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DEDICATION.

To the poor women without homes, to the little toilers who should be in the schools and playgrounds, to the white slaves in their tragic bondage, and to the children who die, these pages are dedicated! May every woman who is not too idle to have a thought, or too vain to have a soul, or too rich in gold to have a heart, join in the great struggle for women's freedom!

Purity, Liberty, Justice — these we must work for!

THE LAMP OF SACRIFICE

The campaign for the Parade Fund is on. Plans are going forward and the Finance Committee is receiving budgets from the active committees. Bands will cost \$800 each. The floats will cost \$600, and all in all, the original budget of \$1500 looks more and more insufficient each day. Only \$20 remains from the Washington Parade Fund as a nest egg. This fund must grow speedily if we are to do credit to ourselves and the cause. If five people would give \$100, eight people \$50, twelve people \$25, ten people \$10, twenty people \$5 and one hundred people \$1, the problem would be solved. It would be very easy if you would make it so. It will be very hard if you refuse to help.

Please send all contributions to Mrs. Wm. J. Brown, chairman of the Finance Committee, 817 North Charles street.

Miss Florence Adler.....	50
Miss M. B. Dixon.....	25
Sale literature, pins, cardinals, badges, etc.....	32.00
Sale of tea and cakes.....	5.00
Rental of headquarters.....	2.50
Previously acknowledged.....	10,248.74
Total.....	\$10,290.58

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

Ten more volunteers for the petition work have been secured. This brings the total number up to 123. There are still 177 needed. If your name is not included in the 123, will you not send it in to Just Government League Headquarters? All that this involves is the securing of 100 names to the petition between now and August 1st. This is at the rate of twenty signatures a month, or five a week. This is very little to ask of anyone, and it means so much to the cause. Let YOUR name be included among next week's volunteers. The ten new volunteers are as follows: Mr. Harry Pairo, Mrs. Charles Thurman, Mrs. Henry M. Thomas, Miss Amy MacMahon, Miss Margaret Hepburn, Miss Anne Sloan, Miss Caroline Bamsmer, Miss R. E. Smith, Miss May Gellethey, Mrs. N. J. Carr.

WORKING WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

On April 4th Mr. Mythen will address the members of the Working Women's Association and will try to interest them to march in the May parade as a body.

MRS. REGINALD FOSTER



A graduate of the Johns Hopkins Training School for Nurses, an experienced social worker and now organizer for the Just Government League of Maryland.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

"Many hands make light work." The truth of this old adage is nowhere more apparent than in the suffrage campaign. There is hardly a precinct in Baltimore City that cannot boast of having a nucleus of suffragists resident in it. If these suffragists would let their suffrage work begin at home, right in their own neighborhood, no one would have to work very hard, and yet the suffrage propaganda would go forward incredibly fast.

There are twenty-four wards in Baltimore City. In each ward there are on an average twelve precincts; in each precinct there are from 350 to 450 resident voters. A precinct covers a very small extent of space only about 10 or 12 blocks. The work of a precinct captain is easy and simple, but at the same time as essential as each stitch is in work done on a chain-stitch machine. All the precinct captain has to do is to get her precinct book containing an alphabetical list of the suffragist residents in her precinct from her ward captain, call these suffragists together at a meeting at her own or some one else's house and then detail the precinct out block by block to those who are willing to help.

The object in precinct work is to convert a majority of the voters in the precinct to suffrage, in other words to carry the precinct for suffrage candidates this year, and later to carry it in the referendum when the fate of the bill will be decided. The methods to be pursued are to place suffrage literature in all shops, doctors', dentists' offices in the precinct, to circulate the petition and voters' pledge slips, to get new subscriptions for THE SUFFRAGE NEWS, and ultimately to interview all adult residents of the precinct on the subject of suffrage. It is not necessary to hold propaganda meetings. It is only necessary to hold one business meeting in the month for the purpose of hearing reports and preparing a report to be sent in to the ward chairman. It is also important to have one delegate appointed to attend the ward meetings, to take in the report.

