

NEWSLETTER

Of The Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs

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PEACE

"O brother, lift a cry, a long world-cry,
Sounding from sky to sky—
The cry of one great word,
Peace, peace, the world-will clamoring to
be heard—
A cry to break the ancient battle-ban,
To end it in the sacred name of Man!"
—Edwin Markham.

It is still not too late for every one of us to do something about bringing permanent peace to this world. We can **think peace** each day during the Disarmament Conference. It may—it will—help.

Why, in this momentous month in our history, should we as a nation not observe a daily two-minute silence each morning at eleven o'clock? . . . And spend those two minutes in silent prayer for peace?

CHALLENGE

"High and imperious is the whirr of machinery about me,
Occasionally a human voice arises above the din,
Instructing or giving orders.
I become aware and raise curious eyes to observe.
The Workers work . . . the machinery clanks
. . . the wheels whirr . . .
It seems to me that out of the clank and out of the whirr,
Indeed I hear it, the voice, though hardly audible:
"At my hand you feed.
You are bound to me.
I am **PROGRESS**; and I am a **PROBLEM**;
Solve me!"
It challenges . . ."

These things shall be! a loftier race
Than e'er the world hath known shall rise
With flame of freedom in their souls
And light of knowledge in their eyes.

—JOHN ADDINGTON SYMONDS.

PRAYER

"These are the gifts I ask of thee, Spirit serene—
Strength for the daily task;
Courage to face the road;
Good cheer to help me bear the traveller's load;
And for the hours of rest that come between,
An inward joy in all things heard and seen."
—Henry Van Dyke.

"Truly wise you are not unless your wisdom be constantly changing from your childhood on to your death. The more the word means to you, the more beauty and depth it conveys, the wiser must you become; and each step that one takes towards wisdom reveals to the soul ever-widening space, that wisdom never shall transverse."

—Maeterlinck.

"One thing better than success is to be worthy success."



Club Rooms of the Winnipeg Business and Professional Women's Club

Every Club in Canada cherishes the near and dear ambition of "our own" club rooms. Several of them have achieved their heart's desire and are snugly settled in rooms similar to those in the picture which the Winnipeg Club calls "home".

New rust colored Persian rugs with gold hangings at the windows create an artistic atmosphere in the reception and entertainment rooms. The chesterfield chairs and lounges in all three rooms are upholstered in soft-toned shadow cloth and there is a plentiful supply of downy cushions in plain colors, which with the bright pottery urns and vases on the mahogany tables create a most harmonious whole. On the tinted walls hang several oil paintings and ivories, loaned by the well-known artist, Mrs. Louie Alexander.

International News

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will be issued at February 1st, April 1st, and June 1st, and afterwards at the discretion of the Federation Executive.

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Could We Serve By Smiling?

Your Editor spent one hurried day in Toronto during the past month dashing from office to office in search of certain information. Everywhere she sensed an undercurrent of suspense and worry and wonder as to what is going to happen next. Reports of business conditions were, to say the least, not exactly rose-colored, not even a faint shell-pink. Even the usual Canadian ease of manner and cheerfulness of attitude were a bit strained, we thought.

That is, they were except in one building. There, a cheery president had time to laugh as if he hadn't a thing in the world to do that was better or more worth while doing. There, a competent but nevertheless gracious, secretary-treasurer talked with smiles in her eyes and in her voice and in her swift and eager movements to welcome the visitor. There, too, an executive gave generous advice, very serious and impressive, but administered with geniality, and wisdom tempered with humor.

And in this office we were told that "business is very good indeed" and "we have nothing to complain about!"

Whereupon the Editor, considering these things together and very seriously, decided that there was a connection between atmosphere and results and that, perhaps, more things may be brought about by smiles and happy hearts than some of us yet understand.

Faith—and Works!

"... since 1929, this town has been obliged to default both debentures and interest. . . Nobody has faith in anything . . . nothing is sure. . . A bad state for the public to get in, isn't it?"

This paragraph was not written in Russia. Nor in Germany. It is taken from a letter penned by a Canadian newspaper man in Florida!

Economically disturbed as Canada is, uneasy as many Canadians are, we still have wealth beyond measure when we can say triumphantly, "We have a serene faith in our country; and in the men and women who direct its affairs . . ."

But if we lose that faith, if those men and women fail us ever so slightly, will it be their fault? Or will it be ours for not saying and doing the things that give a country its moral characteristics?

Such things are the responsibility of even the most insignificant among us!

All members of the Canadian Federation will be keenly interested in the information which appeared in the "Widening Horizons" page in INDEPENDENT WOMAN this month, for it announced the appointment of our President, Miss Heneker, to a position of even greater responsibility than that which she left Canada to assume in October.

Those of you who have not yet read of this appointment will do so now and, afterwards, we may be sure that a host of good wishes as well as congratulations will cross the Atlantic to Miss Heneker.

May we suggest that nothing will encourage our President more in her important work than a communication of some sort from your Club. Merely say she is in your thoughts or give her some idea of what you, as Canadian business women, would like to see accomplished at International headquarters. The opportunity of having our own Canadian representative in Geneva is unusual. Nothing would be more regrettable than that we should fail to recognize this distinction and advantage and fail to use them.

The report in INDEPENDENT WOMAN says:

Evidence that the International Federation of Business and Professional Women has passed another important milestone is found in the opening of temporary European headquarters at Route de Malagnou 2, Geneva. Miss Dorothy Heneker, president of the Canadian Federation, who has served since the inception of the International Federation both as Recording Secretary and Chairman of Membership, has now been named executive director and will be in charge of the Geneva office.

