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FANNIE WALL CHILDREN'S HOME & DAY NURSERY

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(Tune "America")

1.—

Our Colored Women true
Of California too,
Are in the Ranks,
We'll sing it loud and clear,
That every one may hear
 He'll guide and he will cheer
Us as we go.

2.—

Our Boys and Girls must stand,
As giants in the land,
With torches high,
Come rouse from sluggard sleep
 And help the vigil keep
What tho the clouds hang low?
There's blue beyond.

3.—

Behold the morning ray,
Turns darkness into day,
As we go on,
We'll guard Old Glory too,
To Her we'll ever be true,
We'll ever dare and do,
With God our guide.

—by EVA CARTER BUCKNER.



CLUB WOMAN'S PRAYER

Keep us, O Lord from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word and deed. Let us be done with fault-finding, and leave off self-seeking. May we put away pretense, and meet each other face to face without prejudice. May we never be hasty in judgment, and always generous. Teach us to put in action our better impulses, straight forward and unafraid. Let us take time for all things; make us to grow calm and gentle. Grant that we may realize it is the little things, that create differences that in the big things of life we are one. And may we strive to touch and know the great common human heart of us all, and O, Lord God, let us not forget to be kind.

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FOREWORD

We all want to feel important in some way and there are two ways to do it: One is to excel, the other is to tear down some one who does excel. Depend upon it, the WOMAN who is criticized, EXCELS in Some Way. It means however that no one does anything unless in doing, they receive more satisfaction than Pain.

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OFFICIAL CALL

By the power in me vested as State Pres., California State Association of Colored Women, Inc., I hereby issue an "OFFICIAL CALL" to the constituency of this fine organization's forty-seventh Annual Convention at Washington High School, Grove and Bancroft Streets, Berkeley, California, July 27-30. 1953.

GERTRUDE REESE HICKS,
"Deeds Not Words."

STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It makes no difference who sang the song,
If only the song was sung;
It makes no difference who did the deed
Be they old in years or young
If the song was sweet and helped a soul.
What matters the singer's name?
The worth was in the song itself,
And not in the world acclaim.
The song and the deed are one
If each be done for love;
Love of the work not love of self,
And the "score" is kept above.

Time has again succeeded itself and thru the mercy of Almighty God we are again brought face to face. We are happy to greet each of you and extend personally, our many, many thanks for your wholehearted co-operation for the past two years.

This is our organization, we women of California together. We can make C. S. A. C. A. W. and the principle for which it stands stringently felt throughout the nation. I am hoping that we will so closely knit ourselves, that time will soon present itself that the voice of one woman will be the voice of all. I have had as my slogan my full tenure of office, "State Solidarity" as we have not quite absorbed the meaning of or the necessity for Solidarity. I have chosen as the theme of this convention different phases of State Solidarity for discussion groups, with the hope that we may realize that there is no North, no South, no Central or San Diego Sections but a United State Association. As we acclimate our theme, please may I ask for my successor.

1. By idealizing the position in which we place her.

2. Idealizing the program she presents.

3. Idealizing each other, to that end that we

shall determine within our hearts (when tempted by trespassers outside to distort the truth with our own C. S. A. C. W. family) let us determine as did Abraham to Lot, "Let there be no strife between me and Thee for we are brethren." Genesis 13:8.

Thus will we create and maintain State Solidarity for ourselves, that will demand nationwide recognition. So let us think and work together as one individual.

"One can do a lot of good in the world if he does not care who gets the credit."

I do not ask for wealth of gold,

I only ask that I may live in honor to my name

So that when the everlasting sleep

Bids eyelids closed for aye

There'll be someone who'll be right glad

I met them some where on the way.

Yours for State Solidarity

"Lifting as We Climb thru

Deeds Not Words"

GERTRUDE REESE HICKS,

State President



ELLA P. STEWART
Past Presidents Council, N. A.
1008 CITY PARK AVENUE
TOLEDO, OHIO

GREETINGS!

As your 14th Past President of the National Association of Colored Women, Inc., I am happy to have this opportunity of sending you my warmest greetings and congratulations for a successful and profitable meeting in 1953.

May God shower His blessings upon each of you in your every task for future progress.

Let us continue to go forward and be one for all and all for one, "Still achieving, still pursuing, whilst we labor and we wait."

Yours for Lifting as We Climb
ELLA P. STEWART,
Past Presidents' Council
of N. A. C. W.



To the Officers and Members of the C.S.A. of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc.,
GREETINGS:

First may I say, History is a systematic record of past events especially those that concern man.

The Matrons Civic Welfare Club was organized three years ago, for the purpose of serving the real needs in the community, The world, and the Nation. We strive to deal with the larger questions that confront us today, as Negro citizens, we want to instruct in good behavior, Health, Education, and Economics. We are proud of our achievements and can count many blessings we have received; and in turn see many things we have done to help others. Through our departments of Charity, Health, and Legislation. Realizing success is only reached through cooperation, careful planning, and Love. We, the Matrons have pledged our loyalty to the club. Our meetings have been held regularly with most members present. All our State obligations have been kept up to date. The membership of the Club is still



MATRONS CIVIC WELFARE CLUB
IDA O. PLEASANTS, President
3425 Helen St., Oakland, Calif.

growing. Programs rendered were: History, Mrs. Mildred Wilson, Chr. Arts and Crafts, Mrs. Martha Jefferson, Chr. Mother, Home and Child; Mrs. Rachel Taylor, Chr. Home Economics; Mrs. Lula Hampton, Chr. Monuments; Mrs. Jessie MaGee, Edna Rouse, Co-Chr. Health and Sanitation; Mrs. Lucile Norwood, Chr. Each of our annual projects has been a huge success: Linen Investment, Rummage Sale, Silver March and Tea. Our Anniversary Party in the Month of November is one of the most eventful and gala affairs of our Club..

Our future plans are to have a more far reaching program of which we hope to merit extra and greater achievements. Now as we near the close of the year, let us continue our work with renewed efforts. Remembering our Motto, "Lifting As We Climb, Deeds Not Words."



PHILOMATHEAN FEDERATED CLUB, INC.
Santa Monica, California

Madam President, Officers and Members of the California State Association of Colored Women Incorporated:

GREETINGS:

The Philomathean Charity Art, Literary and Social Club wishes to make its report for the year ending in June.

In September the Club resumed its years' work after vacationing the month of August. The first meeting was filled with echoes from the National and State Conventions. In October our building fund chairman, Mrs. Rose Wesson, held her annual rummage sale, climaxing it with the usual chicken dinner. From this effort the club realized \$193.51.

In November the club distributed their annual Thanksgiving Baskets. Nine families were remembered.

In December the club held its annual Xmas

Party at the home of Mrs. Isadore Williams. There secret pals were revealed and every one received beautiful presents. On this same occasion, the newly elected officers were installed for the ensuing year. We are happy to report that we re-elected our same President, Mrs. Loretta Edwards, who has wonderfully led the club for six years.

