

Bryan, gave an address, after which questions were asked and literature distributed. Following this, Mrs. Dr. Watson very kindly entertained the party at her summer cottage. A delightful photograph of the group was taken by one member, and we only wish that our financial position would permit us to publish it. This idea is one which other branches of the League would do well to adopt, before the summer closes, for no meetings are more successful than those conducted in the open air, with the inspiration of freedom all round.

We hope other branches will send us regularly all items of news and information as to their development in numbers and work.

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### GEN. BOOTH AND WOMAN'S EQUALITY.

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"First and foremost, I insist on Woman's equality," wrote General Booth in 1908. "Every officer and soldier should hold to it that woman is as important, as valuable, as capable, and as necessary to the progress and happiness of the world as man." He had good reason to think well of women's capacity, for of his own wife he said in one of his "messages":—

"For thirty-five years she was my trusted counsellor in difficulty, my unflinching encouragement in depression, my unspeakable comfort in sorrow, and my unflinching comrade in difficulty. She was the inspired teacher of our children, the watchful guardian of our home, and the true lover and chaplain of my soul."

This high tribute to her memory is borne out by one small incident that showed the fine militant spirit in the General's wife. It was at the conference of the Methodist New Connexion in 1861, the case of the General, who had already shown himself some-

thing of a rebel, was under discussion, and a weak compromise was suggested to him. His wife rose in the gallery, and shouted "Never!" She might have been a Suffragist in a Cabinet Minister's meeting! They went out together to face starvation with their young family, having stood by their principles and saved their honour, and the result was the foundation of the Salvation Army, which has depended so largely upon its women soldiers for success.

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### THE WOMEN'S VOTE.

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(From the Victoria Colonist.)

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The women of six states are entitled to vote at the coming presidential election. This adds a million to the electorate, quite enough, if they all voted the same way, to turn the elec- But there are no signs of any such unity. Women are just as much divided in their political opinions as are men. It is safe to say, however, that a great many women will exercise the privilege lately gained. Rightly or wrongly, there is an idea abroad that the government of the United States can, if it will, make life easier for the workers of the nation. Women are interested in the questions of social reform which are agitating many states and cities. Politicians will find that the opinion of women is a force to be reckoned with. Among leaders of public opinion in the United States women are prominent and they are foremost in philanthropic work. Thousands of ladies of education and culture are devoting their attention to such questions as in former years were left altogether to the consideration of men. It is this fitness for the work of taking part in legislation that makes their admission to the electorate important.