

BALTIMORE COUNTY WORK

Propaganda Meetings Push Work Forward.

Miss L. C. Trax, who is in charge of the work in Baltimore county, reports the following meetings to be held in the county in the near future:

On November 23 an open meeting will be held in St. James' Parish House, Manor, at 7:30 P. M. Mr. Frank F. Ramey and Miss Louise Frazee will be the speakers.

Dr. Lilian Welsh and Mr. J. Ogden will address a meeting at Lutherville on November 26 at 8 P. M. The meeting will be held in the fire-engine house.

A meeting will be held at 7:30 o'clock on November 29 in the Red Men's Hall, Glyndon. Mr. Frank F. Ramey and Miss Louise Frazee will be the speakers, and Mr. Thos. G. Campbell will preside.

Miss L. C. Trax will address the Literary Society at Harrisonville on December 2.

BERNARD SHAW AND SUFFRAGE
Distinguished Writer Has Expressed Many Decided Views on the Position of Women.

One of the most ardent supporters and advocates of women suffrage is Bernard Shaw, the famous English playwright and essayist. There is no medium broader than the stage to influence and disseminate principles, and Mr. Shaw's views, as expressed by the characters in his plays, have been of immense value to the suffrage movement in England and a source of encouragement and gratification. For the opinions of a writer of Mr. Shaw's originality and standing cannot but be impressive.

Mr. Shaw's play, "Mrs. Warren's Profession," is certainly a strong plea for suffrage. In his preface he says:

"The only way for a woman to provide for herself decently is for her to be good to some man that can afford to be good to her. I believe that any society which desires to found itself on a high standard of integrity of character, in its units, should organize itself in such a fashion as to make it possible for all men and all women to maintain themselves in reasonable comfort by their industry without selling their affections and their convictions. At present we not only condemn women as a sex, to attach themselves to 'bread-winners' licitly or illicitly on pain of heavy privation and disadvantage, but we have great prostitute classes of men."

Mr. Shaw's "Man and Superman," which is considered his finest play, will be presented in Baltimore by Mr. Robert Loraine at the New Academy of Music next week. In this comedy the brilliant epigrammatist speaks many of his suffrage convictions through the characters of his play and clearly indicates his impression of woman being the stronger of the sexes.

In his "Plays Pleasant and Unpleasant" and "Three Plays for Puritans" are many convincing lines. One of his characters says: "She was a born wife and mother—that's why the children all ran away from home." And again, "The woman who devotes herself exclusively to her husband and children may be all very well in a book (if you like that kind of a book), but in real life she is a nuisance."

Bernard Shaw has made many speeches in England in strong support of his attitude towards women and their proper place and recognition.

IMMIGRATION

It is interesting to note the current of immigration as it flows in and out of the country.

The year 1907 was the banner year for immigrants, as in that year 1,285,349 foreign people sought our shores. The number dropped 40 per cent. during the next two years, but rose to 1,041,570 in the year 1910, when there was again a marked decrease which has not been checked, as the records show that but 838,172 immigrants arrived in the year ending June, 1912. The causes leading to this falling off are hard to state, as the country has been prosperous of late. During the past year 333,262 persons departed from this country, and this constitutes a considerable offset to the number coming in.

Forty nations are represented among the immigrants, most of them coming from Italy (nearly one-fourth), Hungary, Norway and Sweden, Poland, Germany, Russia and Great Britain. It is surprising to find that over 6000 black Africans came over; and in view of the Balkan war now going on it is interesting to note that there were more than 10,000 of those peoples among the nation's new citizens. Immigration from Japan, which fell off 80 per cent. in 1908, is now on the increase, over 6000 of these having arrived. There were also 80,595 Jews and but 1608 Chinese.

It is of moment to ascertain the destination of this great tide of immigration. Reports show that the most of them went to States in the following order: New York (one-fourth), Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Illinois, New Jersey, Ohio, Michigan, California and Texas, with a less number going to every other State, South Carolina receiving the smallest number, 275, and the Philippine Islands only 13.

Doubtless, most of these people come to this country with the full intention of becoming citizens. Some of them, it is true, are undesirable, and bring with them customs and tastes that interfere with the steady progress of our form of civilization; but for the most part those who come to us are needed to carry on the work of the nation, and add a very important element to our citizenship.

If they are to become a valuable asset, however, their present tendency to crowd into the slums of our great cities must be checked, and they must be taught the basic principles of this Government. This is a task for both the Federal Government and of associations of citizens, acting under the impulse of the most modern ideals of social service. O. E. J.

How Many In Your County?

