

Women Around the World

"ALTHOUGH the General Federation of Women's Clubs is one of the lowest-cost organizations of women in the world, carrying on its gigantic program on a per capita membership dues of only ten cents, its scope of interest and influence is ever widening," said Mrs. Roberta Campbell Lawson, president.

At the annual meeting of the Federation held last April in Miami, Florida, there were offered for the vote of members eleven resolutions touching many vital international and national problems in education, welfare and citizenship. These resolutions were sent out to all of the more than 16,000 member-clubs embracing 2,000,000 women for study and vote, thus ensuring an intelligent vote at Miami.

Hundreds of women registered for attendance at the meeting.

The keynote of the administration, 'Education for Living', was emphasized in the programs presented by the nine Departments of the Federation. Some one has said that, 'education is the art of learning how to live with other people,' and American clubwomen have made themselves exponents of this particular art. The keynote they

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took for the coming year is: 'Education in the art of living with each other,' thus opening up for themselves courses in kindness and courtesy, unselfishness and tolerance and all those other precious virtues embodied in the Golden Rule.

Education and patriotism was stressed in the addresses of the distinguished guest speakers at the Council. Dr. Frank L. McVey, president of the University of Kentucky, was the special speaker on "State Presidents' Night", April 29, and discussed "Drifts in National Living", with emphasis on phases of interest to all the States and those pertaining to education for living. Dr. Frank A. Balyeat, Professor of Secondary Education at the University of Oklahoma, Mrs. Grace Bilmore Gibson, prominent attorney of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Miss Marita Steuvé, student at Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida, participated in a symposium, "What Patriotism Means to Me", on National President's Night, April 30.

A special program was presented by each major Department of the Federation, in addition to the

Departmental luncheons and round table conferences where particular problems were discussed. In planning these programs, the chairmen kept in mind the administration theme of "Education for Living" as well as the keynote of the Council: "For with Thee is the fountain of life; in Thy light shall we see light." (Psalm 36:9). The Department of International Relations presented Miss Loretta A. Salmon of Winter Park, Florida, Chairman of International Relations for the Florida Federation, who discussed "The Good Neighbor Policy". Miss Salmon has traveled extensively in Latin America.

The processional of State Presidents was a dramatic feature of the evening session, April 29, "State Presidents' Night". Mrs. Lawson introduced each State President, and Mrs. H. C. Houghton, Jr., of Red Oak, Iowa, President of the Presidents' Council, introduced Dr. McVey. Another colorful evening session was furnished by the Juniors, April 28, who staged a "Tropical Night" program on an island in the pool of the Miami-Biltmore Hotel, senior headquarters. Their speaker was Mrs. Grace Morrison Poole, former president of the Gen-

eral Federation and now Vice Chairman of International Relations, who spoke on "Far Horizons". Aquatic sports and Olympic swimmers were also featured.

The Junior clubwomen, who attended in large numbers, had their own headquarters at the Casa Loma Hotel next door to the Miami-Biltmore, and their own conferences and programs, besides attending Senior meetings. They demonstrated their national project, the Talking Book for the Blind, and heard addresses by General Federation chairmen and outside speakers. "Cooperation" was the keynote of the Junior program.

"Miami Nights", the first evening of the Council, April 27, featured addresses of welcome by State and city officials, with responses from General Federation officials. A dinner and floor show were given by the Florida women for the Board of Directors, delegates and distinguished guests.

A joint banquet was held by the State Presidents and General Federation Directors for the States, and numerous Regional dinners were scheduled.

At the close of the Council came "Play Day", May 1, which was spent on Miami Beach. Following Play Day was a cruise of about 100 clubwomen, headed by Mrs. Lawson, to the West Indies.

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