

gether with the dependent question of proper taxation and representation," and mindful of the expression of opinion conveyed by replies received by the chairman of the committee to circulars sent out, showing fifteen state federations, representing ninety four thousand and one members for this reorganization and seven state federations, representing twenty-six thousand two hundred and fifty-one members against reorganization, respectfully submit the following minority report:

ARTICLE I.

Section 1. The general federation shall consist of state federations of women's clubs and territorial federations in states or territories where the state federations exist.

Section 1 in present constitution shall be made section 2, and shall read as follows:

The general officers of the federation shall be a president, two vice presidents, a recording secretary, a corresponding secretary, a treasurer and an auditor.

Section 2 in present constitution shall be omitted.

Section 2. The general officers of the federation and eight directors shall constitute a board of directors, who shall transact the business of the federation subject to its direction, and make a full report at each biennial meeting and to the council when it convenes. They shall meet at the call of the president or upon the written request of three members. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. The presidents of state federations, chairmen of federation committees in territorial federations and board of directors of the general federation shall constitute an advisory council to meet the day previous and the day following each biennial, and at the call of the president or at the written request of five members of the council.

Section 5. The seven officers of the general federation and eight directors shall be elected at biennial meetings by ballot. One delegate from each state, chosen by the delegation of the state, shall form a nominating board to offer a list of officers and directors for election. A majority vote of those present entitled to vote and voting shall constitute an election.

Section 6. No member shall hold more than one office at a time, and no officer shall be eligible to the same general office for more than two terms consecutively. No two members of the board shall be from the same state. One-half of the board of directors shall be changed at each biennial meeting. Each officer shall hold office until the adjournment of the biennial meeting following that of her election. In case of a vacancy, the board of directors shall appoint a member to serve until her successor is elected.

Section 8. Each state federation consisting of one thousand or less members shall be entitled to be represented by its president or her appointee and four delegates. Each three hundred additional members may be represented by one delegate. Territorial federations shall be entitled to the same representation.

Section 9. All members of the general federation may be present at the biennial meetings and may take part in discussions upon all measures brought forward, but shall not introduce motions or votes.

ARTICLE II.

Section 1. State federations desiring to join the general federation shall make application through their president to the president of the general federation. They must show that no sectarian or political test is required for membership in their organization and must agree to the constitution and by-laws of the general federation.

ARTICLE III.

Section 1. The meetings of the gen-

eral federation shall take place every three years, beginning 1902. The place and date of meeting shall be decided by the board of directors.

Section 6. The annual dues of the state and territorial federations shall be three (3) cents per capita. Dues shall be paid annually by the treasurers of state federations to the treasurer of the general federation by March 1st. The representation of state and territorial federations shall be reckoned by the number of members who have paid their per capita dues by March 1st.

ARTICLE IV.

Section 4. At each meeting of the board of directors an executive committee of three, of whom the president shall be chairman, shall be appointed by the board to transact routine business and to act in emergencies until the next board meeting. The action of this committee shall be unanimous and all action taken by it shall be reported in writing to the board.

Section 5. The state president and executive board shall have charge of the general federation business in her state, and shall appoint a federation secretary as a means of communication between the state and general federations. In states or territories where no state federations exist the board of directors shall appoint a committee of three from different sections of the state or territory, who shall have charge of all general federation business of the state, and in consultation with the board of directors, decide how delegates to the biennial meetings from their state or territory shall be elected. The annual dues of the state or territory shall be paid to the chairman of this committee, who shall remit the same to the treasurer of the general federation. This committee shall promote intercourse among local clubs and organize state federations as soon as practicable. The members of this committee shall be delegates to the biennial meetings and the chairman shall lead the delegation.

In case of the adoption of triennial meetings, wherever the word biennial occurs, triennial shall take its place.

The committee is undecided as to the advisability of making the meetings of the general federation triennial at present, but made the change in the by-laws at the request of a large number of members, in order that the subject might be discussed at Milwaukee. If the general federation decides to hold triennial meetings, the committee considers three cents per capita dues ample for the support of the general federation. If biennial meetings are continued, it recommends five cents per capita dues.

Attention is also called to the fact that this plan of reorganization in no wise interferes with the government of state federations, but leaves them free to elect their delegates, collect their dues and manage their state affairs as seems best. (Signed.)

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LOUISA DICKINSON SHERMAN,
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The art department of the Lincoln woman's club met as usual on Thursday in the club rooms: Mr. Neligh of the public schools lectured on "Art for Art's Sake." Mr. Neligh spoke of "How to Build Up an Art Environment in Our City." Much could be done through the pupils in the schools, by inducing them to plant flowers, shrubs, etc., and to keep the sidewalks in repair. The department heartily endorsed Mr. Neligh's comments, that the city needs more parking and street improvements, and that much may be done to beautify it. He said the art-loving people of this

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