A Message From the President

A letter from our national president arrived from Switzerland just in time to be printed in this issue and is given in full herewith:

2, Route de Malagnou
Geneva
New Year's Day, 1932.

To the Members of The Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs—

GREETINGS—! and my warmest wishes to each and every one of you for happiness and success in this coming year!

It was delightful hearing from so many of you at Christmas time—I had all kinds of pleasant surprises—cables arriving on Christmas morning from the Victoria, Vancouver and Owen Sound Clubs, whilst cards, calendars and letters have been coming in ever since from the members of clubs in all provinces. My grateful thanks to all of you for your thoughtfulness and I only wish you could come in and see how gay and festive you have made your new international office look.

This is a fascinating place to live in and we have charming offices looking across to the Jura Mountains with glimpses of Lac Lemans through the trees of the adjacent gardens. I am hoping several of you will be coming over to see me this summer, and the warmest welcome always awaits you whenever any of you can manage to come this way.

You may be interested to know that we have a Swiss secretary and have been extremely busy ever since I arrived, especially as I was sent for early in November to visit Berlin (where we have a new group under

She has taken the apartment formerly occupied by Dr. Maria Castellani, who has now returned to Rome, and it will undoubtedly be a pleasant gathering place for European members of the International Federation who from time to time have business in Geneva, and also for American business and professional women traveling abroad.

Geneva was chosen as Miss Heneker's present headquarters because of its central location and the fact that Miss Marie Ginsberg, economic librarian of the League of Nations, and others whose connection with the Federation has been close, are located there and can give Miss Heneker international contacts of great value.

Miss Heneker has already been named assistant secretary of the Liaison Committee of Women's International Organizations which is securing the signatures of millions of women to a petition seeking reductions in armament, which is to be presented to the Disarmament Conference in Geneva in February, and took up her duties upon her arrival December first.

From the Italian Federation we learn of a distinctive honor which has come to Dr. Maria Castellani, the president. She has been named head of the Statistical Office of the National Insurance Fund of Italy—the first woman in the country to be appointed chief of an office in the State organization. In her new position she will be required to organize the statistical work of 6,000,000 workers insured against invalidism, old age and tuberculosis; of 4,000,000 insured against unemployment and of 1,000,000 women who are insured for maternity benefit.

the leadership of Dr. Marie Munk, a well known judge), Vienna and Paris.

With the dawning of the New Year, however, my thoughts have been constantly turning towards Canada and our own Canadian Federation. May the future see a return of security and prosperity for our country and increase our own possibilities of usefulness and service to our own members and communities.

Out of all the chaos which exists in the world today one fact seems to be emerging ever more and more clearly, namely the vital importance of closer national and international relationships based on mutual goodwill and confidence. No nation or individual can stand alone—what affects one affects all—and hence it behooves us as business and professional women to keep in touch as far as possible with the chief issues before the world today both as they affect our own country and the world at large.

The Disarmament Conference—one of the most important world conferences of this era—will be held here, as you know, next month, and realizing your interest in this all important question I shall do my best to keep you informed upon its leading issues.

Once again my wishes go to each of you for all that is best in this new year. May we be drawn together in even closer bonds of mutual friendship and understanding through the development of our work for our Federation, and may this work express and fulfill even more clearly the needs and desires of our entire membership.

"A HAPPY NEW YEAR" to you all.

Dorothy A. Heneker,
President.

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What Should I Read?

By Mary A. McPhail, Montreal

(The first original article contributed to our NEWSLETTER has been sent from the Montreal Club and we are grateful to Miss McPhail for choosing a subject which will have general interest as well as possessing much value).

Any one who has attempted it will agree that it is a hazardous, puzzling business to make "a selection of the world's greatest books." It takes great independence of mind, coupled with an unusual degree of scholarship, to make a personal selection and feel satisfied with it.

It is equally trying as a rule to accept another person's list, however authoritative, if it is compiled. Some book lists are erratic, others are cumbered with too many books of "unattractive excellence" to be useful. Many, of course, are good—Arnold Bennett's, for instance, but he confines his recommendations to the older English classics. "One Hundred Best Books" of Powys, though stimulating and original, has certain defects of his writings and would satisfy very few book lovers. And so on.

It would seem that the wisest and certainly the easiest way of deciding upon the quality of a book is to accept the unanimous verdict of several acknowledged experts. In compiling the list below six authorities were consulted in their books about books, namely:

- C. Lewis Hind One Hundred Best Books
- Maurice Egan Confessions of a Book Lover
- James O'Connor Bennett Much Loved Books
- Robert E. Rogers The Fine Art of Reading
- John Erskine The Delight of Great Books
- C. A. Smith What Can Literature Do For Me?

These are all well established men of letters. They write and recommend without eccentricity or rancour. They are modern. Both sides of the Atlantic are represented. One, at least, Egan, is a devout Roman Catholic. Surely, if such a sane, yet diversified, group of critics agree in recommending a book—nay if five of the six agree—that book

must deserve a place among the immortals.

