

Our First Annual Meeting.

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ALIGHT, airy hall, hung with Union Jacks, and the platform gay with flowers, whose perfume filled the air. Bright women's faces, full of intelligence and enthusiastic interest. A fair sprinkling of men, whose number grew larger as the day wore on; men whose close attention, and whose regular attendance throughout the session, bespoke the interest they also felt in this new organization of women workers. Young women and older ones; those to whom co-operative work on organized plans was a novelty, and those also whose lives, for many years, have been devoted to efforts for the world's welfare; Jewish and Gentile; Roman Catholics and those of other creeds; philanthropist and artist; literary women, and missionary workers, together with those whose life work lies within home walls—was ever such a truly representative gathering