

THE WOMAN SUFFRAGE PARTY DINNER

**Initial Banquet of New Organization an Unparalleled Success—
200 People Listen to Brilliant Address of Noted
Lecturer and Authoress.**

MEMBERS of the Woman's Suffrage Party of Maryland who attended the initial banquet of the organization, held on February 23 at the City Club, Munsey Building, were given a bewildering number of arguments with which to assail the next Legislature in the address of Mrs. Beatrice Forbes-Robertson Hale of New York, niece of Forbes-Robertson, the English actor.

Mrs. Hale's speech, the delivery of which consumed about an hour, was the big feature of the evening.

Dr. Lilian Welsh Presides.

There were about 200 guests, seated about small tables. At the head table sat the speakers and Dr. Lilian Welsh, the toastmistress. This table held a profusion of jonquils, while smaller vases of these flowers formed the principal decoration of the room. After the preceding speakers had each consumed the allotted five minutes, Dr. Welsh introduced Mrs. Hale.

Mrs. Hale's Address.

Mrs. Hale reviewed the argument that if votes were given women, men would cease to be chivalrous. She said that it was time for women of Maryland and America to "take more interest in being ancestors than in being descendants." She said that the right of women to vote was an integral part of the typical American standard of democracy. She discussed the industrial phase of woman suffrage, saying that women clamored for the ballot, first, because they needed some big interest to take the place of the things that had been taken away from them, but principally because they wished to be able to repay in service to the country the agencies that had given them so much. Mrs. Hale spoke convincingly and brilliantly, and was warmly applauded.

Suffrage Road in Maryland Likened to Tipperary.

The first speaker was Mrs. J. William Funck, president of the Maryland Woman Suffrage Association, who spoke on "History of the Suffrage Movement in Maryland," and extended her theme to take in the history of the movement since its launching in America. Like the "road to Tipperary," she said, it was a "long ways to go," but the goal was at last in sight.

Mrs. Charles E. Ellicott, president of the Equal Suffrage League, whose theme was the "Formation of the Woman Suffrage Party in Maryland," spoke of the realization by the leaders of the various suffrage leagues of the need of greater solidarity and the consequent organization of the new confederacy.

Mrs. Donald R. Hooker, president of the Just Government League, was prevented by illness from attending. Her place was taken by Mrs. B. J. Byrne, president of the J. G. L. of Howard county, who sketched the steps that would be taken to organize the city by wards and precincts.

Taking as her subject a recent editorial in the New York Times against woman suffrage, Dr. Heloise Abel of Goucher College, president of the College Equal Suffrage League, attacked each argument.

Frank F. Ramey, representing the Men's League for Woman Suffrage, declared that the men of Maryland had shirked their responsibility by not backing the movement for women.

Mrs. Helen R. Martin of Harrisburg, Pa., author of "Tillie, the Menonite Maid," made a brief address.

The List of Guests.

Among those present at the banquet were:

Mr. and Mrs.—Dr. J. William Funck, S. Johnson Poe, W. S. Symington, Jr., F. F. Ramey, Robert Moss, Annapolis; Columbus O'D. Lee.

Mesdames—Felix Goldsborough, Otto Bibby, C. N. Athey, E. H. Walker, Katherine Carr, C. N. Gabriel, Caroline F. Barnett, Hagerstown; C. J. Keller, William P. Holmes, B. J. Byrne, Julia Meyer, Almira Sweeten, William Hydeman, L. R. Sollenberger, Helen R. Martin, Harrisburg, Pa.; Charles E. Ellicott, Byrd, Hannaman, Alfred M. Quick, Thomas Munn, O. G. Ogle, May E. Moore, Tubman, Edward Robinson, W. D. Hearst, L. Stewart, Troupe, M. N. Perry, W. W. Emmart, Howard Schwarz, S. Sollers, William T. Dixon, E. D. Crawford, John Heard, E. Conture, George A. Barkdale, O. Edward Janney, Walter R. Johns, John S. Gibbs, Jr., Arthur Hadsell, M. Zurndorf, Struven, Evelyn Timanus, W. W. Guth, J. W. Putts, W. H. Wilcox, George Lamb, Charles Ellicott, W. C. McIlwain, William Strobel, Albert Myers, C. Oppenhagen, Ada Hammond, Rev. Olympia Browne, Townsend Scott.

