

portant one that the women of B. C. were unanimous in demanding nothing less than a Government Measure, as the key to unlock the gate to their freedom, Mrs. Ralph Smith of Vancouver speaking particularly strongly on these lines.

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Alexandra Club Meeting.

On Monday, 17th of February, a mass meeting was held at the Alexandra Club.

It was really organized expressly on the suggestion of the Premier, who recommended that a large meeting be called and an invitation sent to each Member of the House, stating that the Women of B. C. wished to put before them their reasons for demanding the Vote. The Premier declared that the Members would certainly respond willingly to such an invitation. Nine of them eventually declined it, and the rest did not even take the trouble to send a reply, though the cards were marked R. S. V. P. . . . perhaps they did not understand the meaning of these mystic characters.

However, in spite of an exceptional number of rival attractions, a very large crowd assembled to hear four speakers, whose names had not been advertised, owing to the uncertainty up till the last moment of securing some of them.

The Chair was taken by Mrs. Gordon Grant, who introduced Mrs. Kemp of Vancouver, who made an excellent little speech. Then followed Mrs. Lashley Hall, who kept the audience in a delighted ripple of laughter, and who made her points very cleverly. The speaker of the evening was Miss O'Meara, of Seattle, who had been organizer in Washington through the women's campaign there, and who made a great point of the essential quality of faith in such a campaign as ours—faith, not in a distant and vague future, but in an **immediate** victory,—however, far, from the practical point of view, it might seem,—in fact, a faith which vitalizes its dream, **realizes its ideal!** She spoke splendidly, and made a great impression on the audience. Finally, Miss

Dorothy Davis was to have supplied the "raison d'être" of the meeting—the explicit statement of the reasons "why the women of B. C. want the Vote," but the hour was so late that she merely gave a brief sketch of the position, and this closed the evening's proceedings. A collection of about \$25 was taken.

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Letter from a Member.

Miss Harris of South Vernon writes to make what would be an excellent suggestion if only we had more space at our disposal, or could afford to add to our pages at this moment. She thinks that a Correspondence Club for the interchange of Members' views in different parts of the country would be a way of drawing us all into closer touch with each other.

At present this is unfortunately not feasible in the form she puts before us, but a modification of it might be very satisfactorily adopted,—that is, for all members who will do so to write to the Editor giving their views on a special topic each month, and the most concise and helpful of these letters from the various points of view, might be selected by us and published. Supposing we try it as an experiment at any rate, and for the first topic take Miss Harris' own suggestion:

"Will members give their ideas as to the best means of stirring up the people of this Province and creating vital interest in the question of Women's Franchise?"

Letters should be written on one side of the paper only, as plainly as possible, and should be brief and pointed. They should be addressed to the Editor of the "Champion," 28 Brown Block, Broad Street, Victoria, B. C.

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Funds.

Although only a few days have elapsed since we sent out the first batch of appeals for funds to carry on the work of our organization in Victoria, subscriptions have already commenced to come in, as will be seen by the Treasurer's report, and we feel warranted in anticipating a generous response. We