

# The Woman's Forum

## IS MOTHERHOOD A BAR TO PROFESSION

### Lady Gertrude Forbes-Robertson Is Convinced That Motherhood Does Not Need All the Time and Strength a Woman Has.

The opinions expressed in the following interviews are presented to the Woman's Forum readers for consideration. Some will agree, others will just as heartily disagree. The Forum will be glad to publish letters on the subject involved, provided they reach the office of the Editor of the Woman's Forum, New-York Tribune, not later than Thursday noon.

Lady Forbes-Robertson (Gertrude Elliott) cannot understand why the Board of Education of New York City should consider motherhood a bar to efficient service in the schools. Just before going to rehearsal last Thursday, in her parlor at the Hotel Claridge, she took a quarter of an hour to tell The Tribune why.

"If a woman were going to have a child every year," she said, "of course she would have no time or strength to spare for any other work. That is what this stand of the Board of Education practically contemplates. 'The rest of your life will be spent in maternal duties,' it says in effect. 'You are of no further use to the schools.' But women do not and should not have large families now, and if a woman who has spent years in training to be a teacher has the desire, when her baby or babies are grown enough to be left with some one besides herself for a part of the day, to earn her living in the schools, or the need to do so, why should any one seek to prevent her?"

"I do feel that a child needs its mother when it is little, but not all women who have children are good mothers, and sometimes it is better for the child to be in other hands a part of the day. And children, even little children, should have the companionship of other children. Haven't you seen how a child that is grave and silent when it is with elder companions of its own size? For that reason I think a very young child is often better for being a part of the day with others under expert care, in a school or kindergarten, and I am a believer in the new method—the Montessori method—which does not interfere with the natural development of the child.

"So it does not seem to me that being a mother need take all there is of a woman, or that when a woman has a child the Board of Education has anything to do with that. Is the teacher efficient? Is she doing her duty by her classes? Those are the questions for the board to decide. And if she is not, then the board can dismiss her on those grounds. But to say to her, 'Because you are a mother, you are an inefficient teacher,' is most unfair.

"A teacher is allowed leave of absence for purposes of study; why not leave of absence for the purpose of bearing a child? Why, motherhood is an education; it ought to broaden a teacher and make her wiser. How it could make her less fit to teach other children I cannot see."

Three children Lady Forbes-Robertson and her husband have in England when they are making a tour like the present one. "It is the longest absence from them we have had, the longest tour we have made," she said yesterday. "Mostly we have acted in London, and then we can have them with us. They are in school now, and that is good for them. It is good for children to be with other children, though there are many people in England who don't send their children, but have tutors for them at home. I don't think that a good plan."

Miss Ida Tarbell won't take a definite stand on the teacher-mother question. "I don't think I have looked into it sufficiently," she said. "But it does seem to me that it's an individual question, to be decided according to individual conditions, and if the Board of Education has made a hard and fast rule against mother-teachers it has made a mistake.

"Of course, the board may feel that it is a bad thing for the school to have a teacher's term of service chopped off, cut up into sections, interrupted by other duties. If they feel that motherhood is an interruption injurious to the classes of the teacher who becomes a mother, I see a reason for their action. But I don't see how they can make a rule for all individual conditions count for so much."

Miss Tarbell said she had no sympathy with the people who plead for the mother-teacher's right to keep on in her profession on the ground that every woman ought to be allowed to have her profession or trade, something to keep her in touch with the world?

"The question of the teacher's fitness to teach is the whole question," she said. "The children of the schools are the consideration. But personally I can't see why a woman with a home and child should feel herself 'out of it' because she hasn't a career. Surely she can keep in touch with the world. Why," said Miss Tarbell, "I don't see how she can help keeping in touch with the world."

Miss Katherine D. Blake, principal of Public School 6, declared that in her experience of teachers motherhood did not interfere with efficient efficiency. "I have had teachers in my school who had children of school age," she said, "and I had a clerk in my office who had a baby three years old. I could never see that that baby hindered her in her work. She was a good clerk. Why, the money question keep the teacher-mother up to the mark. She wants to earn her salary. And the little people in her classes keep her up to the mark. Does any one think that a teacher with a class of forty or fifty youngsters can neglect her work for a meeting? She'd have pandemonium in five minutes if she did.