This arbitrary method of selection has strange results. Scores of glorious books fall by the wayside. But the twenty-seven that remain are worthy of our very respectful consideration. Here they are:—

- Aeschylus The Seven Plays (Translated by Campbell).
- Austen, Jane Pride and Prejudice.
- The Bible (Especially "The Book of Job", "The Psalms", "Ecclesiastes", "St. Luke" "The Acts of the Apostles" and "Epistle to the Corinthians.")
- Arabian Nights' Entertainment
- Boswell, James The Life of Samuel Johnson.
- Cellini, Benvenuto Autobiography.
- Cervantes Don Quixote.
- Chaucer Canterbury Tales.
- Clemens, Samuel (Mark Twain) The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.
- Emerson Essays
- Fielding Tom Jones.
- Dafoe Robinson Crusoe.
- Gibbon Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire.
- Goethe Faust.
- Hawthorne The Scarlet Letter.
- Goldsmith The Vicar of Wakefield.
- Homer The Odyssey (Pref. a prose translation).
- Horace Complete Works
- Hugo Les Miserables.
- Khayyam, Omar The Rubaiyat (Fitzgerald's Translation).
- Lamb Essays of Elia
- Macaulay Essays.
- Macaulay History of England.
- Pepys Diary.
- Shakespeare Plays (Esp. "Hamlet", "King Lear", "Macbeth", "Romeo and Juliet.", "The Tempest".
- Thoreau Walden.
- Whitman Leaves of Grass

Perhaps You Know

—That the official organ of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs of the United States is the magazine called the "Independent Woman."

It is published at 10 Ferry Street, Concord, New Hampshire, at a price of \$2.00 a year.

One meets in its pages some of the most clever and successful business women of the United States, as members of our Federation, though others are there because their names are internationally known. You may imagine how much there is to be learned from them, as well as how inspiring it is to meet them in the well edited pages of this splendid magazine.

Book Reviews

We believe we have discovered the pioneer business woman of Canada!

Pioneers, and "first things," always seem to have an allure for Canadians. Of course it is because we are so close to pioneer days ourselves. Some of us even yet treasure a real, live, story-telling pioneer among our family possessions!

And so we were deeply absorbed in that aspect of the story of one of the first, indeed the first, business woman who stepped on the shores of Canada some three hundred years ago. Immediately after stepping, she marshalled a little group of assistants; set industry and education a-stir in her immediate neighborhood (and indeed in the entire country as far as it was settled); managed and planned the first school in Canada; kept accounts and fed a household of varying numbers on supplies of even more varying scarcity and plenty; and in the odd moment of leisure made notes in a diary which has now, with years, become of great value as well as interest.

This accomplished lady, upon whose career all of us, as business women, may well cast an enquiring eye, was the famous Mere Marie of the Ursulines, the founder of the famous convent in Quebec city which today spreads over seven acres of land and whose influence as a center of culture and learning for the women of New France has played a conspicuous part in Canadian life, a tribute we must pay no matter what our personal religious leanings.

Mere Marie's story, enthrallingly set forth by that lovable, because so humorously clever, essayist, Agnes Repplier, is one of the books we sincerely recommend to you—still no matter what your religious leanings may be!

THE EDITOR.

Before I Sleep

By Verna Loveday Harden
in The New Outlook

BEFORE I sleep, O Lord, rid Thou my mind
Of all the debris of a careless day;
Before I sleep, pluck Thou, with fingers kind,
The day's uncleanness from my soul away.

Before I sleep, O Lord, fill Thou the dark
With music of Thy presence; let my soul
Be quieted and humbled; let it hark
All night to cleansing cadences that roll.

Before I sleep, O Lord, bring Thou the peace
That passeth understanding; let there be
Within my soul, when other voices cease,
The song of close companionship with Thee.

Of Interest to Reading Groups

One of the things which our President, Miss Heneker, discovered when she visited our Clubs across Canada last year was that every one was anxious to receive advice and suggestions about books that would be suitable for Club discussions. Your Editor has been talking to the management of Toronto publishing houses and is delighted to be able to announce that in each issue of THE NEWSLETTER there will appear a personal message from a feminine member of the staff of these houses advising you of a popular book which would perhaps meet your needs. Special price arrangements have been made and if you desire to write to those whose names are appended to each review, you will receive prompt attention.

This month, we have a letter mentioning a book which has been greatly discussed and is full of novel ideas.

Toronto,
January 20th.

Dear Members of the
C.F. of B. & P.W. Clubs:

I have just finished reading a book which should commend itself to all of us who are anxious to be well informed on Canadian affairs. It is not a difficult book to read, and it is written in a concise and informative style.

It recounts the proclamations of an imaginary dictator, crowned by acclamation King of Canada. Dictators are so prevalent in other countries that it is really amusing as well as instructive, to read what might happen if such a person controlled the destinies of our own country.

The author of this book calls himself Oliver Stowell. This, of course, is a pseudonym, but he is well informed on Education, Economics, the Social Order, and Art, in Canada.

I had almost forgotten to say that the name of the book is—IF I WERE KING OF CANADA. I am sure that your bookseller will have a copy, or if not, that he will gladly obtain one for you, or if you prefer to write to me direct at J. M. Dent and Sons., Ltd., 224 Bloor St. W., Toronto, I shall be glad to act as your book-adviser.

CHRISTINE EUSTACE.

"Actions And Re-Actions"

WINNIPEG

(From Miss Eleanor Stodgell)

The Christmas party, held on December 18th, was well attended by members. For this occasion our cozy new clubrooms were prettily decorated with holly wreaths and other greenery, with gayly lighted trees by the fireplace.

The singing of Christmas carols was led by Miss Dorothy Greene, whom everyone will remember was pianist at the first Convention, two years ago. And there were a number of other vocal numbers, led by Miss Ethel Kinley and a group from her classes, as well as a playlet which was put on by the Dramatic Section of the Club.

