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OBJECTS.

1. To present to Women their responsibilities as daughters of India.
2. To secure for every girl and boy the right of Education through schemes of Compulsory Primary Education, including the teaching of religion.
3. To secure the abolition of child marriage and other social evils.
4. To secure for Women the vote for Municipal and Legislative Councils on the same terms as it is or may be granted to men.
5. To secure adequate representation of Women in Municipalities, Taluk and Local Boards, Legislative Councils and Assemblies.
6. To secure for Women the right to vote and to be elected for the Council of State.
7. To establish equality of rights and opportunities between Men and Women.
8. To help Women to realise that the future of India lies largely in their hands, for as wives and mothers they have the task of training, guiding and forming the character of the future rulers of India.
9. To band Women into groups for the purpose of self-development and education, and for the definite service of others.

Women who agree and will co-operate with the Objects and organization of the Association may become members. Groups of Women having the same aims can be affiliated to the Women's Indian Association.

Local Branches are self-governing and make their own arrangements.

ORGANIZATION

The Association, which has a central organization at the W. I. A. Headquarters, Everest, Mylapore, Madras, was started on May 8, 1917, and has grown and increased steadily ever since. It now has 72 Branches, 24 Centres and over 4,000 members.

Branches are formed in every place where possible, with a local Secretary to arrange the work to suit local conditions and report to Headquarters.

The political policy of the Association is to work for Reforms through the Legislative Councils.

The aims, ideals and work of the Association are on a religious but non-sectarian basis.

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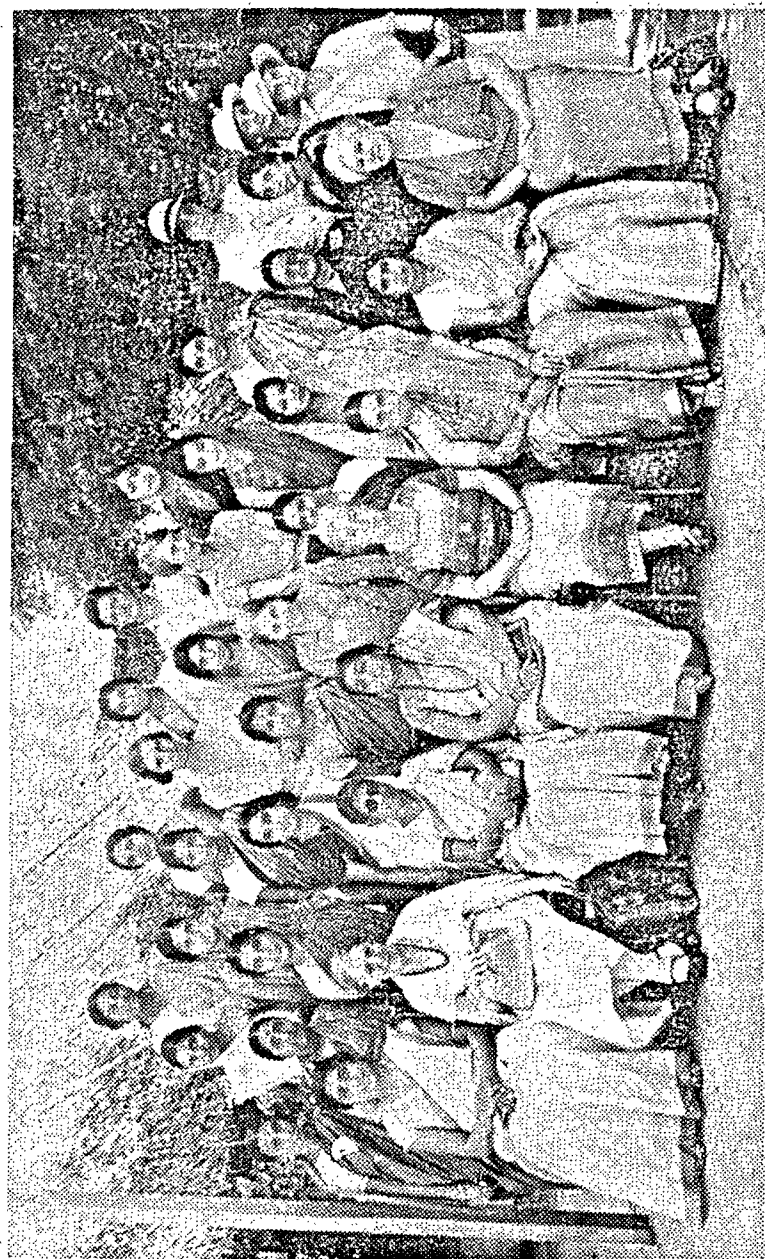
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Group taken at the Tenth Annual Session of the All-India Women's Conference, Madras Branch, under the
 presidency of Mrs. M. E. Cousins, B. Mus., held on Saturday the 19th November 1935, at the
 National Girls' High School, Mylapore. Mrs. Sarojini Naidu opened the Conference.