"When a teacher applies for leave of absence for a year for purposes of study, or on account of sickness, or to bear a child, she asks leave of absence without pay. The schools save money on her because, while she gets \$1,200 or \$1,500 a year, her substitute gets only \$3 a day. If the board is willing to save money on a teacher who is studying it should be willing to save on a teacher who is bearing a child. The board argues that frequent changes of teachers do harm. But let the changes be made at the beginning of the term; then they can do no harm.

"It is really the policy of the Board of Education," added Miss Blake, "to discourage women teachers. They certainly keep them from the best paid places. In 1901 there were fifty-seven more women principals than in 1912. In 1901 there were nearly thirty less men principals than in 1912. It looks like the beginning of a movement to crush women teachers out of the best positions, anyway."

Because they are human beings and respond to the moving spirit of their time and generation. Because they, with all classes of men, have been drawn into the great stream flowing toward democracy. Because, like the men of every civilized country in the last century, they have heard the call for self-expression, self-government. Because they wish to remove from government every vestige of sex-aristocracy. Because they are thinking, sentient beings and know themselves to be fit for self-government. Because they wish to govern themselves—Women's Political World.

## "NO HALL OF FAME FOR US," SAY WOMEN

### Ida Tarbell Thinks the Idea of a Separate Hall of Fame for Women Ridiculous, and Men Artists, Too, Scout Brander Matthews' Idea.

Thank you, Dr. Brander Matthews, the women don't want to be "immortals," and they wouldn't be so unkind as to go off and form a Hall of Fame all by themselves without letting the men in.

#### FEMININE MAGNANIMITY.

"Given the same amount of talent and the same training," said Miss Janet Scudder, the sculptor, "men can undoubtedly produce as fine works of art as women."

Miss Scudder's keen eyes sparkled with a wicked delight as she made this reply to Brander Matthews' suggestion that women should organize to form a Hall of Fame of their own. The process of becoming members in the society of American Immortals is so tedious for women, Dr. Matthews suggested that it would be advisable for them not to seek admission there.

The idea amused Miss Scudder immensely, but she conquered her emotion finally and made the above quoted demure observation about the talents of men. Then she added:

"For women to erect a Hall of Fame to their own particular glory at this enlightened moment would be ridiculous and ill timed.

#### LET BYGONES BE BYGONES.

"Why because in the dark ages man has shown no interest or encouragement to woman in her artistic efforts should we bear him ill will now that he has discovered that woman can distinguish herself other than in working for his personal comfort? The cause is won now—if there ever was a cause. I see no reason for antagonism on the part of women toward the male sex, and I should certainly not approve of women erecting a Hall of Fame or forming art societies from which men were barred out."

The five women who were named by Brander Matthews as eligible for the Immortals are Ida M. Tarbell, research; Mary Wilkins Freeman, fiction; Margaret Deland, fiction; Edith Wharton, fiction, and Mary Cassatt, painting.

#### MISS TARBEEL DEMURS.

Miss Tarbell disclaimed all interest in the Hall of Fame.

"You know it seems perfectly ridiculous to me," she announced, when the reporter sought her opinion.

#### STICK TO YOUR JOB.

"The only thing for women to do is to stick to their jobs," she said. "If they do good work they will get recognition. This is too busy a world for people to go about proclaiming their achievements or demanding that other people admire their talents.

#### ONE HUNDRED YEARS FROM NOW

"I do not believe in erecting tablets and statues to people who are living, anyway. One hundred years from now, if posterity finds us great and wishes to honor our memory, that will be quite different.

"But don't you think some women who are dead are just as worthy as men of being entered in the Hall of Fame?"

"Certainly," said Miss Tarbell. "This country has had several women just as great as or more so than some of the men in the Hall of Fame. Harriet Beecher Stowe, for example; Maria Mitchell and Susan B. Anthony."

#### "Isn't this delightful magnanimity?"

#### SUSAN B. ANTHONY.

"Not at all," said the leader of the "ants." "I admire Miss Anthony for her fighting ability. It isn't the cause that makes a woman great. It is the way she attacks her cause, and Susan B. Anthony attacked hers with the persistency, dignity and intelligence which marks a great person."

New York artists and men of letters agreed with the women that a separate

Hall of Fame for women would be ridiculous.

"It is amazing that any one should presume to give the arts a sex," said Gutzon Borglum, the sculptor. "For any body of men to bar women from distinction because of sex would be as foolish as for any body of women writers to bar out Dr. Brander Matthews. There is no masculine or feminine art. Art is art, whether its creator be man or woman."

