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Dear Madam President:

MINUTES - Enclosed find abridged minutes of the Executive Council.

PROGRAM FOR MONTHLY DEMONSTRATIONS is enclosed for the remainder of the year.

An attempt has been made to introduce a demonstration which would be capable of publicity and propaganda at the same time. A circularization of groups of voters has been fixed for some of the months and it goes without saying that no public statement should be made concerning this circularization. It will only invite a counter-circularization from the opponents. I beg and entreat of you not to fail to cover the clergy of your state thoroughly. It is most important that you manage to raise the money to do this work in some way. We cannot make much further progress without the aid of the clergy of all denominations. With your aid we shall have them all fighting with us soon.

DETAILS FOR DEMONSTRATIONS - Enclosed you will find detailed suggestions for carrying out the monthly demonstrations up to and including the month of July. Some additional suggestions you will find below. The details for August and following months will be sent you not later than June 1st.

SERMONS - In addition to the letters sent the clergy requesting sermons, it is most important that you urge your local workers everywhere to send callers to visit all the clergy in their respective towns, asking that sermons be prepared, and to talk with them upon the effect the literature has had upon their point of view.

GARDEN CLUBS - The garden clubs should be organized in April. Everybody in town may join, but a small executive committee to carry out the actual details should be arranged.



It is necessary to have money for ploughing the ground, for the necessary seeds and perhaps tools. The plan given for money raising is certainly capable of arousing widespread interest and much publicity. We heartily commend it.

MONEY-RAISING - I enclose one of the efficiency booklets on money raising. I urge your board to select from it or from other money raising schemes known to you, a definite program for money raising in the month of May. Do it now and get the plan going early. Perhaps you will like a big meeting to close such a campaign at which all the pledges made during the campaign can be announced. The money-raising should be preceded by a carefully prepared budget. This I know has been done in several states already and the suggestion is not meant for them naturally.

GARDEN INSPECTION - We suggest that four committees on garden inspection be appointed. Rules should be laid down as to the standards to be attained. The first committee should visit all the gardens under supervision of the garden club and rate each one in June. In July, August and September, other committees will also rate them and the average will give the final rating on each garden. Prizes should be offered for (1) the best private kitchen garden, (2) the best high school kitchen garden, (3) the best grammar school kitchen garden, and if you have vacant-lot gardens, worked by your garden club, such gardens may also be offered prizes. These prizes should be awarded at the Italian street market in September.

HOW TO MAKE USE OF DEMONSTRATIONS - In few instances have the plans for monthly demonstrations brought the responses which should have come from an active state organization. It is possible that the instructions and suggestions for these demonstrations were not always received in sufficient time. We will try to be more prompt at the National Headquarters than we have been heretofore. We suggest that you make the schedule for your local auxiliaries and send them as promptly as possible.

ORGANIZATION - You doubtless have names of suffragists in many towns where you do not have suffrage organizations. I beg you to appeal to all such to take up the garden work. It will without doubt result in organization for suffrage.

REPORTS - In order that we may get an accurate return concerning responses to the monthly demonstrations and especially our efforts to increase the food supply, we shall send blanks to you for reports and beg you to send a similar blank with your letters to every local auxiliary, to be filled out and returned to you.

PUBLICITY ON GARDEN WORK - When something original or picturesque or thorough-going has been done in the garden work in any town or state, an account of it will be welcomed by the National Suffrage News and I am sure it will be equally welcomed by the Woman's Journal.

Cordially yours,  
CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT,  
President