As a result of a book shower, many fine volumes have been added to the Club library.

The first meeting of 1932 was held on January 15th, when members from the Canadian Pacific and the Canadian National railways co-operated with the entertainment committee in arranging a travel programme. Moving pictures were shown of places of interest along both railways from Winnipeg to the Rocky Mountains, Vancouver, Victoria, and the West Coast, including Skagway. The reading of one of Pauline Johnson's poems, as well as one by Robert W. Service, were other interesting numbers on the programme.

A further bit of atmosphere was lent to the whole programme by those who assisted the committee in charge donning the white coats and caps of porters and dining car stewards. Not even the menu was overlooked. It contained such tempting items as: Soup a la Maligne Lake; Cascade roast lamb; English Bay haddock; Ashcroft potatoes; carrots a la Skagway; Ketchikam relish; Mount Robson ice cream; Peachland cake; Yoho coffee, and Skeena tea.

These suggestive names will give those who are planning to attend the forthcoming Convention an idea of the edible pleasures in store for them and may even encourage others to make an attempt to share them.

MONTREAL

(From Miss S. J. Ervin)

Answers to all the popular questions on Northern lights were provided by Dr. A. S. Eve, director of the department of physics and dean of the faculty of graduate studies, McGill University, in an illustrated lecture on the subject before the Business and Professional Women's Club in the Windsor Hotel at our December 10th meeting, as reported in the Montreal Star, from which a few further paragraphs are clipped as the subject is of general interest.

What are they?—They are electrical discharges in the upper atmosphere where the pressure is low.

How high are they?—Their lower edge is about 60 miles and their upper edge about 300 miles above the earth; and no one has ever got closer than 50 miles to them.

Can you hear them?—No, they are silent discharges.

Do they influence the weather?—No, like the moon, they do not influence the weather.

And finally: How do they get their color?—Their color is due to the presence of nitrogen and rare gases in the upper atmosphere.

Tudor Hall was filled with an appreciative audience on December 17th for our mid-December meeting, for which a delightful programme was arranged. It was also made the occasion of contributions of articles for a community gift to be made from the Club to persons in need this Christmas season, through the Family Welfare and Catholic Welfare Associations.

The programme opened with an organ solo by Dr. Herbert Sanders. Herbert Hewitson, tenor, sang a group of songs. Miss Camilienne Seguin gave dramatic readings, one of them "A Christmas Star," in which occur some old-time songs, which she rendered pleasingly, the incidental music being played by Mrs. G. F. Seguin.

A feature of the programme was the spirituous sung by the Fisk Jubilee Singers.

Miss Hazel M. Taylor presided, and thanked Jas. A. Ogilvy's and those who had contributed to the evening's enjoyment.

At the meeting of the Club held in the Windsor Hotel on January 6th, the speaker was Napier Smith, Esq., who gave an illustrated lecture on "The Birds of Bonaventure."

Our next meeting will be held in the Windsor Hotel on the 20th of January, when Mr. T. W. McDermot, M.A., of McGill University, will speak on "Disarmament." Miss Winifred Kydd, who is to represent the women of Canada at the forthcoming Disarmament Conference, will also be present and give a brief address.

The Montreal Club is opening its first Club House at 1526 St. Mark Street with a reception to members and presidents of other women's clubs in the city on Saturday, January 23rd. The new home has fifteen rooms; an attractive lounge, dining room, reception room and card room on the first floor, with seven renting rooms on the second floor; six fire-places and four bath-rooms.

NANAIMO

(From Miss Blanche Macdonald)

Miss Macdonald's very worth-while report is contained in a letter to the British Columbia vice-president and she says:

As to work along community lines, we are not doing much. We do not feel that that is quite what we are in existence for.

We sent a letter asking for the registration of unemployed women to the Provincial Government. And we wrote to the Premier of Canada urging the sending of the right people to the Disarmament Conference—those who are whole-heartedly in favor of disarmament rather than those who are in any way interested in the production of such things as are required for war. We have joined the Local Council of Women. We are making Christmas boxes for six old ladies. I'm afraid the rest of our activities are concerned with ourselves only.

(These notes were received just a bit too late for the first Newsletter but are used this month because no others have come to hand and we feel that late news is much better than no news, particularly when it keeps us informed of the activities of this far-away group of business women on Vancouver Island and, quite advantageously, of their thoughts, for anyone may see from their resolutions that they have been thinking nationally.—Ed.)

HAMILTON

(From Miss Josephine Morrissey)

At the regular November meeting, held on the 19th, an interesting debate, cleverly handled, was the feature of the evening. The subject was "Resolved, that ambition contains more of vice than of virtue."

The affirmative was taken by Miss Lillian McNabb, Miss K. Wigmore and Miss E. Anderson; the negative by Miss May Wilson, Miss M. Ball and Miss J. Wooding. The judges were three past-presidents of the Club, Miss M. J. Urry, Miss Margaret McIntosh and Miss Mary Mount, and the decision was awarded to the negative.

Miss Nora-Frances Henderson, aldermanic candidate in Ward 1, spoke briefly. Miss Hammond expressed the Club's pleasure at Miss Henderson's candidature, and offered support. Community singing was enjoyed and a social half-hour spent over refreshments.

On Nov. 7th over thirty members of the Hamilton Club went to Toronto to attend the bridge-tea and fashion show held at the Royal York Hotel by the Toronto Business Women's Club. On November 18th a number of the members of the executive of the Hamilton Club accepted the invitation of the Brantford Business Women's Club to attend their supper meeting and inspect their new club quarters.

