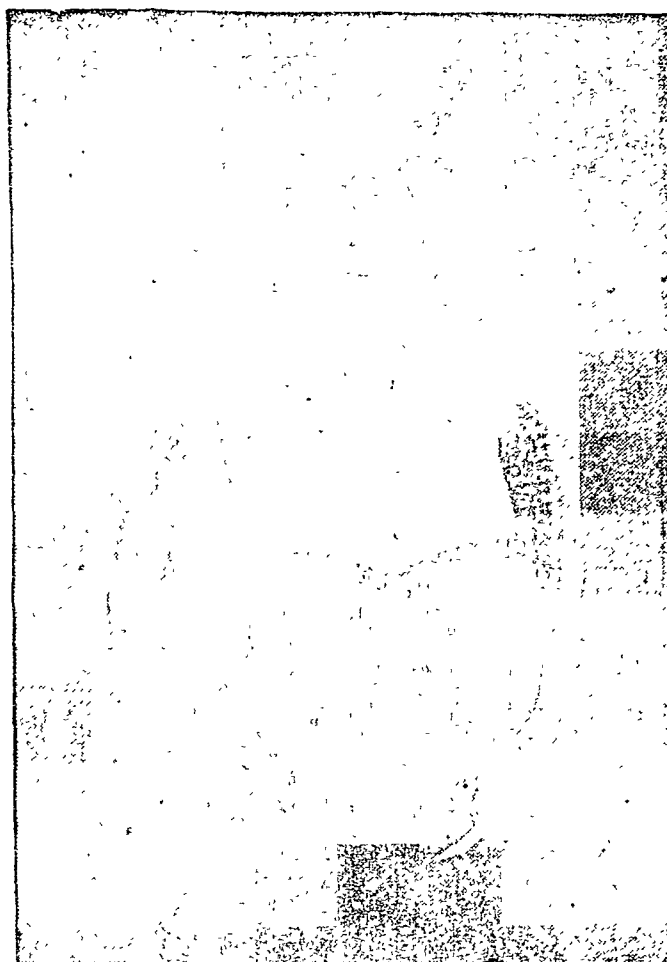


EQUAL FRANCHISE ARGUMENTS HEARD

Pupils of Columbia Summer Schools Crowd Hall to the Doors.



MRS CLARENCE H. MACKAY,
President of the Equal Franchise Society of New York.

Mrs Clarence H. Mackay Shows Devotion to Cause.

NEW YORK, July 27—Before an audience composed largely of pupils of the Columbia university summer courses Prof John Dewey of the chair of logic and psychology of that institution delivered the first of a series of lectures under the auspices of the Equal Franchise society, of which Mrs Clarence H. Mackay is president, yesterday afternoon, in one of the lecture halls of Hamilton hall.

The hall was crowded to the doors. Mrs Mackay was present and introduced the speaker and thanked the students for their interest. She was gowned in a picturesque frock of cream lace with a high girdle of black satin, and wore a new shaped french toque with a big bunch of aigrettes sticking perkily up in the back.

Mrs Mackay showed by her presence at the meeting, at a time when most society women have fled from the heat of the city, what a hold the cause has taken upon her. She has not only returned to town, but she has opened headquarters, has done direct personal work at her offices, and has shown by everything she has done the serious, definite aim of her propaganda. Yesterday she appeared on the speaker's platform and dominated the meeting by her presence.

In a voice rather faltering, for the charming president of the Equal suffrage society showed signs of nervousness, Mrs Mackay said:

"As president of the Equal Franchise society I want to say that I am most grateful for the petition among the students, which gives us the privilege of having lectures here during the summer months. We want to reach all elements in the community, especially that part who consider our work seriously and earnestly.

"The lectures here will deal with the educational aspect of equal suffrage, and Prof Dewey will address us today, while Mrs Frederick Nathan of the Consumers league will talk next Monday on the 'Relation of Suffrage to Working Women.' I thank you all for your presence," added the pretty equal franchise advocate, and then took her seat among the audience.

Prof Dewey began by saying that it

was a great pleasure to him to have been introduced by Mrs Mackay. Taking up the national questions Prof Dewey said that while there were more men engaged in the actual conduct of capital and labor he asked if it were not true that there are as many women as there are men whose lives and interests are equally affected in the solution of these problems?

"The question of the tariff, too, affects women. Is it not woman who is the ultimate consumer? Does she not regulate the consumption? Does not the wife of the working man regulate the funds of the family as to its actual expenditures?"

Prof Dewey then went on to say that if the entire order of things were being arranged without any regard to present conditions any body of people selected to pass upon matters of suffrage would excite the greatest possible ridicule if they proposed settling it upon sex lines.

In speaking upon the question of women in the public schools, Prof Dewey took occasion to give Pres G. Stanley Hall of Clark university a "rap" for his cry of the effeminization of the public school children.

"The Clark president may speak of the young men he comes in contact with as suffering from woman-teacher influence and developing into mollycoddles, but my experience doesn't particularly impress that fact upon me. I cannot see any sign of mollycoddleism and other evidences of undesirable citizens in the boys I come in contact with. Nor are they overfeminized in the matters of courtesy and gentleness," he added, while everybody smiled.

"There is not so much heard of 'the rights of women' as there was one or two generations ago," said the professor, "for most of those glaring legal iniquities have been removed through the legislation brought about through the agitation of women. But there is another question of rights, and that is the right of any man or woman—of any human being—to be a complete and full individual, and so long as woman is deprived of the ballot that right is denied her."