A new member was taken into the club in December; also the club sold \$14.00 worth of Xmas seals for the N. A. A. C. P.

In January, our President presented her year's program to the club which each member pledged her whole-hearted support.

The Commissary Committee sent 1/2 case of Carnation Milk to a family whose mother is a patient at Camarrillo State Hospital.

We also received a new member into the club. Mrs. Beatrice Williams, the wife of a local business man.

The club purchased a lot for our future club house on the corner of 18th and Broadway Streets in Santa Monica.

In February the Club sent \$10.00 to a widow who had lost her daughter. Ten dollars was also sent to the March of Dimes. We increased our dues from fifty cents to a dollar so as to speed up our building fund.

In March another new member was voted into the club, Mrs. Helen Pegues.

The Club sent our President to the N. A. A. C. P. banquet that was held at the Chase Hotel here March 14, 1953.

The Club sent \$10.00 to the Red Cross drive, and \$10.00 to the Citizens Committee which sponsored the campaign for Mrs. Marion Barnes, who was running for the Board of Education. The Committee entertained the club with a lovely St. Patrick's Day Party at the home of Mrs. Isadore Williams. At this time those having birthdays the first quarter, were felicitated. A lovely time was enjoyed by all.

Our hearts were saddened on Tuesday Morning, April 14, 1953, with the sudden passing of our beloved Mrs. Georgia D. McQueen, for many years our financial secretary, and again on Monday, April 20, 1953, our beloved and lamented Beulah Inlowe Reid, passed away. We shall miss these two great women, whose motto was truly "Deeds, Not Words."

In May the Club's Annual Mother's Day Breakfast was a tremendous success. We entertained one dozen mothers as guests of the club. We were honored to have the very prominent Dr. W. S. Mortesen choose the Philomathean breakfast to hold his family reunion. There were twenty members of his family in his party.

Our annual call to worship was held at the Venice First Baptist Church. Flowers were placed here in memory of our departed members.

From the Mother's Day Breakfast we realized \$312.88.

We are happy to report a successful year and

with bigger and better things planned for next year.

Yours for Deeds Not Words
 PHILOMATHEAN CLUB
 LORRETTA EDWARDS, Pres.
 ESTHER COLEMAN, Sec.

EDITOR'S REPORT — 1952 — JOURNALS

AUGUST 11, 1952

Cost of Journals, \$210.00 tax included.
 July 20, 1952, Advanced on Account to Publisher, \$131.00.

Aug. 11, 12, 13, Sold in San Diego, \$1.00 per, \$149.00.

Receipts \$131.00 - \$149.00 - \$280.00

Disbursed for office expense - \$46.00

Balance on Journals \$85.00

Disbursed \$46.00 - \$85.00 - \$131.00

To Advertisers, Chamber of Commerce, and other individuals, 51 Journals given free.

To sum up the total, the transaction of Journals in San Diego:

Receipts \$131.00

" 149.00

Total \$280.00

Disbursements \$131.00

" 85.00

Total \$216.00

\$216.00 paid for Journals.

Have receipts for same.

MARGARET M. NOTTAGE, Editor

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PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL, Los Angeles, California

PREAMBLE:

We, The Presidents of various clubs in the Southern Section, seeing the need of preparedness and fitness for executive ability, the benefit in exchange of thought and the need of co-operation organized the Presidents' Council.

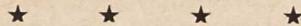
The object shall be to bring about a closer af-

filiation of the Presidents and the Past Presidents of Clubs, and for mutual improvement in such work that shall be taken up.

We, Presidents, have found joy in meeting each other once each month and socializing together, which has brought about a fond relationship.

Yours for "DEEDS NOT WORDS."

CLAUDIA E. JERNIGAN



**EASTSIDE SETTLEMENT HOUSE
CLEAN-UP PROJECT**

Outstanding among the many activities of the Eastside Settlement House has been the Building renovation program put on by the Clean-up Committee of the Agency. The building has been painted outside. This was the donation of a local Real Estate Broker, with an estimated value of around \$800.00. Club Corterie, a local charity club donated the painting of our largest conference room and halls. The Kunin Furniture Company gave floor covering for one room and sold to the committee at cost the material for another room.

Local charity groups and many individuals contributed to this effort, enabling the committee to do quite an extensive job of decorating the building inside.

Honor Roll in Chest Campaign

Our Agency accepted Division 85 of the South Central District of the 1952 Community Chest Campaign. Mrs. Claudia Jernigan, President of Eastside Settlement House, accepted the chairmanship of this division and with the wonderful support, she received from the eight section chairmen, board and staff members, the division went over the top and made the honor roll. The Eastside Settlement Staff received a bronze plaque for contributing 1/2 to 1 per cent of the annual payroll.

Yours, "Deeds Not Words"

CLAUDIA JERNIGAN, President



The "FANNIE JACKSON COPPIN" Club has been fortunate in replacing vacancies left in the Club with aggressive young matrons and from these chosen as president, petite Mrs. Viola Lewis Reynard

a conscientious and indefatigable worker, unassuming yet a financier receiving a responsive co-operation from the entire membership.

She was an efficient secretary for Fannie Jackson Coppin Club for eight years.

Mrs. Reynard is an active member of the First A. M. E. Church of Oakland. South Gate Chapter No. 26, O. E. S. of Berkeley; Rahab Court No. 5, Heroines of Jericho, member of Leisure Arts Club. Attended Prairie View College, Washington State College and Merritt's Business School.



**THE WOMAN'S CIVIC IMPROVEMENT CLUB
of Sacramento**

EXENDS BEST WISHES TO THE
**CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION
OF COLORED WOMEN, Inc.**

I. MULHOLLAND, President



MRS. CHLORA H. SLEDGE
President Board of Directors

**FANNIE WALL CHILDREN'S HOME &
DAY NURSERY**

Greetings from your third monument located at 815 Linden Street, Oakland, California. Fannie Wall Children's Home and Day Nursery founded in 1914 by federated colored women's club has continued to broaden its services in the fight against delinquency and in the preservation of family ties in the community.

Our program attempts to provide the type of group living that makes for an awareness of human rights of individual and of those composing the group such as: Love, security, and acceptance. Lesson in interracial understanding is being taught daily by the integration of all races, playing and working together.

A well-rounded program for the pre-school age child is conducted by the Nursery Teachers. All children attaining the Public School age attend the

(nearby) local schools. Further educational and recreational pursuits are provided by a trained Recreation Director. The summer vacation Bible School, picnics, and special outdoor activities. These are regarded as definite phases of our recreational program. Individual differences are taken into consideration and an attempt is made to provide for such factors in our overall program planning. On Sundays, the children attend various Sunday Schools and Churches in the neighborhood.

Our program which is dual in its purpose provides two types of care for children. One is the Day Care to children of working parents. Children are accepted from 3 to 12 years of age for this care. The other provides full time care to children whose home are temporarily or permanently disrupted. The age range for such care is from 5 to 14. There are no restrictions as to race or religion. Both boys and girls are accepted.