Robert W. Chambers refused to discuss the subject seriously.

#### ENTER THE SENSE OF HUMOR.

"This sort of thing does not interest me," he said. "You see, I have a sense of humor. There never was any doubt in my mind that women who are clever are the equals of men who are clever."

William M. Chase, the painter, said that women in art and letters ought to be recognized on the same footing as men.

"In art," he said, "women are quite equal to men. Cecelia Beau and Lydia and Ellen Emmett rank with the greatest of painters."

## Open Letter to Mrs. Pankhurst

To the Editor of the Woman's Forum:

When you cross the ocean your life is in the hands of the crew, which consists of two main factions. The first faction is the captain, mates, sailors, etc., whose duties and work are on the bridge, deck and near the masts. The second faction consists of the chief engineer, his assistants, firemen, oilers, stokers, etc. These men's duties and work are below the deck, and nowhere else. If these two factions of the crew tend to their own duties and work, if each individual will stick to his post, undoubtedly there will be a safe voyage. But suppose the chief engineer commands the men under him to do something, and they instead march upon the bridge and tell the captain that they are as good as he and the other part of the crew, and that they therefore will not stay below, but insist upon taking a hand in navigating the ship! If it chances to be fine weather and no danger arises there may not be any serious consequences. The changing of places may cause delay and trivial mishaps, and some amusement may arise to the passengers who do not know, but on the other hand, suppose your ship runs into grave peril, like the Titanic or the Volturo, and at the first sign of danger the crew below would refuse to keep the engine running and insist on being on deck and share the first chance with the other part of the crew in getting into the boats. The amusing part of the show is over. If the captain would shoot some of the rebels down you would approve of his act. Yet you are one of the rebels; you even assume the leadership.

The white race has run into peril. The white women refuse to be mothers and take care of their children and the homes. The white race is losing its ground, and the yellow is gaining rapidly in strength.

Suppose the women of England got their franchise now, and made it easier for the single women to earn their living, would it not be just that much harder for the married men to exist? Would not many more women be getting married? Suppose some women were to be de-stinated at the polls; would they then start a hunger strike? Suppose England got into war by rule of the women; would they go? They certainly could not stay home, because they claim to be the equal of men. They would have to take up arms and fight the foe. But suppose they got beaten; would they then go window

smashing and starve, to get even with their foe? An observer is led to believe they would.

If they claim they are equal to men they should take their medicine like the men. But you take the part of the spoiled child, that screams and kicks when it cannot get what it wants (indeed bad behavior for any one who aspires to rule a country). And should the men take the part of the fond, foolish parent who handles the child with gloves on and gives her what she wants, it would spell the ruin of England's power.

What seems to be the matter with England is that many men emigrate or take to the sea, leaving too many women at home. As it is with everything else that is too plentiful, so it is with the women; they go down in price. The men who get women easily naturally get spoiled, so the best cure is to leave them for men who cannot get any at all.

It would indeed be far better for every one if you would, instead of giving women a bad example by smashing windows and starving, advise them and assist them to do their duty as mothers, wives and housekeepers, and tell those who cannot get husbands in England to go to places where men would receive them with open arms. GEORGE W. MOHR, Jersey City.

## The Mistress, Not Maid to Blame

To the Editor of the Tribune Woman's Forum.

As a housekeeper for twenty-nine and one-half years and past mistress of twelve successive maids varying in fairly satisfactory domestic reigns of one, two, three and thirteen years, also knowledge of my friends' harassing, vicarious experience, and from general observation on this subject, I claim that in all difficulties relating to the diagnosis of servants the mistress is at fault.

There are mistresses and mistresses; in the well ordered home, simple or otherwise, presided over by the capable mistress, the situation resolves itself into a business proposition of mutual benefit to mistress and vice-mistress—i. e., servant. Not a perfect condition, but one, like all other combinations, which requires mutual dovetailing of ideas and "ways" to make the domestic rule a smooth, regular one. A little knowledge, we are told, is a

dangerous thing, but a little power is more so, and the little power generating from the small mind of the petty mistress, oppressing an inferior in station, is the chief reason for all the perplexities surrounding this prevailing family ill.

The petty mistress demands skilled service at laborer's pay. She engages an ignorant, untrained young woman, knowing her limited capacity, because she can be held cheaper and do the work.

