

League
of
Women
Voters

“IF ever the world sees a time when woman shall come together purely and simply for the benefit and good of mankind, it will be as a power such as the world has never known.”—Matthew Arnold.

The League of Women Voters

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WHAT is it?

A group of enfranchised women, who want not merely to vote, but to vote for *something*. The vote is only a tool with which to work, and for years they have struggled and sacrificed to secure it. Now, they want to build a better world for their neighbors and their posterity. They are women skilled in organization, propaganda and political work. They have won the vote for themselves against great odds and now they propose to unite once more and to bring their experience, their training and their enthusiasm to bear upon other problems.

What problems? Illiteracy, too easy qualifications for the vote, too uncertain dissemination of knowledge concerning citizenship and its duties and kindred topics.

Why not leave these questions to political parties for solution? These problems have existed for a century and have grown bigger, blacker and more menacing with each year and political parties have only evaded and avoided them.

How is the work to be done? By creating so widespread a demand for the needed correction of these ills that each political party will adopt the movement and make these aims a part of its platform and its campaign.

Is it political? Certainly, but not partisan. Its members are as free as other women to join and vote with the party of their choice. They make no pledge otherwise in joining the League of Women Voters. Their only obligation is to support the

program which aims to bring the laws and the practices of every state up to the standard of the best law and best practice of any state. It is not the intention of the League of Women Voters, as such, to take part in elections, to endorse or to oppose candidates or parties.

What will the program be? All programs will be worked out by committees composed of experts on the subject treated, and will then be adopted, amended or rejected by the League of Women Voters in open discussion at its annual convention. There will be no secret support of or opposition to any measure. All members of the League and the public may know the exact objective of the League at any time.

How will the program be carried out? The League of Women Voters authorized the following eight committees:

1. American Citizenship
2. Protection of Women in Industry
3. Child Welfare
4. Improvement in Election Laws and Methods
5. Social Hygiene
6. Unification of Laws Concerning the Civil Status of Women
7. Food Supply and Demand
8. Research

What is the present program of the League?

Ten aims with the view to securing a more intelligent citizenship, more efficient elections and higher political ideals, together with seven aims with the view to protecting women in industry, have been adopted, and nothing further can be added until the next meeting held in February, 1920.

What groups may use the name? The state, county, city, town and precinct groups in states of fully enfranchised women.

No such organizations in presidential suffrage states may adopt the name, but will automatically take it when fully enfranchised.

Meanwhile, what? Organization, education, understanding, study, investigation and legal work. Later, what? A nation redeemed from the charges of ignorance and corruption; a nation glorified by a democracy safe for the world.

Can women accomplish this alone? No, women and men will work together. There is no war, no conflict, no misunderstanding between the sexes. There are men and women with a vision of better things, and men and women with no vision. There are unselfish men and women, willing to give themselves to bring about the better things they see and selfish men and women who would rather "bear the ills they have" than make attempt to find remedies. The League of Women Voters makes its call to the brave, the intelligent, the forward looking. No others will be interested. Its program is so patriotic, so sound, so obviously needed; its motives are so unselfish and impersonal; its aims so certainly for "the benefit and good of mankind" that its success is assured.

If you want to know more about the League of Women Voters write us. Ask your question; it will be answered.

OUR PURPOSE

A country in which all voters speak English, read their own ballots and honor the American flag.

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