

## Chinese Women Demand Place in Parliament

The demand of the modern-educated women in Canton for the right of representation in Parliament is the latest development in the Chinese political situation. The western current of woman suffrage has reached Asia at last. Whether their efforts in that direction will be a success or a failure remains to be seen, but modern-educated Chinese women in Canton are doing all they can in order to realize their long cherished wish. Toward the end of last month they called a mass meeting, according to information from Canton, to discuss the questions of how to get that right recognized by leading men in that province. The outcome of the meeting was the election of eleven members to form a committee for executive work. More meetings have since been held to consider the methods of fighting for parliamentary positions. Modern women who are participating in the movement, says a dispatch to Peking, can be divided into Y.W.C.A., and graduates of the mission schools, most of whom are Christians, and as such, have not shown much desire to take an active part although they have given to the movement initial encouragement. The second group consists of teachers whose policy is conciliatory and peaceful. The majority of members of the movement belong to that class, and it is believed that the

second group will likely win out in the end. The third group is composed of those women who have had a taste of parliamentary representation shortly before the establishment of the Chinese Republic in 1911 when Dr. Sun gave much encouragement to them for woman suffrage. The occasion for these three groups to agitate for the right to be elected members of Parliament is the making of the constitution now proceeding in Canton. They demand that in the new constitution the right of woman suffrage be incorporated.

### American Woman's Club

The Music Department of the American Woman's Club had charge of the program at the last meeting of the club at the Carlton Cafe on Tuesday, February 3. Tea was served at 4:30 and the following program was given;

1.—Violin Solo:

Shepherd's Dance .....from Henry the  
Eighth Suite by Edward.

Morris Dance .....German.  
Mrs. W. P. Walker.

2.—Vocal Solo:

A Little Winding Road .....Ronald.  
Down In the Forest...Ronald.

Professor Gerard Zalsman.

3.—Quintette:

Andante Cantabile .....C. V. Stanford.  
Scherzo .....C. V. Stanford.

Mrs. C. D. Dixon.

Mr. Bakaleinikoff.

Mr. Schlee.

Mr. Raafchou.

Mr. Young.

4.—Vocal Duet:

Go Pretty Rose .....Marsias.  
Mrs. N. G. Beals.

Mrs. Zalsman.

5.—Violin Solo:

Romance .....Coleridge Taylor.  
Mrs. Dixon.

6.—American Woman's Club Chorus

Director—Professor Zalsman.

Woo Thou Sweet Music.....Eigar.

Aubade.....Ireland.

7.—Violincello Selected.

Mr. Bakaleinikoff.

### Of Special Interest.

A daughter, was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Kelhofer of the Shanghai College, at Dr. Fearn's Hospital on February 3.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dorrance of the Standard Oil Co., stationed at Soochow, at Dr. Fearn's Hospital, Shanghai, on Saturday, January 31.

Mrs. Bernyece H. Smith, late of Honolulu and Manila, has joined the staff of the United States Court for China as reporter. Mrs. Smith was formerly stenographer for the Public Utilities Commission of Hawaii.

A concert was given at the Olympic Theater on the evening of Tuesday, February 2, by Miss Myra Bancroft Olive, Harry Ore, and C. Bakaleinikoff, part of the proceeds will be given in aid of the Institution for the Chinese Blind.

A picture of Mrs. F. E. Lee, daughter of Cho Ow Yang, vegetable gardener of Courtland, California, in aviation costume is found in the January issue of *Sunset*, (San Francisco), a Pacific monthly. Mrs. Lee has taken up aviation in the belief that sooner or later her services might be needed in China.

A talk on the work of the Shanghai Refugee Relief Committee was given before a meeting of the American Woman's Club at the Carlton Cafe on Saturday afternoon, January 31, by Mrs. A. H. Hilton-Johnson. Mrs. Hilton-Johnson discussed the general relief work now being done for the refugees in Shanghai.

The engagement of Miss Nina Shmuilovitch of Vladivostok and Ralph W. Lane of Shanghai has been announced. Miss Shmuilovitch is at present making her home with relatives in Shanghai. Mr. Lane, who was formerly with the Standard Oil Company, has accepted a position with Thomas W. Simmons and Company and will be stationed with their Hongkong branch.

The **Women's Returned Students** Club, an organization of Chinese women educated abroad, is having a series of lectures delivered by its members as the program this year. Mrs. H. C. Mei, president of the club gave an address on harmonious colors of the ancient Chinese women and the taste for colors among the present-day Chinese women, on Saturday, January 31, at the Cantonese Union Church.

A few details outlining the purposes of an organization known as the Women's Advertising Club of Chicago has been received in booklet form, compiled and edited by Miss Grace Whitworth. The club was organized in November 1917 during the war and its members were able to render distinctive and immediate service, particularly to the women's branches of patriotic organizations. Since the organization of the club it has grown to a membership of more than fifty-two members.

A large number of members and guests were present at the supper-dance given by the American ex-Service Men's Club of China at the Astor House on the evening of January 30, in the ballroom. The music was furnished by the Astor House orchestra and dancing took place from 10 to 2 o'clock. This is the first social function given by the organization which has a membership of more than 50, including one woman member, Miss Wilkinson, who has recently come to Shanghai to do secretarial work at the American Consulate.