

Every contingency is provided for. A Benevolent Fund has been formed to help, in a private and unostentatious way, any members who are temporarily distressed owing to ill-health or reverses.

The Central Offices are at Hastings House, Norfolk Street, Strand; and there is a Bond Street branch, which forms the more social side of the Club. The Club-rooms of the London Shoe Company have most kindly been placed at the disposal of the members of the Society of Journalists. This club, which is known as the Salon de Rendezvous was started by the London Shoe Company originally for the benefit of their lady customers. But they have so far extended their hospitality as to throw it open to any lady who is well recommended, and they allow their members use of the beautiful reading, writing and reception rooms entirely without subscription or fees of any kind. The rooms are artistically furnished in French style; two pianos invite the musical to try their powers; light refreshments, such as afternoon teas are served at cost price, and dressing rooms are provided with most luxurious accommodation, including curling irons, scent, and toilet powder!

There are nearly seven hundred members of this Salon, which is open from 9 a.m. till 6.30.

At present, these rooms are made free to the Lady Journalists, but, no doubt, with the increase of numbers, they will take a flat or part of a house for own use.

The annual subscription to the Society of Women Journalists is one guinea; the entrance fee being the same.

The Federation of Women's Clubs in America.

THE VIEWS OF MRS. CHARLES HENROTIN,
THE PRESIDENT.

MRS. CHARLES HENROTIN, of Chicago, by whose unanimous election to the Presidency of the Federated Women's Clubs in Philadelphia the women of the West were so signally honoured, is now well known to the leading women of European nations, as the most able Vice-President of the Women's Department of the World's Congress Auxiliary of the Columbian Exposition, and to all the representative women who visited the Congress, as a true example of what a gentlewoman should be, East or West.

A signal honour has just been awarded to Mrs. Henrotin by the Sultan of Turkey, who has decorated her with the Order of Chéfakrat, the second highest order in Turkey, and which means, literally, "The Order of the Good." The document of the Sultan officially conferring the decoration is signed by himself and his Minister of Foreign Affairs. In three lines that resemble three snakes and trail over an entire page larger than legal cap the official statement is rendered, and must be read

backward. The Sultan and his Minister sign their names in splashes of gold in signatures that resemble paddles. The decoration rests in a maroon velvet box, on the cover of which is fastened the gold star and crescent of the Ottoman Empire. It is, primarily, a star of wine-coloured enamel with a heavy back of gold, the star points lined with gold. On the top of the centre of the star is a wheel of gold on which is inscribed the monogram of Turkey, surrounded by a green wreath. The spaces between the star points are filled in by enameled green and ruby wreaths backed by a design of rays of gold. The points of the rays are covered with diamonds. Above the star is a breastpin of gold enameled star and crescent, surmounted by a large bow of the Turkish colours of the Order. This is Mrs. Henrotin's second recognition by a foreign sovereign, and an intimation has been conveyed her by a third foreign country that she will be decorated by it.

Now that English women have proved themselves clubable, Mrs. Henrotin's opinions, in her own words, concerning the Federation of Clubs, will be of interest, especially as this organization is International.

"The General Federation of Women's Clubs is composed of 375 clubs, representing, I think, now all the States and Territories in the Union. The meeting at Philadelphia was the second national meeting held by the federation. The organization was effected four years ago, I think, in a meeting held in New York. The second meeting was held in Chicago in 1892, when the federation was the guest of the Chicago Women's Club. The one held in Philadelphia last week was, however, the second biennial meeting.

As to the objects of the Federation of Clubs, I would say that it largely had its rise in a feeling which the world has hardly yet recognized, and that is the tremendous moral benefits to be derived from voluntary co-operation, co-operation of all moral forces. They see that more and more the province of government is really being restricted, the power of creed is being lessened, and the world needs a new force, a new inspiration; and it is finding it in these great voluntary associations, which represent a higher order than the associations held for any political or industrial motive. The world is finding these benefits in these voluntary associations for education and for ethical and social advancement.

Each club carries on, of course, its own work in whatever way seems good for it to do. The constitution of the federations is really of the slightest description. The local clubs simply have to be in sympathy with the work of women. The aim of each club must be literary, educational, and philanthropic; and it must not be devoted to any one special cause such as temperance or suffrage. The

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