Drinking water only in hydrants. Building very dilapidated. Paint needed

Branch-Improved since last year, but needs paint.

School No. 103 (colored), Division street near Lanvale-Needs paint and calsomining.

School No. 15, southwest corner Carrollton avenue and Saratoga street-Teachers' toilet needed.

School No. 31, northeast corner Schroeder and Pierce streets-Playyard inadequate.

School No. 75, northeast corner Carrollton avenue and Lexington street-Boys' yard could be enlarged.

School No. 12, southwest corner Barre and Warner streets-Needs furnace badly. Was very inadequately heated this winter. No drinking water in building. Toilets in cellar freeze in winter. Paint needed. Overcrowded.

School No. 4, northeast corner Hanover and Lee streets-Water needed in yard.

School No. 106, Hill street near Sharp-Drinking water needed in building. Paint and calsomine needed.

School No. 28, northwest corner Battery avenue and Clement street-Drinking water needed inside. Bubble fountains needed. Building very defective. Toilets unsuitable.

School No. 92, northeast corner Charles and Ostend streets-Toilets for children and teachers in miserable condition. Bubble fountains needed. Spigots now too high for small children to reach. Paint badly needed.

School No. 33, Light and Clement streets-Drinking water in bad condition. It is drawn at recess from hydrant into pail and is dipped out by common drinking cup.

School No. 76, northwest corner Hull and Clement streets-Paint needed very badly. Plaster in new annex still wet in rainy weather; comes through. Second floor northwest panes are blurred by action of acid from factory; cannot be cleaned. New panes needed on that side. Building should be made more presentable for celebration, as it is named Francis Scott Key.

### WIFE AND SISTERS DOING SUFFRAGE WORK WHILE HE IS AT THE FRONT

W HILE Sir John French is away in command of the British forces his wife is at home working with the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies in the distribution of relief, and care of non-combatants

Mrs. K. M. Harley, a sister of Sir John French and a guardian under the Poor Law, is one of the most active members of the National Suffrage Society. She is organizing the Active Service Girls' Cadet Corps which is rapidly spreading over the country. The girls are drilled and trained for giving aid to the injured and for camp management.

Mrs. Charlotte M. Despard, Sir John French's eldest sister, is the president of the Women's Freedom League and is one of the kest known figures in English public life. Mrs. Despard, and her late husband, a well-known medical man, gave up their home and fortune to live in the East End of London where they established one of the first free clinics. She is everywhere loved by the poor, and she is the only suffrage speaker who has drawn from Mr. Asquith an appreciation of the intensity and meaning of the women's demand for enfranchisement.

### A CLASS IN PUBLIC SPEAKING under the direction of MR. DALE H. CARNAGEY of NEW YORK

is being formed among the members of the Equal Suffrage League, the Just Government League and the Maryland Woman Suffrage Association.

The first meeting of the class will be held at 2.30 P. M. on Wednesday, January 13, 1915, the place of meeting to be announced later.

All those who desire to join the class should send in their names at once to their league's headquarters, as the charge for the lessons will be determined from the number joining the class. It is hoped that 25 cents a lesson will be the maximum charge per person.

### ANOTHER CONVERT TO THE RANKS

Oklahoma Commissioner of Charities Regrets Not Having Worked in 1910 Campaign.

N EW YORK has been brightened lately by the presence of a vivid personality in Miss Kate Barnard, State Commissioner of Charities of Oklahoma. Miss Barnard is here in the interests of the 101,000 Indians of Oklahoma whom she regards as her wards, and especially so a number of Indian orphans for whose training she is raising an endowment. "Oklahoma Kate" is very single minded in the pursuit of her object, but at the public meetings she addressed she paused to state that she was thoroughly ashamed of the fact that the suffrage campaign in Oklahoma in 1910 did not find her fighting in the ranks of the suffragists.

"If only I had heard some of your splendid New York leaders," said Miss Barnard, "they would certainly have convinced me, and I should not now have to nurse the memory of a great opportunity for doing good which I lost by not working for suffrage in 1910.

"How did I become a suffragist? Why I think it was by reading Olive Schreiner's great work, "Woman and Labor" which first opened my eyes. I then saw the way women's work and interests have been closed in. Again I have only to look at legislative records in equal suffrage states to see that woman suffrage brings good measures.

"Take, for instance, the question of an eight-hour law for women. Women workers who need this law so badly can only get it when they have the power of the ballot."

Miss Barnard, the Western born Irishwoman, her whole personality alive, vibrating with enthusiasm for her work and her people, in her own person is one of the best arguments for giving women a share in government. When next the issue of suffrage is raised in Oklahoma, Miss Barnard is going to work for it just as hard as she is now working for her Indian orphans.

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