On December 18th the Club entertained, as is its yearly custom, the inmates of the Aged Women's Home at a Christmas party in the Board Room of the Y.W.C.A. Christmas trees and decorations gave a festive air, and a pleasing programme was presented by a group of talented children, and made a great appeal to the guests. There was community singing of Christmas carols, and dainty refreshments were served. At the close of the evening a little gift was given to each of the guests, who were then conveyed home in motor cars by the various members of the Club.

A Yuletide bridge party was held on Dec. 29th, which was attended by almost one hundred members and guests. Three lucky number prizes and a prize for each table were features of the evening, and delicious refreshments were served by the Social Committee.

The various Circles are carrying on their work with enthusiasm; the Fireside Circle, which meets fortnightly at the members' homes, has completed a creditable number of socks and garments for the needy from

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Members of Clubs or any individual who is satisfactory to the above mentioned members of the Executive may apply.

A reasonable and prompt payment will be made for such services.

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materials supplied by the Red Cross Society. The Bridge Circle has a large and enthusiastic membership who are now largely concentrating on contract bridge. Weekly visits are made to the Mountain Sanatorium and to the shut-in members of the Club at the Home for Incurables.

OWEN SOUND

(From Miss Margaret Browne)

To pick a high-light in the activities of the Owen Sound Club during the last quarter would be rather a difficult matter, for each fortnightly supper meeting had its own particular charm and educational value.

On two occasions the members were treated to imaginary visits to foreign countries. On November 5th, the wife of one of Owen Sound's prominent physicians gave a very informative and intensely interesting account of her visit to the city of Rome, with its colossal buildings, magnificent paintings and sculptures, and historic ruins.

On November 19th the organist of one of our churches took the members on a delightful visit to her old home in Scotland. All the charm of the country, with its rugged scenery, its old historic homes and castles, and the quaint customs of its people, stirred the hearts of each one present.

The feature of the Christmas meeting was the annual "Pound Shower" for the King's Daughters Club, and an exchange of inexpensive gifts among the members. A large Christmas tree and many bright candles helped to make the occasion a very merry one.

The speaker at the first meeting in the New Year was one who long has been endeared to the hearts of Owen Sounders. Mr. C. A. Fleming, head of the College which gave most of us our start in the business world, chose the subject "Some Interesting Facts and Stories in the History of Canada."

Every member is hard at work on preparation for an "Indoor Garden Party" to be given in February.

CALGARY

(From Miss Jean Alexander)

At our December meeting we were brought a bit closer to our sisters abroad when Miss Annie Willison told us about her summer trip through Scandinavia and her many interesting contacts in other European countries. Current events by various members also contributed to make this meeting interesting and instructive.

At the January gathering, Miss Jessie Maxwell, former Girls' Work Secretary for Saskatchewan, and in this way closely connected with the project of educational guidance, led the discussion assisted by two able lieutenants, Miss Smith, a household economics instructor at the Institute of Technology, and Miss Shippam of the local Y.W.C.A.

(Miss Alexander attaches a press report from the Calgary Herald of the January meeting, and from it we shall make the following extracts as the subject is of importance to all of us. Might we suggest that

girls from other Clubs who are planning educational programmes might write to one or other of these speakers for help? We are sure it would be forthcoming and as all three are students of that whereof they spoke such help would be valuable.—Ed.)

"Members of the Business and Professional Women's Club at their meeting last evening in the coffee room of the T. Eaton Company store, expressed their sympathy with and interest in the development of some type of vocational guidance.

Influences exerted by home, school, church, social contacts and chance were in her opinion responsible for a girl's choice of her work or profession. Mrs. Shippam, recently appointed general secretary of the local Y.W.C.A., and for some years closely connected with vocational guidance projects, declared. It was of the utmost importance that girls be assisted in a wise choice of the work in which they would prove most happy and most efficient, she said, and she pointed out that matrimony was no longer the only door open to girls upon graduation from schools and colleges.

Intelligence, perseverance and concentration would help any girl to be fairly successful in nine occupations out of ten, but only in that tenth would she find herself most happily situated. Patience and the good luck to find this tenth profession guided her, she believed.

"Does our influence end when we have chosen professions for ourselves," she asked, and observed, "We must help these young graduates to a knowledge of the vocations and the characteristics which attend success therein."

Professions Open

The steadily increasing number of professions open to women was discussed by Miss Jessie Smith, of the staff of the Institute of Technology, who pointed out that of 537 professions listed in a recent survey, only 35 were closed to women.

She discussed, too, the development of various professions from the simple days when the women in the home produced what the home required, to the present days of highly developed professions of all sorts. Miss Smith felt that with women's field broadening steadily, vocational guidance was all the more necessary.

The inauguration of the Canadian Educational Guidance movement was explained by the leader of the discussion, Miss Jessie Maxwell, who said that its aims were to co-operate with existing educational authorities in touching the youth of today, urging the seeking of intelligent decisions in search for the right vocations; and the gathering of authoritative material on various forms of life work. The interest in such and the need for some such vocational guidance leading into suitable employment on leaving school were discussed, and co-operation with other agencies interested in vocational guidance was urged."

VANCOUVER

(From Miss K. M. Campbell)

The Vancouver Club planned a big Christmas tree, the gifts to be for the indigent and the General Hospital.