A Physician's report of physical health and emotional stability is a prerequisite for a child's admission to either program. Regular check-ups are given through the services of the Staff Physician, the Public School's medical services, the clinics of Children's Hospital and Highland Hospital and other community facilities. Each child's physical, social and emotional needs are considered and the entire personnel work toward the goal of a normal adjustment for each.

The Executive Director a Social Worker who represents a member of a team (personnel) all of whose members have a responsibility in the growth and development of the child. However, it is necessary that someone "Come to know the child and to understand the child in so intimate and friendly a way that he comes to a better understanding of himself and to a truer comprehension of the world he lives in." This is the chief function of the case worker, and of the entire Staff generally.

Our present Staff, in addition to the Executive Director is composed of the following: Two Nursery Teachers, Office Secretary, and Recreation Director who constitute the Professional Staff. Two Housemothers, a Night Nurse, (Housemother Relief Matron), Dietitian, Relief Matron and part-time custodian.

Mrs. Chlora Hayes Sledge president of the Board of Directors is supported by 21 women and 5 men at large. The Board of Directors deserve much credit for their fine spirit of cooperation and team work exemplified through "Deeds Not Words."

Since space will not permit me to name all of the various clubs, organizations, churches, lodges, youth groups and individuals who have made special contribution in entertainment and gifts. The employees of the Oakland Public Schools gave radios and Mrs. Roberts of Alameda and the Pathfinders Club gave lamps for the children's rooms. Mr. Poulton representing the Oakland Men's Exchange Club. Some of our greatest needs have been met by these "Ambassadors of Good Will". A group of young men and women from the University of California painted the larger girls room. The Friday Club and the Dental Medical Pharmaceutical Auxiliary renovated the mattress in the girls dormitory. Mrs. Priscilla McDowell Roberts and her husband Mr. Joseph Roberts have brought yearly to our Agency a large financial dona-

tion from the Construction and General Labor Union Local No. 304 of which he is a member. The LaCosa Men's Social Club, The Temple Club, The Professional and Business Women's Club, The Mills College Group, Navy Supply Center Post No. 695, The Group from the Parks Air Force Base, Needle Guild of America, Blue & Gold Club through Mrs. L. McCowan, YWCA, High School Groups, Campfire Girls, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Brownies and Church Auxiliary. Madam & Mademoiselle Social Club paid for the new fence. The Aloho Bridge Club gave an electric sewing machine.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., continues its project of building the children's Library through their Annual Book Shower. We thank all Clubs, Organizations, and Friends for their prayers and contributions during the year.

A big "thank you" from the children to those Federated Clubs, individuals, and Northern Section Board for their donations, which made possible camperships.

NURSERY

The Nursery School has a distinct part to play in helping our children to learn how to live in a democratic culture. Therefore, we, with the aid of parents, seek to enrich the child's development. Our report to parents include each child's habit of eating, resting, dressing, toileting, and symptoms that might lead to illnesses.

Since respect for individuality is the keystone of democracy and of a good nursery program, we seek also to help each child develop his own abilities and personality at his own rate of speed. For his purpose we provide opportunities for experimentation, imaginativeness, and creativeness through music-singing and interpretative dancing, painting-easel and finger, and block-building.

Another characteristic of the democratic group is its emphasis on cooperative effort and group expression. In a preschool group the child spends his time with others whose needs and desires are similar to his own, and these are often expressed at the same time. Here then, is where the child learns how to share and take turns. However, there are times on the playground among the children on swings, slides, seesaws, and tricycles that these things are seemingly forgotten.

Walks around the neighborhood, and trips to the park are always enjoyed by the children. They always look forward to the many parties during the holidays, and especially the birthday party each month. Stories are always a favorite among our children too, and they anticipate eagerly each Tuesday the arrival of the visiting storyteller. Along with other common courtesies such as please, I'm sorry, or thank you, we set the stage for good table manners.

Our aim is to help children feel that they will be protected and cared for in another place besides home, to help them feel that adults are helpful, loving people, to make them aware of the world outside of home, and to help build a foundation for academic work in school.

RECREATION

In all recreation there must be a good leader with a well planned program to meet the needs of the children of Fannie Wall Home. In the plans we must consider individual interest for all ages and sex.

In our recreation program we try to develop habits of good citizenship, group living, leadership, and team play. Our program consists of some type of hobby that the children may enjoy and keep their interest as well, such as:

1. Visit to the Library
2. Kitchen Fun for Older Children
3. Strictly Holiday Family Affairs
4. Theater Parties
5. Television Parties
6. Children Parties Planned by Themselves
7. Downtown Tour of the Stores
8. Do Their Own Shopping

Games for playground:

1. Organized Games
2. Free Play Contest and Relays
3. Swimming
4. Trips to the Park
5. Picnics

Music, Arts, and Crafts are very essential, it helps to develop the talent as well as social life. Meetings are held and the children are given a chance to express their ideas. By this method it helps to solve the discipline problems. Adults must understand that a child's real world is in his everyday activities. Our duties are to help them to be prepared to meet the obstacles in life. Here is a verse I think will help them along the pathway.

Help children do the things they should
To be to others kind and good
In all they do in work and play
To grow more responsible everyday

**AWARDS AND PRIZES WON BY
FANNIE WALL CHILDREN HOME**

<p>FROM</p> <p>Cole School Traffic Division State Federation of Colored Women, San Diego, California National Association for Colored Women convening in Los Angeles, California. Third Prize for project exhibit.</p>	<p>AWARDS</p> <p>A Trophy Three Blue Ribbons Two White Ribbons One Red Ribbon</p>
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Hobbie Show at Defremery Recreation Center. Oakland, California. First and Second Prize for Crafts.

We operate on the basis of \$34,639.80 per year. The Community Chest allocates to our agency \$15,000.00 per year. We must supplement the balance through Clubs, Individuals, organization and individual memberships.

"EVERY CHARITABLE ACT OR DEED IS A
STEPPING STONE TOWARD HEAVEN"

MRS. BETTIE A. MILLER,
Executive Director.

MRS. CHLORA HAYES SLEDGE,
President Board of Directors.



**WOMEN'S CIVIC IMPROVEMENT CLUB
OF SACRAMENTO**

Mrs. G. E. Mulholland, President

To the Presidents, Officers and members of the California State Association, GREETINGS:

The Women's Civic Improvement Club of Sacramento is happy to report a very successful year. Our Board of Directors Meeting is held the first Tuesday

of each month, Membership meetings are held the third Friday of each month except July and August.

During the past year we have made monthly payments of \$200.00 on the Club House, maintained a salaried Housekeeper, financial secretary and gardener. The housemother is allowed two weeks vacation with pay. It has been our great pleasure to contribute to Negro History Week, The Dahman Fund—i.e. the case of a High school student—Victor Dahman—chemist major—who had the misfortune to lose both hands in an explosion. We trust TIME will be kind to him!

The Club House has been the meeting place of many and varied groups, among some, the Girl Scout Executive Board brunch, Writers Club monthly meetings, Protestant Welfare Board luncheon, various Sorority meetings, teas, weddings, receptions, hobby shows, and many others.

