a broad smile," said the secretary.

I think we talked more of flowers than anything. You know my fad. Now maybe you think we aren't very progressive, we haven't discussed any very weighty questions, but I am sure our little club is a great success. It brings us together and we feel so much better acquainted now. There are five school districts represented in our club and most of these schools have their own library, but we can talk over books and school helps, ways of helping the library fund, etc., and we do.

We now have sixteen members, and others have sent word they would like to join.

We have spoken personally to our representative, Mr. Bordreau, of the Thunder Creek district, about woman suffrage. He said he was surprised to find us so interested in the equal suffrage movement. He promised to think the matter over and we are hoping for his co-operation, as he has always been considered a fair-minded man.

I will enclose a couple of recipes handed in by Mrs. Warbeck that I have never seen in print and both are excellent.

Our next meeting will be held at Mrs. Fowlis, at the post office store, Keeler,

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on the afternoon of the first Thursday in October.

Yours for the W.G.G.A.,  
MRS. S. V. HAIGHT.

My dear friend, I think you have made a splendid beginning. Rome wasn't built in a day, but even if your club did no more than to help your district socially it would be worth while.

F. M. B.

### FIRST BABY HEALTH CONTEST IN THE WEST

Dear Miss Beynon—I will tell you of our Mair Homemakers' Club for your Woman's Club Number. We have a very prosperous Homemakers' Club of enthusiastic workers. Had a fair this year, August 6, which was a success, paid forty dollars in premiums and hope to at least double our premium list next year.

The crowning feature of our fair was a Baby Health Contest, conducted by two doctors and two nurses, under the rules of the American Baby Health Contest Association. They were kept very busy from 2 o'clock till 7 with the babies. All were country children entered in five classes. Will send an account of it as it came out in the Leader. We expect a much larger contest next year. Shall devote at least one whole day to it.

MRS. I. E. McLEAN,  
Mair, Sask.

### HAS 100 NAMES TO SUFFRAGE PETITION

Dear Miss Beynon—Today I turned to Homemakers in The Grain Growers' Guide. I am delighted to see suffrage discussed or will be at your meetings. I think it the most important subject just now and we women cannot say or do too much towards the great and good cause, for if women do not have a voice in the choosing of our legislators matters will go on in the same old way and our province will be gradually degenerating from year to year. Women need the vote as a protection.

I could write my experiences since starting out with petition forms. I find where men indulge in drink (with few exceptions) the women will not give their names, mostly from fear, and some give their signatures withholding it from their husbands, but in our town and district there are many good women anxious for the franchise for women and I am justly proud of our Hanley women. There are exceptions in every town. I believe the time is here for women's votes: the best women are the ones who are doing the work. I sent to F. W. Green, Moose Jaw, for petition forms and I have (with the help of a few ladies) one hundred names, but I do not hear or see any one with forms. I attended a Homemakers' meeting and every woman gave her name and also I had the honor of taking home on this form Miss Baldwin and Miss Wells' names, of Homemakers: they help along woman suffrage everywhere. Now let us all work hard till November and we hope soon to see the fruits of our labor. I will tell more another time. Hope this reaches you in time for October 4. I live in Falkingham district and our town is Hanley, Sask.

Yours in good work,  
MRS. H. AIKMAN.

### BOOKS BOOKLETS AND MAGAZINES FOR CLUB READING

The teacher of Domestic Science in the Kelvin Institute very kindly informed us that there are some excellent farmer's bulletins sent out by the American Department of Agriculture, which will be sent to any address for the small sum of five cents each. If you are interested it would pay you to write to Superintendent of Documents, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., for a catalog of the Farmer's Bulletins.

Splendid ones are also distributed in connection with the Cornell Reading Courses, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, but these are rather more difficult to get.

The Superintendent of Technical Work recommended: Mrs. Blair's book on sewing, St. Paul Agricultural College; "Good Housekeeping Magazine," 381 Fourth Ave., New York, price \$1.50 per year; "The Journal of Home Economics" and "The Household Art Review," and I would like to add "The Mother's Magazine," The David C. Cook Publishing Co., Elgin, Illinois, price \$1.75 per year.

