

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE

Instructions for Workers in Maryland. Miss Alice Paul, chairman of the Congressional Committee, requests that as many suffrage meetings as possible pass the following resolution at once and send copies to President Wilson, Washington, D. C.:

Resolved, That this meeting calls upon President Wilson to urge, in his message convening the extra session of Congress, the passage of an amendment to the United States Constitution giving suffrage to women on equal terms with men.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to President Wilson.

Adopted at a meeting at.....

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Chairman of the Meeting.

It is also important for suffragists to write personal letters to the President, urging the course of action outlined in the resolution.

The special session of Congress convenes on April 7. Letters should be sent to the President on the subject as frequently as possible prior to that day.

On Monday, April 7, a great mass-meeting will be held in the Columbia Theater, Washington, after which the suffragists will march to the Capitol and present their demands to Congress. Maryland suffragists are urged to take part in the demonstration.

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Let ALL Maryland Vote

"HOW ABOUT THE NEGRO WOMEN?"

This is a question that is often asked in our meetings when discussion is thrown open to the floor. The attitude assumed by many Maryland suffragists toward the question of votes for colored women is difficult to understand. The question is one hard to answer, for in attempting to do so one is as apt to offend the regular suffragist as to satisfy the inquiring anti.

We have had for many years the vote of the colored man; neither Democratic nor Republican politicians have been feverishly anxious to be rid of it except when one or the other of them found the vote going the other way.

According to the census of 1910, negro women number only 18 per cent. of Maryland's population. To refrain from asking the ballot for the remaining 82 per cent. white women of the State is quite as absurd as to pledge ourselves to stop digging for gold because we are sure to find with the precious metal a certain percentage of dross. As well could we say we shall not plant wheat for we always have chaff with the grain. This is for them who consider the negress dross!

Maryland women must reflect that from earliest infancy our trusted servants have been negroes. It is almost impossible to estimate how many babies are left daily in the care of black nurse maids, who do their duties faithfully; our wives leave their jewels in the care of their colored maids with absolute safety. Why, when we know all this, is the cry of being afraid of their influence heard so often?

We admit there is a large per cent. of illiteracy among the colored population; over 23 per cent. While taking note of this let us remember that Maryland stands thirty-ninth among the forty-eight States in the Union in the amount of money spent on its public schools. Maryland spends only 21 cents out of every \$100.00 of its income on schools, Washington, where women vote, spends 72 cents out of every \$100.00.

The hideous unspeakable conditions among our colored people today are the results of our own mismanagement, our neglect, our cupidity and our stupidity. Over 70 per cent. of our colored children are attending school, and as among the white children, more girls than boys are in the high schools. Maryland is listed as one of the benighted States as far as education is concerned for white children as well as colored children. The average colored woman is everything the average colored man is NOT. She is ambitious for the education of her children; she is keenly imitative of what her superiors are doing; and everything points to the fact she would not be as difficult a problem as the foreign-born woman.

The evils of which we seem to be afraid and which obscure the real worth of the colored woman are easily remedied by giving them better housing conditions, in addition to compulsory education along lines that will fit them for the positions that are open to them as society is today constituted. Vocational training for the negro is the crying need of the race.

But to come to the crux of the matter. We have already enfranchised the black man with his shiftless, lazy, parasitical attitude toward life. Who is it that works and supports the vast number of black children in the land? Is it not the black mother? Who is it that guarantees in mistaken but faithful devotion the attitude of the black man? Do we not all know of poor black souls loyal to the man who only knows them but to live upon them? Are we to say we are suffragists, with a decent comprehension of what suffrage means, and say that we will not have the black woman who has been made to bear the sins not only of her black mate but the white libertine as well as the two million mulattoes of the nation bear sad testimony, are we to say that she shall not have the means of protecting herself, if that means be incorporated in the ballot?

If there is any class that needs the ballot it is the class that is suffering from conventional injustice. The black woman needs the vote far more than the black man; by the very force of her character she is better able to exercise it in decency than he is. He has it. As long as we have it, how can we in justice deny it to her. She has a two-fold need of the ballot, one to compel such legislation as will protect her against the inroads of her own race, and against the white males who are responsible for the degradation of the black race as evidenced in the mongrel tribe of half-breeds scattered over the land. W. J. B.