We have contributed to Ways and Means, Education, and Monuments.

We pause in the midst of our journey to pay tribute to the passing of our beloved Mrs. Lucy Hundley * * * one of the Club's Charter members. May her soul rest in Peace.



**CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION
COLORED WOMEN, INC.**

Southern Section

MOTHER, HOME AND CHILD DEPARTMENT

Los Angeles, California

1952-53

Greetings from Superintendent of Family Life, Mother, Home and Child Department.

It is time now for us to begin our year's work after a very pleasant summer, having our National and State meeting and greeting our many friends from other states. It was a very wonderful time, and we all enjoyed it all very much. We are using the same program compiled by Mrs. E. F. Terrel and used by Mrs. Jessye J. Brown in last year's work, using the thing or part best suited to our locations and club, work and environment. That the month of May, Mothers' Day month, be observed officially as Family Life, Mother, Home and Child Department month, each and every club in the section having some kind of program sometime during the month. This department, as you know, is and should be self-supporting. So much to National, Region, State, and section.

I am hoping for the cooperation of you all, and please write me to let me know about the kind of program you have. Also ask me any questions. Financially, we could pay \$1.00 each to our National, Region, State and section and keep the balance in our own club treasury.

We should plan together to make a successful year. Lifting as we climb. Through deed not words.

LAURA FORESTER,
Superintendent of Family Life,
Mother, Home and Child
Department

State Officers and Co-workers,
Greetings:

As Fannie Jackson Coppin Club looks over the past year, it is noted with pride the inspiration, enthusiasm and advancement the Club has enjoyed. This affluence has produced a membership gain, an increase in financial status, and a close-linked fellow-

STATE OFFICERS AND CO-WORKERS
ship through which we have been able to meet all Association obligations with facility and exultation, and establish matchless vision.

Three of the most significant participating events of the year were the public reception of our venerable Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, naming of Mrs. Flora Bruce the Club Mother of 1953, and the ninety-first birthday party tendered Mrs. Lydia Flood Jackson. The membership of these women has been long, untiring and distinguished.

We close our fifty-fourth year in active expression of "Deeds, Not Words", and "Lifting as We Climb".

Faithfully yours,

VIOLA REYNARD, President.

RUTH LASARTEMAY, Recording Secretary.

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**REPORT OF IMPERIAL ART AND
LITERARY CLUB**

The Imperial Art Club extend Greetings to the President, State Officers and Co-Workers of the Calif. State Association of C. W. Inc. The year 1952-53 has been a very active one for the Club. The attendance has been good and we have taken in new members, women with a desire to work and grow.

We have paid State and National tax, Hostess tax, \$5.00 for the Scholarship fund, \$5.00 for the State Ways and Means and \$2.50 toward Queen Contest. Paid monthly pledge to Fanny Wall Children Home and Day Nursery and Individual Membership. We donated to the March of Dimes.

This year we have increased our Xmas savings to \$50.00. Our fund raising events have been an investment on a 14 lb. Turkey, and a box of groceries by the Ways and Means Chairman. One of our New members has assisted the Chairman of Arts and Crafts and donated articles that have helped to swell our treasury.

The Social Activities have been the Thanksgiving Dinner which was taken care of by a member of the club. Program of thanks to the almighty is rendered and a bountiful Turkey Dinner served by the Hostess. Our Xmas party with Program of Xmas Carols, Xmas gifts from our secret pals and last but not least the Annual Xmas Dinner. The Annual Birthday Tea in April was as usual a grand success, well attended and a fine musical program under the auspices of the Club Chairman of Music and Education.

State Program carried out by the Club consist of Religion, Legislation, Education, Mother Home, Child, and Home Economic. The club assisted in the Testimonial Reception, honoring Past State President, Elizabeth Brown for 50 years service in Club, Church, and Civic affairs of the community. Imperial Art Club was proud to take part in the presentation of a lovely basket of flowers for Mrs. Brown, who is Organizer of the Imperial Art Club and the Honorary President.

Realizing that the girls of today will be the club

women of tomorrow, we have sponsored two new N.A.C.G. Clubs which makes a total of five sponsored by the Imperial Art Club.

We have three supervisors of girls. We have not forgotten our sick and bereaved. Cards and flowers have been sent by the Chaplain and Cor. Sec. Our hearts went out in sympathy to our President Mrs. Bertha Allen at the time of her Bereavement, the passing of her husband. The Club members have been of one accord in endeavoring to make easier the loss she has sustained.

As we come to the close of the year's work and at long last the Dove of Peace seems to be hovering over us. Let us thank the Almighty God who has guided and kept us safe through the perilous times and rejoice that he has spared us to carry out our Motto with Deeds not Words in Lifting as We Climb.

BERTHA ALLEN, President.

WILLA HOWARD, Rec. Sec.

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**THE CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION
OF COLORED WOMEN'S INC.**

Greetings:

To the Department of Public Relation: Public Relation is what everybody in the federation from top to bottom does and says in contact with public. It starts with your organization and a full and complete appreciation of public relation is to build and hold the good will of all club members.

GOVERNING LAW

Public relation should be truthful and authoritative, timely, interesting and informative. It deals with the history, aims, service needs and plans, for the future clubs. It is the art of bringing about better public understanding which breeds a greater public confidence for any individual or organization but basically it is the foundation on which your entire public relation program depends.

Organizations that have constructive programs recognize public relation as a powerful force, not only as means to serve the public but also within their own organization as public relations covers such a broad field that all chairmen should be familiar with the internal operation of her associations to the many institutions in the community, she also can coordinate her work in all departments, the Legislative, Industry, Business Organizer and Editor to see that there is a harmonious spirit within the clubs.

The department chairman's Presidents and Presidents and Public Relations Chairman's of clubs can form plans for two large meetings a year with other organizations.

Yours for Deeds Not Words,

MARIAN L. MILLER,

Public Relation Supt.

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A MESSAGE TO YOUTH

Marjorie Walker, Manager, Berkeley Office

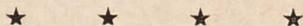
California State Employment Service

DO YOU KNOW what kind of work is the right work for you? Perhaps you know what you want to do. Perhaps you don't. In either case, choosing the kind of job you want AND ARE BEST SUITED FOR may be more difficult than you think.

Modern industry and commerce are complicated. Today, there are at least 30,000 known jobs in American industry. In some fields, employment opportunities are expanding, in others they are just holding their own, and in still others they are shrinking. Also the job requirements and conditions of work vary greatly. So, you may need expert help in learning which type of work is the right type for you. You can get such help from the public employment service. Its counseling service can assist you in deciding the kind of work for which you, personally, are best equipped, and in getting started on the road to the right job.

WHAT IS EMPLOYMENT COUNSELING? Employment Counseling isn't magic! To find the right kind of job don't look for a magic formula. There is none! Counseling aids you to determine what your job problem is and aids you to determine what you can do about it. **HOW?** By helping you to understand your likes and dislikes and abilities; helping you to examine job opportunities and their requirements; helping you to make a suitable vocational choice; helping you to work out an action plan; and helping you to put the plan to work. But, it is up to you to make **YOUR OWN** decisions . . . the Employment Service can't make them for you!