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EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

Monday, March 1.

Regular Meeting of Anne Arundel County J. G. L. at Annapolis at 3 P. M.

Meeting of Oratorical Contest Committee at W. C. T. U. Headquarters, 512 Park avenue, at 3 P. M.

Tuesday, March 2.

Executive Committee Meeting at J. G. L. Headquarters at 3 P. M.

Suffrage "At Home" at J. G. L. Headquarters at 4 P. M. Hostess, Mrs. Almira Sweeten. Speaker, Mrs. Edward C. Wilson, President of the Arundell Club.

County Campaign Committee Meeting at 817 North Charles street at 10.30 A. M.

Wednesday, March 3.

Public-Speaking Class at Room 404 Y. M. C. A. Building at 2 P. M.

Friday, March 5.

Parcel-Post Sale at J. G. L. Headquarters at 8 P. M.

Doctors—Heloise Abel, Lilian Welsh, Mary Sherwood, Nellie V. Mark, Clara Bacon, Annie Heloise Abel, Fannie Hoopes, D. R. Hooker, Florence Sabin, Coraline Tolles, Elizabeth Hurdon.

Misses—E. L. Lord, Mary C. O'Brien, Marjory Matthews, Jennie Smith, Anna Smith, Marjorie Soper, Sara Ellis, Mary Lent, Julia Rogers, Gruner, Stephanie Schack, Edith Whiting, Estelle L. Struven, Elizabeth Lacey, Agnes Bacon, Susan Barnard, Betty Nesbitt, Mary Richardson, Susie Hollstein, Mary Green Mack, Emily Ellinger, Aurilla Smith, Ernestine Klien, Tupper, Rodway, Gillitty, Hathaway, Zimmerman, Alice D. Campbell, Rebecca S. Janney, Alice Ball, Eleanor Sweringen, Anna R. Stewart, Elizabeth Scott, Etta Maddox, Margaret Robinson, Marian Bullard, Jeanette Carpenter, Anna Herkner, E. Jones, Horner, E. T. Roberts, H. T. Roberts, Mary B. Stewart, Jacobs, Maynadier, Alice B. Kempton, Hammond, Florence Hanna, Maria Martin, Wills, Helen Scott.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR ORATORICAL CONTEST COMPLETED

Committee to Meet on Monday to Select Subjects of Orations.

The opening suffrage oratorical contest is scheduled for Friday evening March 26, at 8 o'clock, at Just Government League headquarters. Miss L. C. Trax, Mrs. C. D. Warfield and Miss Ella Richardson made this announcement on Monday afternoon. Seven speakers have already enrolled their names as participants—Mrs. Wm. P. Holmes, Miss Marjorie Soper, Mrs. John Heard, Mrs. C. C. Harris, Miss Emma Jamison, Mrs. Beta Kennedy and Miss Madeline Riggan. These speakers will meet on Monday at 3 P. M. at W. C. T. U. headquarters to map out the subjects of their orations and discuss other details of the contest.

ANOTHER PARCEL-POST SALE

Dancing to Follow Disposition of Packages on Friday Evening.

Another good time is promised to all those who attend the parcel-post sale to be held at J. G. L. headquarters on Friday, March 5, at 8 P. M. The first sale was so successful that Mrs. Wm. P. Holmes, the chairman of the Friday night meetings, decided to hold another one in the near future.

Packages valued at ten cents each are requested from all those interested in the league, as the receipts from the sale will be used to further the suffrage propaganda. A good many parcels are on hand from the other sale, having arrived several days too late, and these, together with many new ones, will be disposed of on Friday evening.

The sale is open to the general public, and will be followed by dancing.

MRS. EDWARD C. WILSON TO SPEAK

President of Arundell Club to Tell of Organization of Women's Clubs at Suffrage Tea.

One of the most interesting of the suffrage "At Homes" held weekly at Just Government League headquarters will take place on Tuesday, March 2, at 4 o'clock, when Mrs. Edward C. Wilson, President of the Arundell Club, will speak on "The Organization of Women Into Clubs."

Mrs. Almira Sweeten will pour tea, and, although the meeting is an open one, a special invitation to be present is extended to all clubwomen.