

# WANT WOMEN IN LEGISLATURE

## Race Betterment League Voices Plea; Asks Aid of Voters.

### POINTS ILLINOIS SCANDALS.

#### Offers Many "Candidates"; Demands "How Long Will You Wait, Men?"

If women may be suggested for membership in the United States Supreme court, they may also be suggested for membership in the Illinois state legislature.

This was the decision of the Race Betterment league at a meeting yesterday, and a letter was drawn up and sent to the Legislative Voters' league asking it to indorse a number of prominent Chicago women for positions in the legislature.

#### Propose Women Lawmakers.

The following names were proposed by the suffrage organization:

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| Harriet Grimm.         | M r s. L. Brackett    |
| Belle Squire.          | Bishop,               |
| Agnes Nestor.          | M r s. Myra Strawn    |
| Mrs. Raymond Robins.   | Hartshorn.            |
| Harriet Treadwell.     | Mrs. Harry F. Atwood. |
| Frances Squire Potter. | Mrs. Fred C. Starr.   |
| Dr. Cornelia De Bey.   | Alice Henry.          |
| Mrs. Geo. W. Trout.    | Dr. Anna Blount.      |
| Ida E. Reynolds.       | Mrs. Emmons Blaine.   |
| Virginia Brooks.       | Mrs. Cyrus McCormick. |
| Laura E. Blakeslee.    | Edith Abbott.         |
| Louise Kilbourne.      | Mrs. Florence Kelley. |
|                        | Julia Lathrop.        |

The letter addressed to the Legislative Voters' league reads:

"How long, gentlemen, will you call in vain for more and better legislative timber? How long will you continue patiently to expose the ignorant, malicious and unworthy legislators of our state, crying out in despair for relief from impostors and crooks?"

#### "How Long?" Main Plea.

"How long will you remain deaf, dumb, and blind to the fact that within your reach is a reserve power, willing and awaiting your call, to clean the Augean stables of Illinois legislative halls? How long will you continue to think of woman as a dumb symbol on a pedestal in bronze or marble representing Chicago in cold letters, 'I Will'? How long will you refuse to see the handwriting in fire upon the wall: 'Women as Legislators Our Only Hope'?"

"The annual publication of our shame, that masculine legislators have failed, should suggest an appeal to the womanhood of our state to assist in placing laws upon our statute books and prevent 'jackpot' disasters. The following is a list of names of women entirely qualified to serve in our state legislature."

## COLD WEATHER FINDS MANY READY TO AID CITY'S POOR.

### "The Tribune" Turns Over Gifts Sent In to the United Charities—Total Stands at \$1,989.

The cold weather of the last few days has opened the pocketbooks of Chicagoans seeking to alleviate the cold weather suffering of the poor. THE TRIBUNE has received \$59 in subscriptions and the money has been turned over to the United Charities for persons suffering from the cold.

Following is a list of the contributions:

Previously acknowledged.....	\$1,950.40
Austin-Western Co. employes.....	8.00
W. H. R.....	1.00
Mrs. A. W. H.....	1.00
W. H.....	2.00
Q. P. F.....	10.00
S. L. B.....	5.00
Sixth floor Chicago Savings Bank building.....	22.00
F. W. S.....	10.00
Total.....	\$ 59.00
Total to date.....	1,950.40

The suffering among the poor has been acute during the second cold spell and the United Charities have received many calls for assistance

#### Prays for Her Return to Georgia.

North Robey street and Austin avenue, Mrs. Melissa Middleton, 70½ South Central Park avenue, was discovered by the police at 2 o'clock yesterday morning. She prayed to be taken "back to Georgia."