THE \$64 QUESTIONS: When you have made up your mind to look for a job, ask yourself these questions: "Am I sure of the kind of work I want to do?" "Do I know what my ability is to do the job?" "Do I know all about the opportunities in the field of work I want to enter?" "Where can I find the job I want?" . . . In answering these questions, your best bet is to seek the assistance of your local public employment office.



**CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION
OF COLORED WOMEN, INC.
Citizenship and Legislative Program
1952-1953**

Dear Co-Worker:
Greetings:

To be a good citizen is one of the finest things for which we can strive.

As citizens we belong not only to our nation, but to several communities. The first community we know is home, and it is a real community. For we have rules in our home. Every member of the family should realize that every other member has rights which should be respected.

It is important for us to cooperate with other people and organizations in the community.

1. Be a member of the Parent Teachers Association.
2. Learn more about the Board of Health in your city.
3. Know some of the members of the Board of Education.
4. Visit the Bureau of Housing, and the Dept. of Labor.
5. Work with your Community Chest, Red Cross, the March of Dimes, Crippled Children, Cancer and Heart Fund.

Good citizenship means more than casting a vote



MRS. VASSIL WRIGHT

Supt. Legislation and Citizenship

on election day. It means understanding the issues, studying the records of qualified men and women seeking public office.

As Club Women we have a responsibility.

1. Let your public officials know how you feel about current issues.
2. Visit them personally.
3. Watch their voting records and public statements.
4. See to it that your elected representatives, your Mayor, Governor, Congressman, Senators and the President, know how you feel about urgent necessity of passing an important bill.
5. You must let your congressman know that you feel that wage increases, price controls are necessary to meet the greatly increased cost of living. Greater health protection and better Social Security benefits for all, and the need for a reduction in taxes.

Know the following:

1. How many Congressmen has your state?
2. Who represents your own district?
3. Who are the Senators from your state?
4. How many Women Members of Congress are there?
 - a—Visit your City Council at least once a year.
 - b—Have a special meeting in a public place. Have a city official address the meeting. Have a question and answer period.

Wherever men and women meet and discuss problems, you have an opportunity to do a job for better citizenship and good Government.

Yours for Deeds, not Words,

VASSIE D. WRIGHT, Superintendent
Citizenship and Legislature

THE VALUE OF EDUCATION

Alexander Pope said:

"A little learning is a dangerous thing
 Drink deep or taste not the Pierian Spring
 It's shallow draughts intoxicate the brain
 But drinking deep sobers us again."

Education, the dual act of imparting and receiving information has been of great concern since the dawn of human history.

All of the Nations either ancient or modern have had their great schools and their celebrated students and teachers. And it has been upon these the nations have depended for the promotion of peaceful enterprises when wars ceased and for defense when threatened by other nations and enemies.

The strategy of promoting great Industries or understanding the mechanics of modern defense in its many fields can be comprehended only by well trained minds.

Planning is the work of the select few. And groups and Nations are recognized more for these few than for the great mass consumers.

It is important therefore that we produce more of these top men and women lead the world into the Light.

WOMEN IN INDUSTRY

- The following subjects to be studied:
- State labor laws for women.
- Daily and weekly hours, limits of hours.
- States prohibiting employment of women for more than six days a week.
- Meal, varying from one-third to one hour.
- Rest periods: ten minutes after work period of four consecutive hours, or during each half-day provided for in laws of which states?
- Night work: States placing some limitation on hours of night work for women.
- Weight lifting: States having regulations governing lifting of heavy weights by women.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The foregoing paragraph shows the need of education and our need to cooperate in promoting education. We have established a program of awarding two scholarships of \$100.00 each annually. This requires that each Federated Club pay their "MUST" of \$5.00 per year for this purpose. By so doing it will be possible for us to reach our desired goal of \$300.00 by raising this amount we shall be able to put \$100.00 in the State Treasury as well as to pay the two scholarships. "If you don't pay then someone pays for you!"

APPLICANTS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Again, we are asking all of the Club Women of each community to urge each eligible to apply for the scholarship fund, and to have their transcripts in my office at least 30 days before the convening of the State Convention. This is very necessary in order to properly appraise their comparative merits.

NEGRO HISTORY WEEK

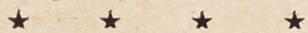
During Negro History Week from February 8th through the 15th, 1953 let us review some prominent Negro character which we have studied in the past. On the 15th the third Sunday in February we will



Lola B. Wilson, Founder and Director.
 PHILLIS WHEATLEY HOME

Officers and Friends Greeting, It is with pleasure that I make this report. The home has fifteen girls who are employed, ten attending College, some holding excellent position, in the Los Angeles General Hospital, and Government. We have furnished the third floor for a dormitory, also a bathroom added. I am grateful for the donations given. State President, Mrs. Gertrude Hicks, donated four sheets, for the dormitory, Esther T. Greenly, club fifty dollars, The Ladies Postal Auxiliary, fifty dollars, toward the cost of the bath room, The Crescendo Club, eight sheets, pillow slips, two bed spreads, bath mats, and towels, box of lovely clothing were donated. A friend gave desk and mirror, for the office, which was an asset to the home. Purchased two rugs for the first floor cost three hundred and fifty dollars. Mrs. Obie donated dining table and six chairs. Sarah Guess, Victorville Club, gave dishes cups and saucers. Electa, O.E.S. No. 3, donated ten dollars and water glasses. Attorney Ivan Johnson has given three years legal service, Free. Bertrand Bratton, public accountant, donates service for the Home's income tax exemption, Mrs. Ida Mae Robinson, president of the Iroquois Friday Morning club gave a two piece Living room suite. We need many other articles for the Home. Anything that you have given or may give will be appreciated. Thanks to all.

Yours for "Deeds"



PROGRAM OF THE EDUCATION AND LITERATURE DEPARTMENTS, CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COLORED WOMEN INC.

PURPOSE

Our mottos: "Deeds, Not Words" and "Lifting as We Climb" set forth our purpose clearly.

Our Educational Department aims to offer a program whereby we may exercise unity of action, by which we may more readily live up to our mottos, and by so doing we shall make our work highly prized and our presence eagerly sought in our communities.

observe our annual Tea at St. James A.M.E. Zion Church in San Mateo, Calif.

As Superintendent of this Department I am again asking for your co-operation by patronizing the Tea or hold one in your own community jointly with other Clubs if convenient. And bring or send your \$5.00 to the Educational Department on that date or immediately thereafter.

Yours for "Deeds Not Words",
MATTIE I. McCORKLE



EQUAL PAY

States which have enacted statutes prohibiting discrimination in the rate of pay prejudicial to women.

Thus we learn of gradual improvement in working conditions of women, the sex against whom so many men, and alas! many women, themselves, have feelings of doubt, prejudice, or envy.