Two pupils are attending the University and Business School respectively, assisted by the Education Loan Fund which was inaugurated about two years ago.

Plans are under way for a theatre night about the middle of January, and the usual round of bridges, and parties of one sort and another, are on the go most of the time.

The Fanoba Club of the Y.W.C.A., a group of young women who, since their organization quite a few years ago have done a considerable amount of real service work,

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You are cordially invited to attend
THE THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION
of the
CANADIAN BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUBS

to be held at
VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA
Headquarters: Hotel Vancouver.
July 13-14-15, 1932.

This is not a notice, but a very pressing and important invitation sent to every progressive and interested Club member in Canada through the medium of this Newsletter.

There will be many members reading this who have often voiced a desire to see the West. This is a rare opportunity to realize it, and also to give your sincere support to a Club which is rapidly being recognized all over America.

Vancouver is Canada's third largest city, but we know we are not being too modest in boasting of scenery that would be hard to surpass in America, and of an energetic Club of business and professional women. Every one of our members is planning in such a way as to leave nothing to be desired by visiting members. Why can't one of those members be YOU?

Let it be one of your New Year's resolutions to prepare for next July. Seven months is very liberal warning, and think of the joys of anticipation that will be yours. They will be dwarfed only by the memories you will take home with you.

The Canadian Pacific Railway is co-operating with us in every possible way to make your trip enjoyable. A special car is to be run from Toronto—and farther east if demand warrants it. This will take you through the famous Rockies and Fraser Canyon, and the return trip will be made to Prince Rupert by boat and then via the Canadian National Railway, a route equally beautiful and breath-taking.

Your time in Vancouver is being divided to enable you to attend not only the business sessions, but to visit all points of interest as well. And we absolutely guarantee perfect weather!

Let this be your incentive to stand behind your organization! Boost it by giving it your wholehearted support, and let this Third Annual Convention surpass everything the Federation has ever undertaken. We can do it only by **YOUR RESPONSE.**

KATHERINE M. CAMPBELL,
Provincial Vice-President
British Columbia.

November 20th, 1931,
Vancouver, B.C.

Unemployment—And What We Are Doing About It

Winnipeg Service Bureau

When all the world is planning to assist in unemployment relief it may be of interest to Business and Professional Women's Clubs throughout Canada to know that the Winnipeg Club called the first meeting which inaugurated the Women's Service Bureau in which eight women's clubs are co-operating for the assistance of unemployed women and girls. The Bureau has acquired a suite, furnished with kitchen, office and three small sitting rooms, equipped with simple cooking necessities, reading matter, office necessities and toilet requisites, and there Miss Mamie Hogg, who has volunteered her services, is on duty every day to register girls and women sent by the club members. She lists all possible types of work obtainable, and co-operates in every way possible with the existing agencies for the relief of the applicants.

The Bureau is anxious to operate without publicity, except that afforded by the clubs, and will shortly become a unit of the Greater Winnipeg Social Agencies—a citizen's committee of tremendous dimensions to deal with the whole question of relief and re-adjustment. The suite and appointments have been obtained without cost; financial aid for the undertaking is furnished by the individual subscriptions of club members, and monthly pledges.

Just how much direct relief will have to be given is hard to calculate at present, but the Bureau has provided the machinery for the work, and will meet any emergency that may arise to the best of their ability. All files are to be strictly confidential, so that no woman need feel that her case will be made public.

Victoria's Activities

Victoria is particularly active, having been the originators in their city of a plan to relieve the situation for unemployed women. They called a meeting of other women's organizations, and a plan was worked out, whereby women were given some work to do each day. This work consists largely of sewing, mending, darning and knitting. A system has been worked out which endeavors to distribute work equally, as it is impossible to have all working every day. So some go twice a week and some three times the next week, and in that way they are all looked after to a certain extent. The money return is small but it is felt the opportunity for these women to meet others in the pleasant surroundings of the Y. W. C.A. Building in Victoria is of a psychological

Our press representatives in the various Provinces were asked by your Editor to give complete information on how they or other women's organizations in their communities are solving the matter of assisting unemployed women and girls. The responses have been splendid and we shall be much mistaken if, after reading these paragraphs, inspiration and suggestion for action in other communities does not follow. If it should do so, and can be credited to these reports, we shall have one instance of the value of our Federation and also of our official publication, for the distribution of just such suggestive ideas among business women in widely separated parts of Canada.

value more than the money involved. The money to support this idea has been practically voluntary, and the club has sponsored different affairs to secure funds.

As is true, no doubt, in other places, there are no Government or municipal funds available for work of this sort, and it means that the women have it to manage alone. Another interesting piece of community co-operation which the Victoria Club enjoys, is that they are associated with the Service Clubs in the city, in supporting the appearance in Victoria once a year of the Seattle Symphony Orchestra. There is a slight monetary profit, but it is regarded more of an opportunity to the city by making it possible to hear a high-class orchestra.

Registration in Hamilton

In regard to the unemployment question, the Hamilton Club have requested all unemployed members of the Club to register with the Secretary, and efforts will be made to place these members in positions. As a result of the Bridge-Tea and Fashion Show held in October, a sum of more than \$500 was realized which is to be used for the relief of needy unemployed women, and a committee was appointed at the October meeting to administer the fund. This committee is working in conjunction with the Central Bureau of Family Welfare, with special reference to unemployed single girls, and several cases have been referred to the committee and are at this time under investigation. The board of one girl in distressed circumstances is being paid out of the fund, and this plan will probably be followed out in several other instances. An ef-

fort is being made to place these girls with women who are in actual need of board money, and thus help will be given in two ways.