The following list gives the number of subscribers to the Suffrage news in each Maryland County. The League in the county heading the list on January 1, 1913, will win \$25.00.

Alleghany.....17	Cecil.....6
Talbot.....17	Kent.....6
Caroline.....13	Queen Anne's.....5
Baltimore.....12	Washington.....5
Anne Arundel.....12	Garrett.....4
Howard.....11	Dorchester.....3
Harford.....10	Charles.....2
Montgomery.....10	St. Mary's.....2
Prince George.....10	Calvert.....1
Carroll.....8	Wicomico.....1
Frederick.....8	Worcester.....1
Somerset.....7	

MEN'S LEAGUE

Meeting in Frederick a Great Success.

An enthusiastic meeting was held on Tuesday, November 12, in the auditorium of the Women's College, Frederick, Md., at eight o'clock. Rev. J. Judson Ringer, pastor of the Methodist Church South, presided, and Rev. Dr. Dixon, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. J. G. Mythen were the speakers. A large audience filled the hall and listened attentively to the arguments.

A scholarly address was given by Dr. Dixon on the position of women in the Divine Revelation. Dr. Dixon pointed out emphatically that woman was always accorded equal rights with man in the Old Testament, and that women obtained the highest offices, political and ecclesiastical, one woman, Deborah, having been a judge in Israel, and another woman, Miriam, exercised the prophetic office. This office, as Dr. Dixon explained, was not that of a seeress to foretell future events, but was similar in function to the office of preaching in the church today. Basing his appeal upon the position of women in the kingdom of God, Dr. Dixon urged his hearers to strive that women might be accorded the same justice in the kingdom of men.

Rev. J. G. Mythen followed with an address calculated to point out to women that it is their duty to demand the suffrage, and not simply a privilege that they should petition for; that the State needs their moral support in the regeneration of its politics more now than ever before since we have been confronted with the sad spectacle of the debauch of the franchise when it belongs to men, who, as a class, have allowed

themselves to be stigmatized with the lesser of the two moral standards.

After the regular open meeting a meeting of the J. G. L. of Frederick county was held, which was largely attended. Miss Bertha Trail, in an enthusiastic address, said that she felt that she could speak for all and say that the night marked an epoch in the league's work, and that she felt that added efforts would now be manifested from the encouragement given the cause by the splendid meeting.

Another result of the meeting in the Women's College was the resuscitation of the branch of the State Equal Franchise League in the Women's College. Miss Anna May Leer was elected president of the College League, and the members have pledged themselves to work for suffrage and to help the Frederick league in its endeavors.

POLITICAL EQUALITY LEAGUE
Series of Parlor Meetings Planned for Baltimore County.

The Political Equality League of Baltimore county held a meeting Monday, November 18, at 3 P. M. at the headquarters of the Equal Suffrage League, corner Charles and Read streets. It was decided to begin the winter's work by a series of informal parlor meetings in Roland Park and vicinity.

C. S. BANSEMER,
Secretary.


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You are invited to meet Mr. Robert Loraine

Tuesday Afternoon, November 26th, 4 to 5.30 P. M.,

At Headquarters, 817 North Charles St.

Mr. Loraine will appear in Bernard's Shaw's "Man and Superman", New Academy of Music, week of November 25th. Suffrage Night WEDNESDAY, November 27th.



THE BRYN MAWR FIGURES

Not very long ago a statistical study of the marital state of graduates of Bryn Mawr College was made public. The press of the country leaped upon it with the vigor of hungry dogs and proceeded to show—chiefly by headline statement—that the higher education of women results in a disinclination to bear and rear children. This is an old cry echoed through the years of struggle toward educational freedom. It has not, however, deterred the progress of women's education. And the great majority of reasonable beings are ready to admit today that, even though education reduced the fecundity of the race, we should still have to encourage, or, as the case may be, tolerate higher education for women. Nevertheless, the figures in question do not justify the headlines and reportorial comment. But this belief might have been reached by analogous reasoning in regard to newspaper treatment of other subjects relating to women.

We are not at the moment concerned with the cause of small families. We are concerned with silly newspaper distortion of fact. Still, we might properly inquire, in connection with the figures from Bryn Mawr, if the French figures given below are an argument in favor of poverty. If so, we may look for the formation of a society or sect, gathered from newspaper scribes chiefly, the purpose of which shall be the starvation and ill-treatment of wives in order to increase the birth-rate.

The French figures are from the War Budget of Clementel for 1911. They are based on the number of annual births for one thousand women between the age of 15 and 50 years in Paris. Of these women, the very poor bore 108 children, the poor 93, the well-off 72, the very well-off 65, the rich 53, and the very rich 35.

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