

from other countries where opinion is not only alive but is educated upon the subject. In the United States, for example, there is not only a Civil Service Reform League, which embraces in its purview the entire field of government, but more than one of the States have organized associations for the discussion of reformed methods in the State public services. Massachusetts has one of the most flourishing of these. Attached to it is a "Women's Auxiliary," after the most approved fashion of all latter-day organizations. Both branches are indefatigable in their efforts to interest the great mass of the people in the importance of the cause at issue.

By way of shewing the extent to which the propaganda is carried in this state and the methods by which it is forwarded, *The Civilian* reprints herewith, by courtesy of the Springfield Republican, two cuts of a "Civil Service Reform Medal" which the Women's Auxiliary of the Massachusetts Civil Service Reform Association issued recently in connection with its campaign. The medal is to be competed for in the high schools of the city in an essay contest on the subject of the civil service, open to all the pupils attending, the object being to make the inculcation of knowledge with regard to civil service reform a part of the educational system of the state.

Without further introduction or comment, we may reprint the report which appeared in the Republican of the convocation of the schools at which the announcement with regard to the medal was made. It ran as follows:

"The junior and senior classes of both high schools yesterday morning gathered in the central high school hall at 8.30 where they listened to an address by Representative Frederick H. Gillett on the civil service reform movement. The occasion for the meeting was the presentation

by the local branch of the women's auxiliary of the state civil service association of a medal, to be given to the pupil of the two upper classes who shall write the best essay on the subject of the civil service. This is a new movement on the part of the women's auxiliary here to interest the rising generation in the subject. The meeting yesterday was for the purpose of showing the pupils the medal and of telling them about the civil service reforms that have already been made. The conditions for the contestants to observe will be announced at a later date by the principals of the two schools. It is hoped that the competition may be made an annual event. Similar medals have been offered in other cities by women's organizations directly connected or not with the state civil service reform association.

"Superintendent of Schools Wilbur F. Gordy presided at the exercises, which did not last over half an hour. He began by holding up the medal, and explaining its significance. On one side are the national emblems and on the other the seal of the women's auxiliary of the state civil service reform association. The length of the name caused some amusement among the pupils. He said that they were fortunate in having present Congressman Gillett, who is an indefatigable worker in the cause of civil service reform and is the chairman of the civil service committee of the House of Representatives. It, therefore, gave him great pleasure to introduce Congressman Gillett.

"The congressman stated at the beginning of his address that he was pleased to speak to the rising generation and that many of the boys there before him would soon be leaders in the public affairs of the day, perhaps the girls would, too. He briefly outlined the conditions that prevailed in the government offices before the passage of