The precinct work is really good fun, it is stimulating and easy, and when all is said and done it is as fundamental to the success of the suffrage movement as the bolts in a bridge are fundamental to its stability. Try it and then if you don't like it, give it up, but at any rate, try it for a month.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Propaganda Leaflets Circulated.

Hagerstown and vicinity is being systematically canvassed with Alice Stone Blackwell's "Objections Answered." Every near-and-possible suffragist has received a pamphlet. Our teachers in the correspondence school are also carrying on lessons, and by summer the Hagerstown residents will be unable to plead, "We have not heard much of suffrage."

Watch Our Ads.

CONNECTICUT'S EXPERIENCE

How the Democratic Party Happened to Put in an Equal Suffrage Plank in Its Platform.

Shortly before the party conventions met in Connecticut last summer to frame their platforms a leading member of the Democratic party appeared before the Legislative Committee of the Woman Suffrage Association and informed the members that he thought it might be possible to have a plank providing for municipal suffrage for women inserted in the Democratic platform if the women would promise their support. After a somewhat stormy session the committee replied that not only would they refuse to support such a plank, but that if a bill with such an intent were introduced before the Legislature they would appear to speak against it and would oppose it in every way. The Democratic leader retorted that "half a loaf was better than no loaf at all," and that if the women wished to show such poor sense as to refuse support to a moderate measure they would have to make up their minds to get nothing at all. The suffragists resigned themselves to their fate, knowing that their principles were well founded, and at the close of the convention they were rewarded by learning that the Democratic party had nailed down an equal suffrage plank in its platform providing for full suffrage for the women of Connecticut.

Let Maryland women profit by the experience of their sisters elsewhere.

TALBOT COUNTY

Suffragists Make Plans for May Pageant.

The Just Franchise League held its monthly meeting on March 15th at the league headquarters, Easton, Md. The Petition Committee gave a most favorable report. Mrs. John MacHale, the chairman, reporting eighty-five names on her petition. Mrs. A. H. Pattison read a paper on the "Unanswerable Argument (?) That Women Do Not Want to Vote," and Mrs. P. L. Travers refuted the Easton anti-suffrage statement that only "Mormons and semi-civilized countries and States had enfranchised women."

Miss Alice Cox will have charge of plans for the Talbot county float for the pageant on May 31st.

The league will endeavor to obtain a speaker from the Anti-Suffrage Society to debate the question of Equal Suffrage.

CECIL COUNTY

Plans Maturing for a Caravan Trip.

Next week Cecil county will begin to hear of Votes for Women from every township. The caravan trip will start; meetings will be planned for every possible "corner" of the county. Cecil already has a suffrage league, which was organized less than a year ago.

TORCH LIGHT CLUB

Appoints Parade Committee.

The Torch Light Club, a club of young girls who voted to participate in the suffrage parade on May 31, has appointed a committee to arrange for costumes to be worn at that time. Red and white will be the color scheme.

MASS-MEETING AT ANNAPOLIS

Men's League of Anne Arundel County Start Active Campaign.

A mass-meeting called by Mr. W. H. Hart, the president of the Men's League of Anne Arundel county, is scheduled for Sunday, April 20th, at Colonial Theater. The Just Government League of Anne Arundel county will co-operate and it is expected that a large number of persons will be reached. The meeting is to be on the lines of the one held recently in the Academy of Music in Baltimore and the question of woman suffrage in relation to morality will be discussed. Congressman Hobson, Senator Thomas of Colorado, Mrs. Kent, Dr. Howard Kelly and the Rev. J. G. Mythen will speak. Mr. Hart will preside and tell of the particular problems of the capital city. The Rev. Mr. McComas, rector of St. Anne's Church, Annapolis, will open the meeting with prayer.

YOUNG LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

The Young Ladies' Benevolent Society, with a membership of over 300, has asked the secretary of the Men's League to address them, on the subject of "Woman's Civic Responsibility." The society is established to care for the poor and friendless girls who may come to its knowledge and is especially a beneficial organization. That many of the aims for which it is established could best be attained by the exercise of the ballot is obvious and we hope to have this strong and able association affiliated with the Just Government League.