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Council of Jewish Women

The Council of Jewish Women, through the courtesy of the Jewish press, desires to invite the Jewish women of the country to attend its Fifth Triennial Convention to be held in Cincinnati, December 1-10, 1908. It invites cities and towns in which there is no section of the council to form committees to send official delegates to represent them as was done for the Congress of Jewish Women in Chicago in 1893. The courtesies of the convention will be extended to such representatives as well as to individual members visiting Cincinnati for the purpose of attending the triennial, which promises to be the most important ever held by the council.

Cincinnati is making elaborate preparations to welcome the large number of delegates and visitors who have already signified their intention to be present.

The central situation and the accessibility of Cincinnati from all parts of the country should aid in bringing to the triennial a large number of visitors. The inspiration of meeting the workers who gather at the triennials is bound to result in a desire to join so strong and effective an organization. At the Fourth Triennial the dues were raised from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per annum. It was feared that this might reduce the membership, a fear which has proven groundless. Several sections have almost doubled their membership, and in very few of them has there been any loss whatever on account of the dues, the paid membership in the council being as

large today as it was three years ago, and relatively much larger—in round numbers 10,000 paid members, seniors and juniors, in May, 1905, and in May, 1908.

The program of the triennial will have many well known speakers on subjects connected with the activities of the council, and promises to be one of the most interesting that the council has ever presented.

The activities of the council have meanwhile greatly increased, especially the work of the Committee on Immigrant Aid, undertaken since 1905, and originating in the New York section. The work has now been taken up by other port cities, and a representative of the section in Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore meets incoming steamers and assists and advises immigrant girls, who are later helped to secure employment and education. Brooklyn seconds New York in visiting girls who are recommended to it through the agent at Ellis Island. A system of cooperation has been developed with the European societies at the various ports, who help immigrant girls as they pass through. Immigrants who are deported from institutions in which they have become a public charge are assisted, and reports secured of their safe arrival on the other side. The report of the committee will show that we have no reason in any way to be ashamed of our Jewish girls—reports to the contrary, notwithstanding—but that we have every reason to be very proud of the record they make in a strange land.

A new committee has been added to the National Standing

Committees, that of education, which is taking up the special subject of Medical Inspection of School Children and Their After Care, and splendid work is being done in a number of sections along the lines suggested by the committee.

Another new committee is that originating in the Philadelphia section, which seeks to educate public opinion to demand the suppression of objectionable matter in newspapers, especially in connection with trials. The hearty endorsement of editors of the best papers and of many prominent individuals has been secured for this movement.

The council is invited to send representatives to every important congress and exhibition, national or international. For its exhibit on immigrant aid, it was awarded a gold medal at the Jamestown Exhibition, and also in the Department of Social Economy at the Paris Exposition of books and publications, 1907, it was given the first prize. It is a member of the Council of Women of the United States, and of the International Council of Women; of the National Conference of Jewish Charities, and of the Department of Women's Organizations of the National Education Association. Miss American, its secretary, has been asked to present a paper at the International Congress on Tuberculosis, held in Washington, D. C., September 28, 1908, and will be one of the speakers in Section V.

The membership of the council, large as it is, is not as large as it should be in view of the importance of this national associ-

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