The following is a list of books for club reading suggested by the Delineator: "Way Stations," by Elizabeth Robins, Dodd, Mead & Co., New York.

"The Woman with Empty Hands" (The Evolution of a Suffragette), from the same publishers.

"Women as World Builders," by Floyd Dell (another view of the Woman movement), Forbes & Company, Chicago.

"Making the Farm Pay," by C. C. Bowsfield, Forbes & Company.

"A Table for Two," by Eldene Davis.

"The Man and the Woman," by Arthur L. Salmon (a wholesome study of human life), Forbes & Company.

New books specially recommended to club women: "Bergson's Creative Evolution" (Henry Holt & Co., Publishers, New York).

"The Montessori Method," by Maria Montessori, translated by Anne George (Frederick A. Stokes & Co., Publishers, New York).

"A Wayfarer in China," by Elizabeth Kendall (Houghton, Mifflin Company, Publishers, Boston).

For study with eugenics or for young people, the following from Forbes & Co., Chicago. The Lowry Books (sex-education fit for the young to read). "Boy Wanted," by Nixon Waterman; and "Girl Wanted," same author.

And I would like to add "Woman and Labor," by Olive Screener, and sold by The Grain Growers' Guide at \$1.25, one of the best all round books on the woman question I have ever had the pleasure of reading.

### NO SLUMP IN THE LABOR MARKET OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Jerome K. Jerome in his "Idle Thoughts of an Idle Fellow" says that he never enjoys being idle except when he has work to do. So I think you will find it works out with women's clubs, that while they promote sociability and a neighborly spirit among the members, they do it best when they have some other aim in view. So I would recommend that each club form some policy or get some object in life and work consistently towards it.

With all the things there are to know about and to do your society would have to hold all night sessions to cover them in ten years. But in case you can't think of a place to begin I am printing in this issue columns of program suggestions.

In addition to this I might suggest that one club in an Eastern town had a clean-up day when they looked into the back yard and considered the empty tomato can and the heaps of yellowed papers in the fence corner. You never saw such a spic-and-span town as that was when at nightfall men, women and children sank to rest with aches in their backs and much self-righteousness in their hearts.

Other clubs have undertaken tree planting and flower culture and have generally made beautiful the waste places. Pense and Virden have rest rooms for women that should fire the ambition of every woman's organization in the West, but we are leaving the story of them to be told by their own representatives.

### THE HILLTOP CLUB

It is usually a difficult thing for farmers' wives to keep thoroughly posted on the change of styles and the variations in the cost of goods, but in a village about twenty miles out of Utica, New York, the wives of more than a score of farmers recently formed a society to do just that thing. They call it the Hilltop Club. They meet every two weeks at the homes of the members and discuss their buying and selling experiences during the two weeks. Points like the following are brought out at the meetings:

Mrs. A. sold thirty dozen eggs for thirty-five cents a dozen, but Mrs. B. received only thirty-three cents the same day. The names of the dealers are given, and Mrs. B. soon finds out why her buyer didn't pay as much as Mrs. A.'s. The same comparison is made in the sales of butter, apples, potatoes and other farm produce. Styles and variety and prices of dress goods are also discussed. The society is a thoroughly live one, so much so that the men of the neighborhood recently joined as an auxiliary, and they talk over all kinds of farm business, labor, supplies, etc. The organization has furnished not only pleasant social gatherings for the members, but has brought about a great deal of actual good to the farmers and of real economy to their wives.

M. R. S.,  
Utica, New York.

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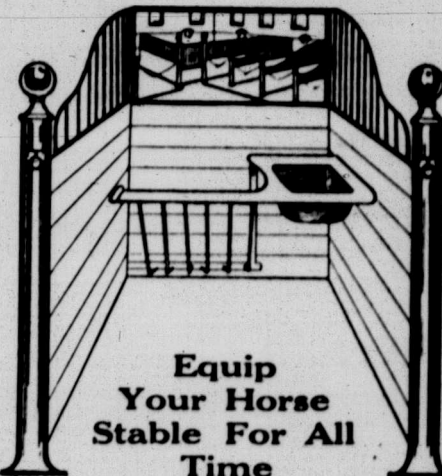


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