Can you blame a maid for wishing to earn more money, when she becomes more efficient? Doesn't everybody in other trades or professions? Her apprenticeship was of mutual benefit to herself and mistress, and a wise mistress would yield to the demand if only from a sense of justice, to retain her and persevere, and the wise mistress would have her reward in eager, willing, grateful service—crude, perhaps, but satisfactory.

Then there is the miserly mistress, who hides her inferiority from her social equals, but stints the servant, then wonders why the service is listless. The shiftless mistress neglects supervision and criticizes her maid's carelessness, etc. It is the incompetent mistress who makes the incompetent servant. If every mistress of a servant in our broad land would extend the same charity toward her that she directs toward others we should soon find better domestic conditions existing.

Put yourself in your servant's state of life! You shudder! What a strange phase of our social evil—anymember of a family can do the veriest drudgery of that family with the world's approbation and honor, for upon its thoroughness depend the health, comfort and happiness of our homes. Yet let an alien perform that work and a stigma stains her forehead!

Try to look at things from your servant's point of view. Did you ever try to assist a friend in some manual work? Did you not find "her way" and commands irksome and puzzling? Human nature is the same at rock bottom in all of us. It is only our training which allows it to reach its varying levels. So, I repeat, keep your charity at home for a time, you who have servantries. It will prove the moral X-rays for locating the kitchen ills.

The case will require self-control; its many vexatiousnesses will oftentimes weigh down your fund, but persevere—it is "up to you," for you have the advantage—servants, their "rights," despite present-day factiousness. Be fair to the servant in the house. It will

dealing with the extensive efforts and investigations now being made in this direction. The second paper, by Mrs. Charles L. Adams, was on "Laws for the Protection of Workers."

The Readers met on Tuesday, November 18, at the home of the president, Mrs. Eva Phillips, No. 218 West 122d street, to resume for the sixth year the study of

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## PHILANTHROPIC AND PATRIOTIC WORK IS BEING DONE IN CLUBLAND

The Minerva Club, Mrs. Mary Stokes MacNutt, president, will hold its luncheon and social meeting to-morrow. A business meeting will be called to order at 12 o'clock, and luncheon will be served at 1 o'clock. Mrs. Edwards Jenkins is chairman of the luncheon committee. The social meeting at 3 o'clock will be in charge of the day's chairman, Mrs. Jeremiah Pangburn. Mrs. Frank Cronise will speak on "Current Events," and a paper will be read by Mrs. Katherine A. Martin. The guest of honor is to be John S. Crosby. Preparations are under way by the chairman of reception, Mrs. Frank E. Hadly, for the banquet and ball to be given at the Waldorf-Astoria on December 8 in honor of the club's president.

Eclectic will hold its second meeting of the season on Wednesday, November 23. This meeting was postponed from November 14.

The New York Browning Society, Miss Florence Wier Gibson, president, held its November meeting last Wednesday at the Waldorf-Astoria. The programme was under the chairmanship of Miss Elizabeth Jackson Moss. The poem for study was "A Death in the Desert." An address was made by the Rev. Dr. Lynn Harold Hough, of Baltimore, and the members of the society taking part in the discussion which followed were Misses M. Archibald Shaw, Alice Lakey, Minerva C. Welch, Edwin Markham, Edwin H. Fleming, Francis Carter and Miss Isabel McDougall. An informal social hour followed the programme. Mrs. John B. Stanchfield, Mrs. Edward McC. Biggs, Mrs. Orlando N. Dana and Mrs. George M. Robinson were the hospitality committee.

One hundred and seventy-five members were present at the luncheon of the Mount Holyoke Alumnae Association held at the Hotel St. Denis last Saturday. Mrs. W. H. Gilpatrick presided at the business meeting which preceded the luncheon. The chief interest centered around the report of the committee appointed to raise funds for the new Student Alumnae Building. Mrs. J. D. Walton, chairman of this committee, reported that the general association now has on hand funds to the amount of \$12,000. The building will cost \$130,000, which leaves \$6,000 to be raised in the next few weeks. Work is

soon to begin on the new Skinner Building, the gift of William and Joseph Skinner, of Holyoke, Mass. The after-dinner speaker at yesterday's luncheon was the Rev. Nehemiah Boynton, of Brooklyn.