Lifting as We Climb,
MRS. HARRIET RAINES,
State Superintendent.
Victorville, California



To the State President, Officers
and Members of the Forty-Seventh
Annual Convention of the California
State Association of Colored Women, Inc.
Greetings:

The Sarah A. Guess Women's Club wishes to submit the following report of our years work.

Total active members: 15; honorary members, 2.

1952 Fund Raising Achievements: September: Annual Labor Day Barbecue; October: Rummage Sale and Chili Social; November: Bazaar and Bakery Sales.

December 16, 1952: Our Annual Anniversary Dinner and Christmas Party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Guess. The home was beautifully decorated throughout which gave the Yule-Tide spirit, including a Christmas tree, and Santa Claus. Secret Pal gifts were exchanged among members and each Secret Pal was revealed. Past State President Mrs. Esther T. Greenly was our visiting guest, also the husbands of each member. Each received special gifts from the Club.

From our Welfare Department we gave clothing to needy families; Christmas baskets, flowers and cards to the sick, also candy for the Children's Christmas Party at the Community Recreation Center. Mrs. Mary Beshears, Welfare Chairman.

Due to the very cold winter weather here on the desert, we vacation during the winter months.

February 22, 1953: Our Annual Inter-Racial and Education Program was held at the Victor Valley High School, V. V. Mrs. Sadie Guess, Chairman. Theme: "The Builder". The children from Grammar and High School took part in the program. Guest speakers were Mrs. Bennet, Principal of the Evadell School, V. V. and Mrs. Esther T. Greenly, by special request. Soloist, Mrs. Grace Avery of Los Angeles; Quartet from the Art and Industrial Club of Barstow. Vice President Mrs. Flora Douglas gave the Welcome Address. Mrs. Mary Walters, Mistress of Ceremonies. Refreshments served.

March 1953: Health Program, Mrs. N. Evans, Chairman. Rev. Hudson of Bell Mountain gave interesting remarks on Health in the Home and Body.

Mrs. G. Seals of George Air Base V.V. gave remarks on Civil Defense also showing moving pictures which were enjoyed by all.

March 11, 1953: Mrs. S. Guess called a group of girls together from the ages of 7 to 14 years to organize a Club, hoping to become a part of the National Association of Colored Girls, which would be fostered by the Sarah A. Guess Club.

March 17, 1953: The Chairman of Education gave a Sock Social. Proceeds used for painting Club Room.

April 19, 1953: The Art and Industrial Club of Barstow, California, and the Sarah A. Guess Club were co-hostesses at the Reciprocity meeting which was held in Victorville at the Victorville Community Center. Our very efficient State President, Mrs. Gertrude R. Hicks presiding. We were very happy to have had this inspiring meeting and such a large delegation in Victorville. It showed to the public what we as Club women are doing. It also was a concrete example of our motto, "Lifting As We Climb." There were three new Clubs presented at this meeting. A Senior, North Fontana Women's Club, Fontana, Calif., and two Juniors, The Rose Buds, Bell Mountain District, and The Cinderella Girls, Barstow, California.

May 3, 1953: Our Annual Pre-Mother's Day Luncheon was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Guess. Mrs. Frankie Cook, Chairman of Mother, Home and Child. The color scheme was red and white. Past State President Mrs. Esther T. Greenly was the chosen Mother of the Year. The Rose Bud Girls presented the program. Little Miss Kathryn Bowns, Mistress of Ceremonies. The theme: "A Living Picture—Mother of Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."

We are paying cash to the following Departments which have contacted us:

Executive Board	\$ 5.00
Mother, Home and Child	1.00
Education and Lit.	5.00
Arts and Crafts	2.00
State and National Tax.....	15.00

The future plans for raising funds for our Club are: A Food Booth at the San Bernardino County Fair, and our Annual Labor Day Barbecue on our Club grounds.

Our greatest achievement of the year: The Sarah A. Guess Women's Club goes on record for taking the initiative to save the Bell Mountain Community Recreation Center for our community since the Officers of the Recreation Center had negotiated with the Supervisors of San Bernardino County to give them the Community Recreation Center without the approval of the people, which are a part of this community.

Mrs. Sadie Guess visited the homes in the community asking the people for their support in saving the community property for their community. The people supported this movement one hundred per cent.

In return, Mrs. S. Guess and members of the Sarah

A. Guess Club extend their thanks for their support in gaining this achievement.

Yours for "Deeds Not Words," "Lifting as We Climb."

Mrs. Sadie Guess, President
Mrs. Winniefred Haynes, Club Reporter

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GOOD NEIGHBORS CLUB 1953

The Good Neighbors Club and its president wish to greet you once again. We are grateful to report that we are progressing slowly, but surely toward the goal we set five years ago.

In 1949 we joined your ranks and have henceforth tried to live up to our obligations, attempting to make the Association proud of our existence in its midst.

Though there have been obstacles in plentitude we feel we have gone forward leaving footprints and milestones along the way. We took in \$435.00 at our Fall Festival. We gave away a television set. We paid over \$300 on our property that we are purchasing, and we cleared over \$68 on our Annual Banquet.

Our new additions, The Campfire Girls, has been interesting work. In helping others along the way the Club sponsored benefits for local churches, sent cards, flowers, and gifts of money to those who are ill or in distress.

We find our Friendship Garden grows and prospers if we but care for the plants we have and add new ones as time marches on.

Yours for Deeds, not Words,
Minnette Smith, Pres.

TO EACH AND ALL

M. McCorkle, Supt. Education

If you neglect to support your Club,
As members sometimes do;
If you don't pay, I have this to say,
That somebody pays for you.
When funds are low and your Club needs help
When a host of bills are due,
If you don't give, that your Club may live,
Then somebody pays for you.
For your Club to spread the knowledge here
And "teach all nations too,"
Each one must bear her fitting share.
Yes, others give, will you?

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**CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION
OF COLORED WOMEN, INC.**

Dear Ones:

I sincerely trust the year has been a successful one for each of you in your club work and your individual endeavors.

Have you given time from your busy schedule to participate in the program of Civil Defense? Civil Defense to me is a part of my every day program. A part of everything I do, and I do not think of it as a thing apart and something to be worked at as a problem in Math.

As we look around us at this great country of ours, and count the opportunities, and advantages, and blessings that are bestowed upon us each hour of the day, cannot we see the importance of Civil Defense? It is not involuntary protection or preservation of what we have that would cause us to practice the

basic rules of Civil Defense every day. We wish to keep what we have, so it is natural that we try each day to live in such a way that the Omnipotent One will smile upon us and give us peace.

Each of us doing our part will give the country such a strong backbone of defense that no power on earth will be able to break it. May we not forget that the laws given us by our Heavenly Father are the first basic rules of Civil Defense, and all others follow. Let us observe these laws and preserve this wonderful country in which we live.

Yours for "Lifting As We Climb",
Dorothy Kerr Smith,
Civil Defense Chairman, Northern Sect.

