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The Women Voters of California.

Dear Editor News:

I must send you a clipping from a letter written from California. A woman who is too indifferent to be for or against woman suffrage gave as a reason for her attitude that she did not see what good it would do. This letter so exactly answers the remark—I can't bring myself to call it a reason—that I enclose it.

"I have just received a letter from my sister, who is a voter in California. They are on the eve of an election. My sister was an anti-suffragist before the women were allowed to vote, and it seems to me, therefore, particularly interesting to see her point of view now:

"Every bit of time any voter in California—man or woman—can spare to it has to be spent studying up for the November election. I could not possibly keep informed and vote intelligently if I did not belong to the Women's City Club (Los Angeles). There are a lot of things to be informed about before you can vote intelligently, and such lots of electioneering done that you have to keep steadily studying the amendments. After we get our sample ballots we are going to have a political meeting for mutual enlightenment for our guests, to be held in the ballroom (she has a hotel). As there is a great deal of feeling about this election, it will probably be a lively meeting. If there is any woman in California today who could not make a speech on suffrage, then she has neglected her opportunities in the past three years. It is, if nothing else, educational to be allowed to vote, especially in California under the present regime. But the thing that I like about it best is woman's acknowledged, unquestioned equality with man. A woman's right to vote entitles her to man's earnest consideration of her opinions and convictions. There is no ranting, no flaunting of woman's equality with man, just a calm acceptance of an established fact."

K. P. G.

Editor Maryland Suffrage News:

This week Mrs. Latimer is taking care of the field work, and I have been stationed at the office. We are confronted with the task of getting thousands of pieces of literature into every home in Kansas. The weather has been unfavorable and has shut off street meetings; but I have held four indoor meetings, two of them out in the districts. I have visited Armourdale, Iola and Colony. At all these places we have had our hall rent and printing given to us by the women of the town. Both Mrs. Latimer and I have very ambitious programs mapped out for this week. Telegrams and letters are pouring in from Central and Western Kansas, urging us to hold meetings there. We couldn't possibly respond to all the invitations. The speed gets a little more furious the nearer election we get.

LOLA C. TRAX.

October 17, 1914.
724 Minnesota avenue,
Kansas City, Kans.

LAMP OF SACRIFICE

Several questions have come to the Chairman of the Literature Committee that make this seem an appropriate time for a short explanation of the committee's work.

First—Why do we order in such large quantities, and as a consequence have such large bills?

Answer—We must order in usually 3000 lots in order to get our pamphlets at a figure which will enable us to sell single copies at the same price as the National and the Congressional Union, otherwise we might as well go out of business, as no one will pay us five cents for a pamphlet which can be bought in New York or Washington for two for five.

Second—Why not distribute all literature free?

Answer—The literature is sold by order of the Executive Board, only that wanted for debating purposes being free, excepting in cases where the chairman of the committee thinks it wise to make an exception to rule. (These exceptions have been made in cases of organizations of new leagues and when financially embarrassed leagues happen to be in particularly valuable parts of the State.)

The literature is sold on such a close margin, as a rule, that profit from sales just about pays for that given free, except in cases of free distribution in the city at election times.

The map flyer has been sold 20 cents under cost price per 1000 for over two years. On October 1 the price of map flyers was raised from \$1 to \$1.25 per 1000. They cost us \$1.20 per 1000 in 10,000 lots.

Our idea, of course, is to make

the Literature Committee self-supporting. This is a very high ambition, and it is only going to be realized by real co-operation on the part of members of the league. The Literature Committee of the National has only achieved this in recent years.

When a new pamphlet or flyer comes out, purchase a few copies and mail them to your friends. This will cost each individual a very small amount, but it makes dollars for the Literature Committee and keeps our supplies moving by enabling us to clear out one kind of pamphlet and get in a new one, for splendid suffrage articles are continually appearing in the magazines and should be gotten out in pamphlet form for use in our work. But if our supply moves so slowly we are blocked.

Our present pamphlet, "The Country Gentlewoman," was brought to my notice just in time to get it out in place of our little letter leaflet, which had just given out. The two both deal with the suffragists in the country; but isn't it rather refreshing to be given another person's viewpoint once in a while?

Third—Now, one good suffragist came to me some time ago and said she ordered her literature from New York, as ours was always out of date.

Answer—Our literature is absolutely up to date with the exception of a pamphlet which, owing to the great progress made in the suffrage cause, it is impossible for a State league to keep up to date.

I refer to "Objections Answered." In this pamphlet is a list of States where women vote. If new States come in before our supply of these pamphlets gives out, you can see that they would necessarily be a little out of date.

Right here let me say that when I consulted the list of outstanding bills I found our pamphlet was not nearly as out of date as this complainant's account was.

I have a standing order with the National to send me samples of everything new that comes out. These samples are in the literature cabinet at headquarters, and you are welcome to look them over at any time, and should you desire to leave an order it will be attended to for you.

The last question that came was: Why is the Literature Committee in debt?

Answer—Because on account of the extra expense incident to last legislative year we have not been able to get our appropriation of \$500, which was made by the Executive Board on November 27, 1912. We have only had a very small proportion of this appropriation,

the rest of our literature being paid for by sales and contributions.

You will see from the report that we have \$53.17 in outstanding bills. All but about \$3 of this is practically sure money, and taking this \$53.17 into consideration as an asset, we are only \$33.23 in the hole for the past six months.

But we want to forestall the possibility of going into a hole again the coming six months. We want to raise \$350 now as a guarantee fund for the literature expenses for the coming year.

I have been making caramel and selling it for suffrage. So far this autumn I have cleared \$5. I pledge this amount to the literature fund. Will someone else make a pledge? Previously acknowledged... \$75.50
From sale of caramel... 5.00
Mrs. E. W. Koch... 1.00
Mrs. E. Goodwin... 1.00
\$82.50

In addition to the above, Mrs. A. Sweeten and Mrs. F. Goodwin have pledged 25 cents a month for one year. Miss Bonneville and Miss Kent have each pledged \$1, and Mrs. Robert Moss \$5. This will be acknowledged in the column as it comes in.

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