

them. Many were content to have the results achieved without asking any glory for themselves or credit to their names. Thinking of their sacrifices and of their unselfish efforts I am struck by the analogy drawn in the recent biography of the late Mr. Justice Cardoza of the Supreme Court of the United States, which emphasizes the characteristics and attributes of the person who strives to attain an ideal.

Quoting from an address by Mr. Justice Cardoza, the biographer gives his version of what portrays the spiritual precept as "a submergence of self in the pursuit of an ideal; a readiness to spend one's self without measure prodigally, almost ecstatically for something which is great and noble."

By such efforts a great change was wrought and it is with pleasure that acknowledgment is made that in the spheres of science, of business, of the professions, of government, women have manifested their great abilities and have shown themselves worthy of great trusts and responsibilities.

It is but stating the obvious fact that any record of achievement carries with it the burden of additional responsibility. In recognition of the achievements which thus far have been noted through the efforts of women, further obligation attaches and a further desire is expressed that the active assistance of women and women's organizations might be had for the benefit of our present day civilization. This is especially needed at a time when the surrounding world is literally aflame with influences which threaten to undermine the basic structure and way of life under which both women and men of America have been enabled to live and to achieve importance.

Consequently the active assistance of each and every woman as well as each and every man who believes in American ideals and principles is sorely needed for the preservation and protection of that for which our government stands and which is essential to our further progress.

The Chief Executive of a State who would be called upon to answer the question "What does the State expect of the club woman?" would immediately think of one definite phase of governmental activity which is not always understood or made the subject of discussion. I refer to that class of extra-official activity which, in the rapidly developing age in which we live, presents for solution many questions of great importance to the State and to the people which are not made a part of the statutory duties of the administrative heads of our State government. Many of these undertakings or movements have far-reaching effect and they are not included by law in the list of official undertakings of the State, as oft-times, the law does not keep pace with current events.

As an illustration I might cite the present efforts of our State in regard to the organized efforts for public safety and for the lessening of the lamentable toll of deaths and serious accidents caused by traffic on our streets and highways. Hardly any undertaking of our State is more important than that which seeks to safe-guard the lives and personal safety of our people, including the children, who, all too frequently, are offered as a sacrifice on the altar to a false god of speed, recklessness and direct disregard of human life.

We have undertaken this effort without legal sanction, as yet, but because we would be lacking in regard to our citizenry if every proper effort were not exercised toward the promotion of safety. Not only could club women be of inestimable help in such connections, but I am happy to report that they have been of help. I refer specifically to your splendid President, Mrs. Harcum, who