

The Chinese Government received the above petition, considered its request, and granted to the women of China not only their full enfranchisement on the same basis as the men, but made them eligible to sit as members of parliament in the Assembly, realizing that the freedom of their people did not mean one half their people (the men) but all their people.

Oregon.—The suffragists of Oregon held a mass meeting and adopted a resolution calling upon China to send over missionaries to teach democracy to the United States.

A special meeting of the Political Equality League was called on Wednesday, July 17th, to put before the members certain practical suggestions which it is the duty of each one to adopt and put into immediate effect.

As, however, some were prevented from attending, it has been thought well to summarize briefly in this, the opening number of our paper, the remarks made by the organizing secretary:—

Those who have joined this League stand committed to a definite creed, the belief that woman's point of view should be represented not merely as a concession in the counsels of the family and the home, but also as a right in the wider counsels of the State.

A definite creed implies definite purpose and definite action. Convictions are utterly valueless until they are translated into conduct, and conduct involving effort and self-sacrifice.

A prominent member of the Cabinet of this country asserted the other day, in conversation, that the women of British Columbia *are not interested* in politics; that *they do not care* what laws are made or amended; that they are in fact content to leave the social and political welfare of the race in the hands of that half of humanity which contributes the largest percentage of inmates to our prisons!

It is up to the women of this Province to begin to disprove that assertion. It is

up to us to start today an active campaign against the ignorance and inertia which undoubtedly do at present characterise us with regard to our political standing and its moral consequences.

Here are some practical hints:

1. Attend every monthly meeting of the League.

2. Bring with you each time *at least one* "anti" or "wobbler."

3. Secure at least two new members of the League each month.

4. Take supplies of literature and distribute it

(a) To friends (don't leave one acquaintance forgotten!)

(b) In other ways which will be suggested at next meeting.

5. Talk to people about the suffrage.

6. Read all you can on the suffrage.

7. Wear the badge always.

8. Take in the paper.

9. Get two new subscribers each month.

10. Undertake to sell five copies each month.

11. Give one book annually to the Free Suffrage Library.

If each member put into practice these suggestions for six months we should have convincing testimony to the fact that *what we say we mean*.

The Suffrage play, which is called simply "Votes for Women," has been doing splendid propaganda work all through the cities of the Coast. It is at once a sociological study, a Suffrage speech and a drama. The leading parts are of course taken by professionals, but those of Dr. Anna Shaw and Jane Addams are filled by themselves. The New York Suffrage parade, which follows the play, gives a splendid review of that wonderful pageant. These pictures were witnessed by thousands of people in British Columbia and by special request of the Political Equality League they will be shown again in September in different parts of the Province.