

recognition effective through organization of social resources. This, too, is a part of our democracy which we cherish.

As members of a voluntary organization you have signified your active concern for the general welfare, as public servants, we in government must do likewise. We are both partners in the same great enterprise. This partnership has been continuous throughout our past. The opportunity—and the need for cooperation was never greater than it is today.

Many advances had been made in recent years in medical knowledge and skill. But by and large, this has been to the advantage of the acutely, rather than the chronically, ill. Today, the State is spending approximately \$400,000 per year in the form of public aid to private hospitals to care for the indigent sick. It has established hospitals for the mentally ill and the tubercular. Thanks to the pioneering efforts of persons like our good friend, Lee L. Dopkin, we have established a system of old age assistance for old persons in their own homes. Now it is but another step in the same direction that our obligation to the chronic sick should be discharged.

The year 1940 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Levindale—fifty years of service and accomplishment on behalf of the sick and the aged. Let us hope that in the near future persons who need this type of care wherever they may live in the State, will be able to receive it.

INAUGURATING NATIONAL BUSINESS WOMEN'S WEEK IN MARYLAND

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ANY group activity of the representatives of a substantial class of the women of Maryland, will command interest among our citizens. Especially important, however, is the week we are ushering in today—National Business Women's Week—in which are participating representatives of the Business and Professional Women of our State.

The Maryland Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs is, despite its comparative youth, a remarkable organization in many respects. It has only been in the last generation or so that there was sufficient material in our midst from which to form again the nucleus of such an organization. A woman in charge of, or the owner of, a substantial business, was a rarity. A woman engaged in any one of the professions was a still greater rarity. That condition has some time since become a thing of the past, to the benefit of our State and of our Nation. In practically every considerable community there are now to be found active, competent and responsible business and professional women. Their number is growing constantly larger, and the size and character of the part thus played by women in the important affairs of our times are constantly increasing.

Because of the broad scope of the activities of the members of this state-wide organization, such an occasion as this concerns and is interesting to, an unusually significant cross-section of our people. I am glad, therefore, to have my part in opening this week's ceremonies and by that participation help to