STUDENTS TO HELP SUPPORT ADDRESS Mr. Mythen Will, "Friends' School"

On the invitation of the principal, Mr. E. C. Wilson, of the Friends' School, Mr. Mythen will address the children of the Friends' School on the 31st of March on Monday, March 31. There are already a number of suffragists in attendance at this school and it is hoped that a junior branch of the Men's League will be established in the school.

TRADES-UNIONISTS HEAR OF SUFFRAGE Meetings addressed by the Secretary of the Men's League: March 17, District Committee of the Garment Workers; Labor Lyceum. March 18, Coat Makers' Union, Labor Lyceum.

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MRS. CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT



President of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance

Mrs. Catt will speak at the Academy of Music on Sunday, March 30, at 3 P. M. under the auspices of the Maryland Woman Suffrage Association, of which Mrs. Emma Maddox Funck is president.

She is a woman of charming personality; she is one of the most eloquent and logical speakers upon the public platform, a woman of rare executive ability and earnestness of purpose.

She has traveled north, east, south and west; has lectured in nearly every city in the Union, and been associated with every important victory that equal suffrage has won of late years.

She was Miss Susan B. Anthony's choice as her successor, "an ideal leader" as Miss Anthony called her.

Mrs. Catt has but recently returned from a two-year trip around the world, and will bring to Baltimore much interesting information as to the conditions of women in other countries. E. A. B.

TWENTY-THIRD WARD CLUB Hears Address by Miss Trax.

On Wednesday evening, March 19, the Twenty-third Ward Socialist Club held a smoker and entertainment, which was attended by 200 people. There were several speakers on the program, among them Miss L. C. Trax, who spoke upon "The Down and Outs," treating the subject from a political as well as economic standpoint. Miss Trax said in part:

"Baltimore has its down and outs. And for every man who walks the street jobless, there is a woman or a child who toils in our factories, and the problem of the down and outs is woman's problem, too. Production has been socialized.

"Wages are partly set by the unemployed at factory gates, who, with lean, hungry hands grasping for bread, take any wage at all just to live. The average wage of a man worker in the United States is \$9 per week. The Chicago Commission says that \$8 per week is the minimum wage for a self-supporting woman. Maryland women work for an average wage of \$4.34. Do you wonder we have down and outs? Do you wonder we have prostitutes?

"You men urge women to hold union cards with no preliminary thought as to whether they have a vision of the ultimate commonwealth. You know the union card brings education. Just so must you urge women to hold another printed slip—the ballot—with no preliminary question as to how they may use it. The ballot brings education. The ballot will bring the bloodless revolution. The ballot will help solve the problem of the down and outs."

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EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, March 24. Office hours Just Government League Petition Secretary, 12 to 1 P. M.

Tuesday, March 25. Petitions Committee meeting at Just Government League Headquarters at 3 P. M.

Parade Committee meeting at Just Government League Headquarters at 3 P. M.

Suffrage "at home" at Just Government League Headquarters at 4 P. M. Mrs. Stanley D. Tagg hostess. Mr. J. Booker Clift, speaker.

Wednesday, March 26. Meeting of the District Chairmen and Ward Chairmen at Just Government League Headquarters at 3 P. M.

Just Government League Executive Committee meeting at headquarters at 4 P. M. Meeting at Chestertown at 8 P. M. Mrs. D. R. Hooker, speaker.

Thursday, March 27. Decorations Committee meeting at Just Government League Headquarters at 3 P. M.

Friday, March 28. Floats Committee meeting at Just Government League Headquarters at 11 A. M.

Headquarters Committee meeting at Just Government League Headquarters at 12 M.

Parade Committee meeting at Just Government League Headquarters at 3 P. M.

Open meeting at Just Government League Headquarters at 8 P. M.

Sunday, March 30. Academy of Music, 3 P. M.—Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, speaker. Mass-meeting at Cumberland at 3 P. M. Mrs. D. R. Hooker, Senator Moses E. Clapp and Rev. J. G. Mythen, speakers. Meeting at Bohemian Gymnastic Hall, Gay and Preston streets of the Bohemian Circle at 3 P. M. Mrs. John G. Wilson, speaker.