The New York County Woman Suffrage Association, with its many leagues and clubs, will hold a Thanksgiving mass meeting at the Hotel Astor on Tuesday, November 25, at 8 p. m. Among the speakers will be Mrs. Harry Hastings, president New York County Association; Mrs. Mary Ellen Lease, Miss Annie S. Peck, the mountain climber; John S. Crosby, Mrs. Talbert-Perkins, Lyman Beecher Stowe, Miss Winona Marlin, Francis Adams, Charles Goldzier, Miss Amy Wren, Mr. Urban, Miss Edith Reiffert and Mrs. Nellie B. Van Slingerland.

The Junior League of the Society of the Free Industrial School for Crippled Children is busy with preparations for its Christmas bazaar, to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria on the afternoon and evening of December 2 and 3. Among the chairmen of the tables are Mrs. Arthur Elliott Fish, Mrs. Frank N. Lewis, Mrs. George Brand, Mrs. Frank Keith Taylor, Mrs. Frederick Andrews Baggs, Mrs. James Madison Battersett, Mrs. Hugh Reid Lawford, Mrs. Frank Jefferson Blodgett, Mrs. Edward Davis Jones, Mrs. Casper William Dean, Mrs. F. Elwood Briggs, Mrs. Mary Flitts, Miss Helen Russ MacQuinn, Miss Florence Guernsey and Mrs. Albert Canfield Bage.

The Unity Child Welfare Association, of Brooklyn, discussed children's reading at a meeting held on Wednesday afternoon at the Unity Parish House, No. 9 Irving Place. Miss Clara W. Hunt, superintendent of the children's department of the Brooklyn Public Library, spoke on "What the Brooklyn Public Library is Doing to Cultivate in Our Children a Taste for Good Literature." Franklin Matthews, chief scout librarian, Boy Scouts of America, spoke on "Character Culture by Means of Books Boys Like Best."

Miss Agnes Cowing, children's librarian, Pratt Library, spoke on "Children's Christmas Books—The Best of the Old and the New."

The second regular meeting of the Woman's Advance Club, of Baldwin,

Long Island, was held at the home of Miss Abbie Thompson, on Central avenue, on the afternoon of November 18. After the usual routine business papers on club work were read by Miss M. M. Woolley and Mrs. Richard Mott.

Mrs. Timothy Martin O'Connor and Mrs. Catharine Schultz will give a pivot bridge and echre on Friday, November 28, at 2 p. m., at the Albemarle-Hoffman, Broadway and 24th street, for the philanthropic department of the Chicago Women's Club of New York City, supporting the East Side Home and Day Nursery, president, Mrs. Walter H. Gahagan. The hostesses are Mrs. Walter H. Gahagan.

The Colonial Club was entertained recently at the home of Mrs. Burthum Harding, No. 15 West 91st street. Among the members present were Mrs. Charles G. MacKay, Mrs. E. B. Williams, Mrs. George Rawson, Mrs. J. F. Taylor, Mrs. Emma Kip Edwards and Miss Maud Wyan. Mrs. Ransom will be hostess on December 1.

Over one thousand invitations have been sent out for a reception to be given by the board of managers of the Little Mothers' Aid Association on Monday, December 1, from 3 to 5, at Happy Day House, No. 28 Second avenue, for a bazaar chairmen and their committees. A fine musical programme will be given, under the direction of Miss Ruby Reese and Mrs. Camille Birnbaum. Those who will assist are Signor Ferri, Robert Gram, Miss Abford, Manolita Funes, J. Dudley Wilkinson, Miss Helena Marchneudt, Cyril Laub, Mrs. C. E. Aboot and Mrs. Camille Birnbaum. Mrs. G. H. Strong, chairman of the reception committee, will be assisted by Mrs. J. H. Johnston, Mrs. Charles E. Wilcox, Mrs. H. C. Greenille, Mrs. Albert Gallatin Weed, Mrs. Lamar K. Tuttle, Miss Charlotte Pike and other members of the board of managers. Mrs. William E. Wilkinson will have charge of the tea room.

Cambridge Club met at the home of Mrs. Frederick L. Jenkins, No. 133 Bainbridge street, on Monday, the 17th. Two papers were presented on the general topic for the year of "Conservation." One, by Mrs. Jenkins, on "The Conservation of Human Energy and Strength,"



MISS IDA TARBEEL.