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TO MOTHER BROWN IN 1953

The good things we are seeking
Most times come too late.
From 1906 to 1953,
Is a long time to wait.
Had mother these sweet memories,
To bring down through the years;
Life's pathway would have been easier
Had she known how much we care.
To a charming little lady,
Who withstood the test of time,
With her hand, anchored in Jesus,
Gaining power, life's road she climbed.
She has reached the topmost round,
Now viewing life's setting sun.
She has run in the fastest relay
Has conquered where we must run.
For you is this horn of plenty,
From family, club women and friends.
From each walk of life we pay tribute,
For making life's ladder easy to ascend.

To Mrs. Lillian Dixon, complimenting
her theme Building for the Future in 1951.
Building for the future?
Christ Jesus lead the way.
Suffer little children to come,
"Forbid them not," He did say.
Building for the future?
Block by block we lay.
Building for the future!
Oh, why not start today?
Yesterday's foundation
These does lay;
Builders do not tarry,
Time to quickly pass away.
Monuments must be built.
History is being made each day.
Youth stands to challenge;
We are their keepers along the way.
Forward into tomorrow,
The pass was yesterday.
The dawn is now upon you;
Build, Build, for you it's day.

LOVE

Love is something we tell about.
It has never been defined;
Love is not an act of man,
It's Christlike and divine

From the poet's corner
Mrs. Corine S. Milton

RECIPROCITY PROGRAM

Ida O. Pleasants, Supt.
3435 Helen St., Oakland, Calif.

To the California State Association
of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc.

Greetings:

Woman has a real contribution to the building of a successful country, a co-worker in life's great field of endeavor. Believe your work is important and you will make it so.

Feature some department at each reciprocity:

(First) Reciprocity, Juvenile and Family Life, Our Boys and Girls: The part permanent moral character plays in their after life. Parents and their children have a confidential relationship in all things pertaining to child life.

(Second) Prisons: Causes for being over-crowded. Failure of moral standards of people being stressed and people failing to consider human rights of every individual.

Health and Sanitation: Life is based on the physical and moral condition of our body. We must obey laws of health. How to avoid the many diseases and illnesses that arise from time to time. Proper nourishment is essential to a healthy body and mind.

(Third) Business and Legislation. Types of business among women, local and state. Requirements for a good volume of business. How to obtain the most out of a business. Legislation, know your legislators, discuss and compare party platforms. Know your Senators and Councilmen.

Yours for "Deeds Not Words."



"A FRIEND"

Read by Jessie Jackson, Den Chief of Troop No. 47
To Den Mother, Margaret Nottage, on Her Birthday

May 22, 1953

I love you not for what you are, but what I am when I am with you. I love you not only for what you have made of yourself, but what you are making of me. I love you for the part of me that you bring out. I love you for putting your hand into mine, heaped things that you can't help dimly seeing there, and for drawing out into the light all the beautiful, radiant belongings that no one else had looked quite far enough to find. I love you for ignoring the possibilities of the fool in me, and laying firm hold on the possibilities of good in me. Why do I love you? I love you for closing your eyes for the discord in me, and for adding to the music in me by worshipful listening. I love you because you are helping me to make of the lumber of my life, not a tavern but a temple, and of the words of me every day, not a reproach but a song. I love you because you have done more than any creed could have done to make me good, and more than any fate could have done to make me happy. You have done it without a touch, without a word, without a sign. You have done it by just being yourself.

Jessie Jackson, Den Chief, Cub Pack 47
Richmond, California

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Mrs. Idonia McNorwood



Report of Parliamentary Law for the Year
Ending July, 1953

Dry and prosaic as parliamentary law may seem to the uninitiated, it comprises most of the rules of the game. Those who would play must understand and be able to use at least the fundamentals. Without this, members either mar the play with their own fumbings or are compelled to sit on the sidelines, and activity far surpasses vicarious enjoyment.

A lack of knowledge of what to do and how to do it is thus one serious cause of the feeling or emotion of the member. If clubs would hold their members they must keep them active. Familiarity with the rudimentary rules of parliamentary procedure helps greatly in doing this.

The starting point is with the presidents. If they would expedite business easily, efficiently, and fairly, they must transact it in an orderly fashion. As in other matters, so in this, they must set the example. They can then insist upon a similar procedure upon the parts of members. Such a pattern, once established, will automatically be followed.

To insure this, a course of study has been given.

The results of such training has been beneficial in many ways. Timid members now express their opinions. Those dissatisfied with things as they are now understand how to phrase their own ideas in an acceptable manner.

This ability has relieved an internal pressure which otherwise often escapes as suspicions and ill-will.

There have been over fifteen hundred drills sent in and out of the locality among members of the Northern Section to be given by the Club Parliamentarian.

Thirty-eight clubs have received parliamentary drills given by the Chairman of Parliamentary Law of the Northern Section.

All clubs in and out of this area have received the definition of Parliamentary Law, Plan of the Work, Definitions, Obtaining the Floor, Motions and Resolutions, Seconding Motions, Putting the Question and Announcing the Vote, Proper Motions to Use to Accomplish Certain Objects, Call for the Order of the Day, Drills on Constitution and By-Laws of the

California State Association of Colored Women.

The fundamental rights of each member has been given.

Installation Services for a club has been taught.

How to conduct a regular business meeting. Have ruled on this order.

Have called attention to violation of the By-Laws,

Page 17, Sec. 8. Page 16, Sec. 5. Roberts Rules of Order Violation, Page 291, Art. C.

"Deeds Not Words."

Mrs. Idonia C. McNorwood
Chr. of Parliamentary Law of
Northern Section.



Greetings from the Art and Industrial Club of Barstow, Calif.

To the officers and members of the California Association of Colored Women.

Our club has a membership of twenty. We have paid state and national taxes. \$5.00 for State Convention.

The club presented a girl club to the Reciprocity. Name—The Cinderella Club.

May 8, 1953, the Field Secretary of the N.A.C.P. was in Barstow. The club sponsored a tea in his honor; all money collected was turned over to the Barstow branch.

The club was awarded a scroll for outstanding service to the Community Chest. The club received a certificate from the U.S.O. for distinguished service to the men and women of America's Armed Forces.

The club is giving \$50.00 Scholarship to some worthy girl or boy.

We had a very successful year; one new member joined.

Yours for "Deeds Not Words."

Mrs. Eliza Wells, President
Mrs. Hertense Jackson, Secy.

THE CALL FOR CLUB WORK

The organization of the colored women of the country into clubs, leagues and associations for the moral uplift of their race is a distinctive forward movement, and it is wonderfully significant of the long distance traveled. The Negro woman's club of today represents the new Negro with new powers of self-help, with new capacities, and with an intelligent insight into her own condition. It represents new interests, new anxieties and new hopes. It means better schools, better homes and better family alignments, better opportunities and new hopes for young colored men and women to earn a living, and purer social relationships. These are some of the things that have been made important and interesting to all of the people by the women's clubs.