Controller Sam Manson called a meeting recently of representatives of the various women's organizations in the city, to discuss the matter of aiding single unemployed girls, and our Club was represented. Our representative is at present working with several other ladies investigating a number of cases that have been brought to their attention. The Hamilton Club is therefore doing something tangible with regard to unemployment relief, and hopes to extend assistance to a number of single girls during the coming winter.

Calgary Acts Promptly

We are more than fortunately situated here, in that several clubs and social agencies have interested themselves very largely in the problem of the unemployed girl. Through the instigation of a small group of public spirited women, including Mrs. Nellie McClung, Mrs. E. L. Birnie, Mrs. Baldwin P. Hutton, and others (Mrs. McClung is an honorary president of our club), a hostel and domestic training school for these girls has been opened, and representative members of our club have been asked to attend the committee's regular luncheons, thus keeping in touch with this work. The Club has decided that only over-lapping would result from further effort in this matter, but through the proposed vocational guidance project hopes to be further service in the interests of the unemployed. School-teacher members of the club contribute a percentage of their salaries to help on the work of the Unemployed Girls' Committee, while other members of the B. and P.W.C. assist through membership in other welfare organizations. The Herald Sunshine Society does an excellent work for the relief of the needy, and its Santa Claus fund was generously subscribed to by the club members.

Owen Sound Co-Operates

The Owen Sound Club is fortunately situated in a community where unemployment among girls and business women is not acute. There are, of course, several cases desirous of help. In these the Club members rely on the General Secretary of the Y.W. C.A. in their city to institute enquiries, make arrangements and extend help where necessary and have found that her services, with which they are in touch and to which they give constant support, are dependable and valuable.

Women's Canadian Club

Short Story Competition

The Women's Canadian Club of Toronto have announced the conditions of the annual short story competition, with prize of \$100. Manuscripts must be delivered at the club's office, 31 Bloor Street East, on or before March 1, 1932.

The contest is open to professional and non-professional writers. The story from 3,000 to 5,000 words in length, must have modern setting with some recognizable aspect of Canadian life. Each candidate is required to submit three copies of his or her manuscript, each of which is to be signed by the writer's pseudonym. The name and address of writer is to be enclosed in separate sealed envelope, on the outside of which appears the writer's pseudonym.

This Is Very Important!

Now that we have the Convention report out of the way, we can see the possibilities for our NEWSLETTER. We hope that each Club member will find something to interest her in this issue, even if she is not interested in everything.

And now the Editor wants your help and co-operation. Send us clippings, manuscripts, reports! If you can't do anything more, clip us your choicest jokes! We need to laugh these days, as much as anything. And pictures! We can use snapshots of Club groups, or individuals, or even scenery that will interest our readers. We shall do our best to use what you send, though if it is not possible to do so, we leave it to you to understand and forgive.

Anything meant for the next issue should be in our hands by March 19th.

Publicity Representatives

The representatives on the Publicity Committee of Federation are as follows:

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REMEMBER YOUR FIRST INVOICE?

"And send me a pound of mince-meat," said the bride to the butcher, "and see that it's off a nice tender young mince."

NEWSLETTER

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MONTREAL, Que.	The Business and Professional Women's Club.	Hazel M. Taylor, Beaver Hall Bldg.	Mrs. J. M. Smith, 300 McGill Bldg.
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ST. CATHARINES, Ont.	The Business and Professional Women's Club of the Y.W.C.A.	Evelyn Robertson, Avalon Apts. William St.	Lillian Wright 58 York Street.
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(The Editor will make any changes or corrections in these lists if notified for next issue)

Speakers' Bureau

At the Montreal Convention a very important committee was formed to secure and recommend speakers to the various clubs. Miss M. Wherry of Montreal is the chairman and has done excellent work. Unfortunately, not all Clubs have been able to take advantage of Miss Wherry's information, but even if they have not, it has been splendid to know that she is ready to give assistance whenever possible. Anyway, this is only the first year of experiment for this committee and we hope they will not be discouraged with their pioneer efforts, since we, the membership, feel they are needed. Miss Wherry's report follows:

A Speakers' Bureau was formed at the Convention held last July, the object of it being to assist the different clubs in obtaining suitable speakers who may be travelling in their vicinity.

The first speaker about whom a club was advised was Miss Charlotte Whitton who was visiting Vancouver. Since that time the various Clubs were advised of the trip of Mr. Bernard K. Sandwell, F.R.S.C., who made a trip across Canada on a lecture tour for the Canadian Clubs and kindly consented to address any of our clubs who were interested in any of his three subjects. Following this, some of the western clubs were advised of a lecture tour by Miss Agnes Macphail, M.P., who was addressing Canadian Clubs. Some of our membership heard her in conjunction with these clubs. Through the co-operation of the League of Nations Society some of the Ontario clubs were advised of lectures to be given by Colonel Carnegie, as well as about lectures to be given by Mr. George Pilcher of the Royal Empire Society.

It is the wish of the Speakers' Bureau to make this a useful office to Canadian Federation members and it is hoped that any one in the various clubs knowing of interesting speakers who are crossing Canada, will aid its objects by writing to the Convener, whose address is 437 St. James St., Montreal.

A note from Miss Wherry was received just in time to add to the above notes. She says that a speaker highly recommended by Miss Heneker will be in Canada during March in the person of Comte Serge Fleury of the French Foreign Office. If your Club is interested, please write Miss Fleury at once.