MISS JANET SCUDDER. Copyright by Paul Thompson.

bridge over that yawning chasm of rebellion on one side, Shylockian exactness on the superior, which between woman and woman should not exist. N. G. M. Elizabeth, N. J.

## The Mistress Expects Too Much

To the Editor of the Tribune Woman's Forum.

In many cases the servant is to blame, but perhaps in the more fundamental questions the mistress is the culprit. There are many cases that would come under this discussion, but I only want to bring up one instance, and that is the case of the young woman who marries from a wealthy home a young man not able to give her the butler, the second man, the maid, the parlormaid, the cook and kitchen maid, but who, when she has one maid, or even two, expects everything to be done in the same finished manner, with as much dispatch and with as little effort to herself as was the case in her father's establishment.

This is impossible, but so many people expect the impossible from maids that the problem—the social disease, if you like—servantitis, rises up and demands a cure!

One good maid cannot, much less an inexperienced maid, give one the service of eight, seven, six, five, four, three or even two maids. Remember that! New York. MATHILDA PAYSON.

## A FAMOUS ASTRONOMER.

The Marquis du Chatelet was among the distinguished astronomers of the eighteenth century.

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The annual meeting of the Brooklyn Branch of the Needlework Guild of America will take place Friday afternoon, November 22, at 3 o'clock, at the Hotel St. George, Clark street, Brooklyn. There will be addresses by prominent speakers, music and an exhibition of the garments which are to be sent to the charitable organizations and hospitals of Brooklyn. Tea will be served at 4 p. m.

On Friday evening, November 23, the Light Horse Harry Lee Society, Children of the American Revolution, will give a dance at the Hotel Plaza for the benefit of the Philanthropic Fund. The floor committee will consist of Miguel E. de Aguiro, Jr., Homer Lee, Jr., Addison Rothermel, Kenneth Flisk, Wilbour Lorrain, Charles M. Lee, J. Frye Nounan, Jr., George J. Carr, Mrs. William R. Stewart, Mrs. Homer Lee, Mrs. Simon Baruch, Mrs. J. F. Nounan, Mrs. W. E. Fitch, Mrs. Herbert de Lowery Brown, Mrs. Livingston Rowe Schuyler and Mrs. Moore Fairchild. The guests of honor will be Mrs. William Cumming Story and Mrs. Thomas J. Vivian.

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## PHILANTHROPIC AND PATRIOTIC WORK IS BEING DONE IN CLUBLAND

Saturday, December 6, at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. Fairfield Mortimore, chairman of the entertainment committee, will be assisted by Mrs. Wright B. Hunt, in charge of the bridge rooms; Mrs. W. Bird, in charge of the euchre rooms; Mrs. H. Crosswell Tuttle, Mrs. Silas Bostwick, Mrs. John A. Bolles, Mrs. Loren M. Burdick, Mrs. Harvey D. Cronk, Mrs. Thomas Smith, Mrs. Charles Enninger, Mrs. William Sharlock, Mrs. John Cruger Stamler, Miss Caroline Patterson, Miss Grace E. Walker, Miss Gertrude Lipe and Mrs. Joseph Wade. Tickets may be obtained from the chairman at her residence, No. 25 West 122d street.

The New Assembly, Mme. Bel-Ranske, founder, met at the Plaza on Thursday, November 20, at 3 p. m., when a recital was given before an audience of members and guests.

The regular meeting of Knickerbocker Chapter, D. A. R., was held on Friday, November 20, at 3 p. m., when a recital was followed by a social hour.

At a meeting of the California Club last Tuesday Mrs. Vivian, president, opened the program at 2:30 by introducing the Club Chairman of California history, Mrs. A. A. Fisher, who gave the origin of the Bear Flag, and a recital of the five principal events of history which the State is seemingly now making for itself. Following this, Mrs. Alice Moore McCoombs gave a ten-minute talk on current events. Among other topics touched upon were the Los Angeles Aqueduct, the New York Aqueduct, the Parcels Post, married women as teachers and suffrage.

The afternoon closed with a welcome to the following California guests: Mrs. Del Valle and Miss Del Valle, Los Angeles, Mrs. Louis C. Farrar, Sacramento, Mrs. William Waters, Jr., Monterey, Mrs. Virginia Vassault, Miss H. A. Webster, Mrs. C. J. Kaighin, Mrs. W. L. Murphy, Mrs. Homer Boushey, Mrs. Anna H. Wilcox, all of San Francisco; Mrs.