The causes for this new movement among colored women are not difficult to find. As before stated, the

gradual decadence of the Negro as a political power in the South has tended to force the race back upon itself, and to give to it the services of men whose superior intelligence found no outlet in politics. The studies and efforts of such men as DuBois, Washington and other Negro philosophers made the subjects in which women are chiefly concerned of commanding interest. Heretofore it seemed to be taken for granted that the schoolhouse would take care of itself, that the morals of the people, and home sanctities would grow out of the influence of the church alone, but women have discovered that all the agencies of civilization need to be safe-guarded and supplemented by the organized intelligence of the people.

While the colored men of the last decade have done much to give the race a consciousness of its own shortcomings, the colored women's club as a reformatory movement is wholly the creation of women. To

them must be accredited the moral sense and the mental insight that enabled them to discover their own social disorders and imperfections and to suggest their remedies. In other words, they did not need to be told what was to be done or what to do. The conscience-call for kindergartens, day nurseries, reading rooms, etc., was not man-made. Without demonstrations, or flourish of trumpets, the colored women began a more or less systematic study of social conditions.

Many clubs were organized for this purpose as early as in 1890. Between 1890 and 1895 many clubs were organized in the principal cities of the country, where the Negro population was large enough. Among the best known clubs of this period were the Ellen Watkins Harper Club of Jefferson City, Missouri, The Loyal Union of Brooklyn, The Ida B. Wells Club of Chicago, The Phyllis Wheatley Club of New Orleans, The Sojourner Truth of Providence, Rhode Island, The Woman's Era Club of Boston, and The Woman's League of Washington, D. C.

An examination of the constitution and by-laws of these first organizations among colored women shows a degree of earnestness and freedom from affection and pretense that is very refreshing, and speaks much for the strong character of the workers. Temperance, mothers' meetings, sewing schools, rescue agencies, night schools, home sanitation and lectures on all subjects of social interest were some of the many things attempted and carried on by these clubs. These clubs made themselves felt for good in their respective communities.

In some places these groups of women constituted the only organized force among the colored people for any purpose, and they are recognized as such in every instance where the organized voice of the colored people is needed.

Among the earlier clubs, special mention should be made of the Phyllis Wheatley Club of New Orleans, La. The Women's League of Washington, D. C., and the Woman's Era Club of Boston, Mass. They have furnished the models for all the successful clubs that have followed them. The Phyllis Wheatley Club is one of the best equipped clubs in the South, both as to the quality of its membership and the work accomplished. It has fostered and developed more interests that have affected helpfully the social life of the people, than any other club in the South. Among other successful undertakings, it has founded and sustained a training class for colored nurses, and largely assisted in the support of a colored orphans' home. Its president, Mrs. Sylvania Williams, is a fine example of the resourcefulness and noble influence that a cultivated woman gave to the uplift of her race.

In the spring of 1895, the colored women of the country became justly excited over a scurrilous article appearing in a Missouri paper in which the colored women of the country were written down in the most libelous manner. The widespread feeling aroused by this cowardly attack resulted in the call for a National Conference issued by the Woman's Era Club of Boston, and was composed of delegates from all regularly organized colored women's clubs in the country.

The conference was held in Berkeley Hall, Boston,

Mass., from the 29th to the 31st of July, inclusive. About one hundred women representing twenty-five clubs from ten different states composed the conference.

Among them were such women as Mrs. J. St. P. Ruffin, Miss Maria Baldwin, Mrs. Ridley, Mrs. Dickerson, Miss Imogen Howard, Mrs. Helen Cook of Washington, Mrs. Anna G. Cooper, and Miss Ella D. Barrier, who responded to call.

The conference attracted wide attention because it was the first of the kind ever held in this country, and because it was highly representative of the best intelligence of the women of the colored race.

The important work of the conference was the organization of the National Association of Colored Women. The women quickly found that their power for good would be greatly increased by uniting their forces. The first officers of the new association elected without contest or confusion, were as follows: President, Mrs. Booker T. Washington, Tuskegee, Alabama; Secretary, Mrs. U. A. Ridley, Brooklyn, Mass.; Treasurer, Mrs. Libbie C. Anthony, Jefferson City, Mo.; Chairman Executive Committee, Mrs. Victoria E. Matthews.

The organization of the National Association inspired new life in club work throughout the country. It gave an importance to the club work of colored women, and brought into public discussion social questions concerning the development of the race which had heretofore been neglected.

The greatest value of the club movement is still to be touched upon. Far greater than any other has been the influence of the club upon woman herself. She has become a better home maker, because the domestic science work of the federated clubs has given her a new understanding of the beauty of a well-ordered home, where the art of housekeeping includes a knowledge of food values, chemistry, sanitation and harmony.

She has become a better mother, because she has come to know other mothers; she has studied child life in its many phases; she has come in touch with the great questions of the world which her children must soon face and she is able to intelligently guide them into paths of greater safety. No greater libel can be cast than the implication that club work detracts from the home. On the contrary, the fine club women of the country do not figure in the divorce court, and the home life of the club woman is, almost without exception, harmonious, well ordered and happy.

Club work has made woman broader in her sympathies, as well as in her understanding. It has taught her to be tolerant of the views of those who differ with her. It has given her interests beyond the petty gossip of her neighbors and friends. It has buried personal spites and jealousies. Perhaps, best of all, it has united women of all classes and creeds, it has formed a massive chain of earnest, active women, a chain which stretches from ocean to ocean in this great republic, a chain which binds American womanhood into a vast army of workers for the benefit of humanity.

It must not be lost sight of that this great association has helped to nationalize those vital interests that touch the whole social fabric of the colored race.

Whether the National Association shall live or not, to carry out its pledges to itself and to the people, the interest that it has awakened in the great problems which concern the social uplift of the race must remain a part of the anxieties and responsibilities of the men and women who are striving in church and school and other agencies of reform to give a standard of character to the Negro race.

I desire to acknowledge my indebtedness to the author of "Progress of a Race," the book that furnished some of the valuable information derived from his work.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Itonia C. McNorwood,
Parliamentarian, Northern Section.



Santa Barbara, Calif.

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For several years during Negro History Week the club has sponsored a program with the entire proceeds given to The George Washington Carver Foundation at Tuskegee, Alabama. During Christmas our members sell Carver stamps for same purpose.

We visited General Hospital. Two dozen washcloths were given to the ward of elderly women with the edges crocheted in bright colors done by one of the members. Stools for bedside were also made for this department.

We entertained the State Association of the Southern Section with Mrs. Gertrude Reece Hicks presiding and had a grand time. It was such an inspiration to the club women.

We all wish for the State Association a very harmonious and prosperous club year.

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Sing a song, full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun—
Let us march on until victory is won.

2.

Stormy the road we trod,
Bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died,
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our Fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears have been watered.
We have come treading our path thru' the blood of the slaughtered;
Out of the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last,
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

3.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears—
Thou Who has brought us thus far on the way—
Thou Who has by Thy might, led us into the light;
Keep us forever in the path, we pray,
Let our feet stray from the places, Our God where we met Thee;
Let our hearts drunk with the wine of the world we forget Thee,
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to Our God, true to our Native Land.

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