

There is a large Woman's Society in Copenhagen, the Dansk Kvindesamfund, which has been at work since '71, and has done very much towards the establishment of technical schools, cooking schools and the development of manual training, weaving and other home industries.

There has been considerable interest taken here in the Council idea, perhaps not such a buoyant interest as in Sweden, but that may be accounted for by the removal or illness of the leaders of the women workers there. The Baroness Stampe Feddersen, who kindly took me all over the Danish Woman's Exhibition, is going to a distant part of the country, while their beloved chief, Miss Frederiksen, is entirely laid aside on account of ill health. Everything seems to revolve around her, and I was extremely sorry to miss seeing her. Two ladies interested in the movement, Miss Falbe Hansen and Miss Gruntvig, are endeavoring to take steps towards the formation of a Council.

This Danish Exhibition was the first of the kind ever held in Scandinavia. It was very successful, and would have been even more so, had the ladies managing it had more faith in their enterprise. They were delighted to find that by this means women holding very different opinions on all subjects could work harmoniously together with one common object, and this has given a great impetus towards the desire for the formation of a Council.

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In Holland things are in an even more embryo state than in any country I had yet visited. No one understood the Council in the least degree. Here, as everywhere else I had been, I came across traces of a Mrs. Warner Snoad, in England, who had started some sort of International Union on her own account, and had confused the minds of all those appointed at the Chicago Congress to form National Councils in their own countries as to what the International Council was or was not.

Unfortunately both Norway and Belgium have gone after this will o' the wisp, and have refused affiliation with the real International Council in consequence, and it was very hard work, I assure you, to explain this.

I had the privilege in Amsterdam of making acquaintance of a most able and fascinating woman, Mme. Meuleman Van Ginkel, who however was not only too busy, but had identified herself too completely with the suffrage movement to be a possible leader of the Council movement. I hoped at the Hague to find the Countess Dowager van Klerck, a devoted worker for social purity, who had taken an interest in the Chicago Congress. She was unfortunately from home, but I saw her sister, Miss van Hoogendorp, and her sister-in-law, the Countess van Hoogendorp, and they both seemed to think that a Committee might at any rate be formed to report to the London Congress of '98.

They think they are too poor to form a National Council, and yet Holland is the country where there is more work to be done than elsewhere, for from what I have heard, the position of women, according to law, is worse than in almost any other European country.