

of the Extension Department of the University is divided, the speaker said, into four divisions, the division of publications and press bulletins, division of debating and public discussion, extension work in lectures and public speaking, and the division of travelling libraries. A regular bulletin had been published monthly, which was of special interest to people in direct touch with University work, but of late a new feature had been added in the form of a brief article on such subjects as fresh air, useful germs and harmful bacteria. In connection with the debating and public discussion department, a young man had been engaged all last summer in assembling the best material available on the various debatable subjects up before the people today, including woman suffrage, Direct Legislation, government ownership of railways and land taxation. A brief on each subject was prepared, setting forth the arguments pro and con, in a condensed form, and included with this went five or six of the best articles that could be found dealing with each side of the subject. This is called a pocket library. In this way, from October to June of the last year, the University sent out material on fifty-six different subjects.

The Department of Extension, which has to do with the lecture work, has organized a high school debating league, in which fifteen schools have joined. In addition to this, members of the University give lectures out thru the country on various educational subjects, and it is hoped in time to extend this work complete courses of lectures. The travelling libraries cover a very extensive field, reaching in the North as far afield as Peace River Crossing. They consist of groups of thirty to thirty-five volumes. Of these, twenty are of fiction, mostly of a lighter type, tho a few classical authors are always included. The remaining ten or fifteen volumes are general and include works on art, science, biography, history, juvenile books and generally, when Miss Montgomery can manage it, a really good picture book for the littlest folk. In addition to these regular travelling libraries, the University has what it calls the open shelf library, which is really a lending reference library dealing with nearly every imaginable question relating to home life and general education. These books are sent out on application to individuals who apply for this particular sort of information. In conclusion, Miss Montgomery asked the women to let her know early in the summer what subjects their societies were going to study during the year and she would try to purchase the new books accordingly.

Women's Auxiliaries

At the session on Wednesday afternoon, the question of organization came up for considerable discussion and was gone into very thoroughly. It was ultimately decided by the convention to organize auxiliaries to the U.F.A. with provincial officers who would have power to call the women together in convention. This much having been decided upon, the difficulty arose as to what provision there was in the constitution of the U.F.A. for such an auxiliary. A committee was appointed to consult with the men's convention. This committee very shortly returned with a committee from the U.F.A. consisting of Rice Sheppard, W. J. Jackman and E. E. Sparks. When the matter was laid before these gentlemen they explained that there was no provision in the men's constitution for any such organization, and advised the women to adopt the constitution of the U.F.A. and to elect their officers provisionally pending such alterations in the constitution as made their organization legal.

This suggestion was acted upon and the following officers elected to carry on the work for the coming year:—President, Miss Reed, Alix; Vice-President, Mrs. Cecil Rice Jones, Veteran; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. R. W. Barritt, Mirror; Directors, Mrs. H. C. McDaniels, Whitlaw; Mrs. J. A. Davis, Sr., Acme; and Mrs. O. S. Young, R. R. Lacombe.

In order to keep up their membership in the U.F.A. and the Auxiliary, it was decided by the convention that it would be necessary for the women's branches to have the same fee as the men's organization—one dollar a year.

Woman Suffrage Coming

Thursday afternoon the delegates had the pleasure of listening to an address from Dr. Alexander, President of the

Edmonton Equal Franchise League, in which he gave a brief history of the progress of the Woman Suffrage movement during the past year. It was just about a year since the Edmonton Equal Franchise League had been organized. Their biggest work had been to circulate petitions in which they had been assisted by the W.C.T.U. and the Local Council of Women in Calgary.

The Secretary of the U.F.A. undertook to distribute these petition forms thruout the province, and when they came in it was found that the expression of opinion from the farming communities was very small indeed, and when they were formally presented to Premier Sifton, he put his finger at once on this weak spot in their armor, but he gave them reason to hope by practically admitting the inevitability of the reform for which they were asking. Altogether, Dr. Alexander felt that the year's work had been most encouraging and he urged the women from the farms to form some organization whereby an expression of opinion from the country people could be placed before the Premier.

Mrs. McClung's Address

Mrs. Nellie McClung followed Dr. Alexander with a very delightful address: "Why Girls and Boys Leave the Farm." The first reason she advanced was that farmers themselves, and others did not sufficiently respect the profession of farming. She complained, too, that farm life did not have enough play in it, that it was too much of a stern reality to the country folk, and pleaded with the women there to try to get the farmers and their wives to give their children the memory of a happy childhood to keep by them all their lives.

A third reason she advanced for the migration of country young folk into the cities was the greed of parents, who would procure land and more land and yet would not spend a dollar on making the home a happier and brighter place to live. The boys sometimes leave, she declared, because while the father really does mean to set his boys up in farming in his own good time, he never thinks to divulge the fact to the boys themselves. In conclusion, Mrs. McClung, in a poetic peroration, contrasted the fine honest advantages of the country with the gilt and glitter of the city, greatly to the disadvantage of the latter.

Visit Government House

At the conclusion of the session the delegates repaired to Government House, where they were the guests of Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Bulyea at afternoon tea. Mrs. Sifton and Mrs. Duncan Marshall received with his Honor and Mrs. Bulyea.

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scriber last year to publish The Guide, and it was sold to the subscriber at \$1 per year. The other \$2 had to be secured from the advertisers or made up from other sources. The fact was that The Guide was not on a paying basis.

The result of the discussion was that the convention decided not to establish any other paper, and it was unanimously recommended that the subscription price of The Guide be raised to \$1.50 per year, or higher if necessary to place it upon a paying basis.

Railway Concessions

Thos. S. Acheson, agricultural agent of the C.P.R., was given a very cordial reception by the convention. He spoke briefly in explanation of the seed grain rates given by the railway companies, and said any farmer could get half rates on seed grain by securing a certificate from the nearest local secretary of the U.F.A. The local secretaries were expected to give these certificates to every farmer who was in need of seed grain regardless of whether or not he was a member of the U.F.A. Each local secretary had already been supplied with certificates from the central office of the U.F.A. Mr. Acheson also informed the delegates that the C.P.R. had reduced the minimum on carlot shipments of hogs from 20,000 pounds to 16,000 pounds, as it had been found impossible to put 20,000 pounds of hogs into a car.

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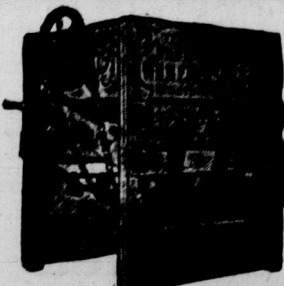
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