

THE EQUAL SUFFRAGE LEAGUE OF MARYLAND

This column is contributed by the Press Committee of the Equal Suffrage League of Baltimore. All communications should be sent to the League headquarters, 107 Brown Arcade.

The Equal Suffrage League Card Party.

BY an oversight this column neglected to send in last week an account of the very successful card party given by the Literature Committee of the Equal Suffrage League. Miss Ball's artistic room made a fine setting for a representative gathering of women. It was a success in every way, financial as well as social.

The committee in charge wish to give their heartiest thanks to Miss Ball for the use of her home, and also to Miss Alice Holt and the Martha Washington Candy Shop for their generous donations of the candy which was used for prizes at the different tables.

Miss Kate Gordon's Visit.

Miss Kate Gordon of New Orleans was given an informal reception at the Tea House Sunday afternoon by the board of directors of the Equal Suffrage League. It was much regretted that the very short notice of Miss Gordon's visit prevented an invitation being sent to all of the suffrage leagues and the general public.

Miss Gordon spoke with much earnestness of the work in the South and their pressing need for funds.

She declares that the enfranchising of Southern women is largely a question of funds and of being able to bring the question of suffrage to their attention.

This the Southern Conference is doing by systematically furnishing the papers of the South with suffrage propaganda.

Five thousand dollars have been spent in this work in less than a year, and out of two thousand newspapers twelve hundred have accepted the news.

Miss Gordon claims that the recent phenomenal success in the State legislatures of the South is largely due to this educational work of the Southern Conference.

She predicts that the South will be enfranchised before some of the Eastern States, and declares that South Carolina, the stronghold of prejudice and rock-bound conservatism, will lead them. And this at no very far distant day, either.

True Heroism.

In a recent issue of a daily paper we read an account of a young girl assuming male attire in order to go as a soldier to the front and take an active part in the fighting.

So well did she succeed in this that she was promoted for bravery and given a decoration. Her sex was not discovered until after being wounded she was carried from the field.

Although this girl had violated all traditions of womanhood and had sold her birthright, the right to cherish and protect life, for the frenzied excitement of battle, she is called by the press a heroine. This girl was warring against her own sex, for not only was she fighting the men of the countries opposed to her own, but every wife, mother and sister of these men as well.

She was fighting the battle of men, against all that women hold sacred, killing with her own hands sons of some broken-hearted mother, brothers of some defenceless girl, and fathers of helpless children.

Suffragists do not uphold that type of woman. In fact, she is not a type, but a freakish offshoot of womanhood, forced into existence, we hope, only by the horrors of the war around her, and by no means should she be given the title of heroine.

What suffragists do stand for is "universal peace," the conservation and protection of human life, and subduing and conquering the brute instinct which bids men kill.

They wish to make this barbarous manner of settling national questions of the hour as absurd and antiquated as is the old-time method of duelling for private questions of honor.

The true women heroines of the war are those women at the front, not clad as men and shedding human blood, but risking their lives to bind up the wounds and save what is left of the life of those poor victims of "man's inhumanity to man"; women in desolated, destroyed homes who have patiently shouldered all of the burdens let fall by the men, and are carrying them with quiet, enduring heroism, which the world can never forget.

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CHILD LABOR LAW DOOMED.

Delaware Also Will Repeal the Working Women Act.

The Delaware Child Labor and Working Women laws, enacted two years ago and drafted after the Maryland statutes, will be repealed. In the Senate three measures, abolishing the existing laws, creating a State Labor Commission of five members, to be appointed by the Governor, and providing that the Child Labor Inspector and the inspector under the Ten-Hour law for women shall be appointed by the new commission, were given first and second readings and referred to committee. The bills passed the House without dissent. They will also pass the Senate and will be approved by the Governor.

THE NEW YORK CAMPAIGN

Politicians Offer Free Headquarters to Suffrage Workers.

WORK in New York State has begun in earnest in preparation for the popular vote on the suffrage amendment. The bill was signed last Thursday, and now that the political parties are recognizing that the women have a good chance of success and that if they win their votes must be reckoned with in the future, the political leaders are showing much favor to the suffrage organizations. Offers have been made of free headquarters for the suffrage workers in combination with the headquarters of the regular political parties. Some of these offers are quite tempting, for the need of money for campaign purposes is great and urgent. But the suffragists are steadily refusing to be drawn into any close connection with any party, and are intent on maintaining their independence and holding their organizations intact.

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