A Fellow-Club Woman Comes From India

If any of our members who are interested at all in public affairs begin to number the friends and acquaintances from other countries whose names we know as well as we know similar women in Canada, one of those on the list will be that of Miss Cornelia Sorabji. She is one of India's foremost women in public affairs, as her sister who died last year, Miss Susie Sorabji, was a leader in literary affairs.

Miss Sorabji spoke to the Montreal Club in November of last year. One thing in her address which interested us was that she mentioned Dr. Helen McMurchy's Little Blue Books having been translated into the vernacular.

And so a clever Canadian medical woman, assisted by a Canadian Government, is doing her share to educate India's millions of ignorant mothers on how to care intelligently for their children.

Which is international, and national, and personal Christianity in the truest sense of the word.

"IF PREMIER BENNETT WERE TO ASK YOU . . ."

Oh, wait, girls—please! Why, it's Leap Year anyway, and doing your own asking is quite permissible! And what we were going to say was only, Supposing he should ask you for your advice!—Which is a different matter . . . Of course.

But suppose, we repeat, that Premier Bennett should ask you for advice as to what to do in the coming sessions of the Legislature; advice that would help him solve the uncanny and bewildering problems that will confront him in February and March. What would your reply be?

In other words, what legislation would you like to see written into the laws of our Canada this year of 1932?

Unemployment relief, for instance. Shall our Government continue to extend it as they have been doing, piling up debt upon debt for us and our great-grandchildren (or somebody's) to take care of? Or is there a more business-like way to solve this question that, certainly, must be solved?

Perhaps you, seated in your own office, may have an answer to this and other timely questions. Therefore, for the best letter of 200 words answering the question in our third paragraph we are offering a prize of Five Dollars worth of books. The writer must be a member of a federated Club. If any non-member wishes to compete and is awarded the prize, it will consist of but one book.

Please address the Chairman of the Publicity Committee and have your answer in her hands by March 1st. The award will be announced and the prize-winning letter published in our April 1st issue.

We shall ask Miss Mount of Hamilton, the Ontario Vice-President, to make the judge's decision.

Please write out your ideas and make our first Contest an interesting one.

Resolutions

Miss Thornton of Winnipeg advises us that she has forwarded to Premier Bennett the following resolution which was formulated just after the close of the Convention in June:

"WHEREAS: we are alive to the extreme gravity of present world conditions and especially to the significance of the Disarmament Conference to be held at Geneva in February, 1932—

BE IT RESOLVED: That The Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs respectfully and earnestly urge upon the Dominion Government the importance of sending the strongest possible delegation from Canada to the coming Disarmament Conference at Geneva in 1932 to impress upon that conference the great necessity of attaining world peace through disarmament at an early date."

She adds:

"Under date of January 5th I have received a letter from C. M. Merrian, Private Secretary to Mr. Bennett, reading as follows:

Dear Miss Thornton—I have been directed by the Prime Minister to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ulto, in which you advise of the adoption of a resolution by your organization on July 4th last concerning the representation to be sent from Canada to the Geneva Disarmament Conference.

I have also been directed to advise you that the representations which you have made will be given every consideration.

Yours faithfully,

C. M. Merrian,
Private Secretary."

ACTIONS AND RE-ACTIONS

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held a most successful Country Store affair, concert and dance in November, and all the profits of this will be devoted chiefly to assist young women in need, or school girls who require a bit of big sistering and work of that kind. This idea of service is the main-spring of this group and they accomplish a tremendous amount of work with seemingly very little effort.

VICTORIA

Following Miss Agnes Macphail's meeting

in Victoria, Miss Margaret M. Clay, Chairman of International Committee of Canadian Federation of B. and P. W. Clubs entertained the guest of honor at her home.

ST. CATHARINES

(Press report forwarded by Miss Ethel Upper, Press Secretary)

"An arrogant little man who is the tool of those who employ him—the representative of a minority of only 300,000 to 400,000 people in a land with a population of 351,000,000," such was the description which Mrs. M. McKinnon of Toronto, gave of Gandhi, Indian Nationalist leader, in the course of a lecture on India given before a meeting sponsored by the Business and Professional Women's Club in December. Mrs. McKinnon ardently defended British rule in India.

Mrs. McKinnon, whose mother was an Indian princess and whose father was a Scottish statesman and soldier, was born in the Palace of Shalimar. Her sister is now engaged in literary work in India and is the source of much of Mrs. McKinnon's information on conditions there. Last night's meeting was presided over by Miss Evelyn Robertson, president of the Business and Professional Women's Club, and expressions of thanks to the speaker were given by Miss Annie Kilbourn and Dr. G. H. Berkeley.

This Is Interesting

—That Miss Winnifred Kydd of Montreal, president of the National Council of Women, who will represent the women of Canada at the Disarmament Conference at Geneva in March, is only twenty-seven years of age. And that she has red hair.

Don't you think someone with red hair has been needed at these conferences for some time?

—That the writer of that sprightly article in Maclean's Magazine last September, signed "A Spinster" and answering the article "by Business Woman," is a member of the Vancouver Club, Miss E. D. LeSuer.

We could find room for a contribution from Miss LeSuer in any issue of the NEWSLETTER.

"Four things a man must learn to do if he would make his record true:

To think without confusion clearly;
To love his fellow men sincerely;
To act from honest motives purely;
To trust in God and Heaven securely."

—Henry Van Dyke.