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Marie Curie was "hereditarily afflicted" in the matter of her particular talent: her father was professor of physics and mathematics in a Warsaw College.

As a young girl she entered the teaching profession. It was merely a stepping stone, no goal. It could not satisfy her, for she was drawn irresistibly to dedicate herself to science and laboratory research. After taking brilliant exam and several years' study at the University of Paris [1891-94] she realised that her native town, Warsaw [at

same simple, modest personality, who always felt best in the secluded life of her family, in the study and the laboratory. It was a great joy for her to see that her daughter, following the same tendencies as her parents, had already begun to win success in the scientific field.

At the beginning of July 1934, just a year ago, the Women's International Congress was held in Paris. A great shadow fell upon it when the news came on 4th July that Mme Curie, whose name signifies something so immeasurable for all women, had

An *unmarried daughter* has been rendered more independent under the new legislation, as she is now given the right to ask for separation of her share (equal to a fourth of her brother's share) in lieu of marriage and maintenance expenses and thus enabled to live apart from the family and mould her future life according to her own inclinations.

The *sons of a pre-deceased daughter* are made co-heirs with the living daughters, where daughters inherit their father's property and the *sons of a pre-deceased sister*

Gandhiji appeals to the Nation on behalf of the Child Wives and Child Widows.

The recent bulletin of the Anti-Child Marriage Committee has disclosed the regrettable fact that the number of wives under the age of one and that of child widows are gradually increasing in spite of the Reformist activities in the country.

It "should cause us all

Another consequence of child marriage is the number of young mothers who die in child birth. 2,00,000 deaths in child birth is the yearly average for India. This works up to 20 deaths per hour, and a vast number of these deaths occur to girls in their teens. According to Sir John Megaw, "of every 1,000 young mothers 100 are destined to die in child birth before they cease having babies." We have no accurate figures for maternal mortality. It is estimated at 24.5 per thousand for India whereas it is only 4.5 for England.

Resolutions adopted at the Regional Conference on Traffic in Women and Children

BANQUETING HALL, MADRAS

ON NOVEMBER 11, 1935, AT 5-30 P.M.

THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL CRISIS

Appeal from Women to the Governments in the League.

The organized women of the world represented here in Geneva through the Disarmament Committee of the Women's International Organizations cannot remain silent in face of the dangers which now

INDIA : LAND OF REGRETS

(By Charles Sandford. The Fenland Press, London).

This book which has an introduction by Robert Bernays M.P. has been written with the intention of giving in short space the main problems which face those who try to understand the position in the great

Dr. (Mrs.) S. Muthulakshmi Reddi, who presided, said that the late Mr. G. K. Devadhar had done more for the uplift of women than women themselves. After a distinguished academic career, Mr. Devadhar served as Principal of the Aryan Educational Society High School on a nominal salary of 50 Rs. per month even though he had to support a large family. He was one of the founders and General Secretary of the Poona Seva Sadan. He was one of the first to join the Servants of India Society started by the late Mr. Gopalakrishna Gokhale in 1905. Women had every

Commemorative Stamps issued by the Turkish Government on the occasion of the XIIth International Suffrage Congress, Istanbul, April 16-25, 1935.

The issue is unique of its kind and constitutes a real event in the history of philately. It is the first time that a series of stamps is issued in acknowledgment of feminine achievement and to pay a tribute to women workers of outstanding merit. The stamps represent

EDITOR'S PAGE

Late Mr. G. K. Devadhar, M.A., C.I.E

The death of Mr. Devadhar, the Hon. Organising Secretary

Commemorative stamps of the famous women leaders of the world, issued by the Turkish Government for the benefit of the International Conference of women held at Istanbul, Turkey on April 17-25, 1935.

We draw the attention of our readers to the appeal of the above conference for popularising the purchase of the above commemorative stamps. We have ourselves spoken to some of the women leaders here and secretaries of the other women

trouble of finding out for himself what a cup of well-made, good Indian Tea tastes like. Happily, the number of such critics is small, and they are treated as faddists and cranks. How we wish they did try for once a cup of delicious Indian Tea and realise for the first time what a blessing it is to be able to drink this absolutely pure and wholesome beverage.

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