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Foreword.

THE Feminist Club is founded on the principles of BROTHERHOOD and PROGRESS.

Its definite objective is to secure equality of liberties, status and opportunities in all spheres between men and women.

It proclaims that Humanity is dual, and that the life of the future belongs to man and woman.

Therefore, in opportunity, education, labor-reward and human dignity there can be no sex distinction.

It believes that only through the effective womanhood of the nations can the Human race wisely and wholly fulfil the great task to which this generation is called, namely, the reconstruction of our National and International Life in accordance with a new and lofty ethic.

Feminism does not seek dominance for woman—it seeks simple justice and full expression, and believes that the time is quickly approaching when man and woman shall together guide and control the Nation as they have the Home through all the ages that are past.

The Feminist Club differs from other Women's Organisations in its universality.

It is a nucleus of universal Brotherhood without distinction of race, creed, party, sex, or class.

It is not limited to men or women of one particular view of Women's Enfranchisement.

It embraces all women's activities—is prepared to co-operate with all Women's Organisations, working for Human betterment—is antagonistic to none.

Its doors are open to all who stand for a free, unfettered, noble and enlightened womanhood, and are prepared to work to that end.

Its duty is to outline the Feminist Policy on the civil, moral, economic enfranchisement of woman, and to act as the pioneer in these reforms.

Will you help us to secure universal recognition of these principles by linking up?

Woman's Charter

(INTERNATIONAL).

WE adopt and pledge ourselves to work for the following Woman's Charter.

And we recognise that, should all the reforms herein indicated become effected throughout the Commonwealth, in advance of other countries, our responsibility will not cease until the women of all the Nations are so enfranchised;

And, while we may not pledge the future members of this Club, we, the original parties to the adoption of this Charter, trust, and express the hope, that the future members of the Club will realise the responsibility which is theirs—not to cease work until the women of the most backward Nations are so fully enfranchised.

- (a) That the spiritual equality of man and woman be universally recognised.
- (b) That suffrage be granted to women by all nations, and equal status—National and International—established.
- (c) That the principle of self-determination of citizens be applied to women as well as men.
- (d) That an equal moral standard is imperative, and that this principle be recognised in all legislation regulating vice.
- (e) That women, equally with men, should have the protection of the law against slavery, such as still exists in some parts of Asia, Africa, and Europe.
- (f) That a married woman should not be under the tutelage of her husband, and should have full civil, legal and political rights.
- (g) That a mother should have the same rights over children born in wedlock as a father.

- (h) That the father should have the same responsibility for children born out of wedlock as the mother.
- (i) That child-labor should be prohibited.
- (j) That a married woman should have the same right to retain or change her Nationality as a man.
- (k) That there should be economic provision for the service of motherhood, and that the unmarried mother should participate in this provision.
- (l) That woman should be regarded as an economic unit—her right to work safeguarded.
- (m) That woman should have the same opportunity of training for and entering trades and professions as man.
- (n) That Trades Unions, and other Trade Benefit Organisations, be forced to open their doors to women on the same terms as men.
- (o) That the principle of equal pay for equal work be universally recognised.
- (p) That the Feminist Club supports the institution of a League of Nations, and urges that the League be based on the recognition of free representative institutions, founded on liberty, equality, and the people's will.

We believe that all Government should be based upon the consent of the governed, which is the only real self-determination; and such is possible only if universal freedom for women as well as men is recognised.

That women be represented on all bodies set up in connection with the League of Nations.

Working Platform

1. To further all legislation, having as its objective the improvement in conditions of women and children.
2. To work towards securing the full benefits bestowed on women by the passage of the Women's Legal Status Act in N.S.W.
3. To secure the representation of women in Parliament.
4. To secure the Federation of existing Australian Women's Organisations.

PUBLIC HEALTH.

1. To improve the standard of Public Health and to promote a wider knowledge of the laws of Hygiene.
2. To improve the Housing conditions through the co-operation between the Housing Board and the Health Department.
3. To prevent the spread of venereal diseases by a State-wide educational campaign under Government control.
4. To establish a Colony for tubercular patients.
5. To secure legislation to provide for the segregation and State control of the Feeble-Minded members of the community under the Colony system, and segregation of Epileptics under the Colony system.
6. That adequate provision be made for Neurotics.
7. To provide for the establishment of Mental Clinics for the mental examination of all persons charged with crime and delinquency, and of all persons dependent upon State support, and to provide that all those persons pronounced irresponsible by reason of mental defect be transferred permanently to State Control.
8. To secure an Amendment of the State Children's Relief Act to provide that all persons attested by Medical Authority to be mentally deficient or sexually perverted, shall pass into the permanent custody of the State.
9. To secure legislation providing that Health Certificates be provided by both parties before marriage be sanctioned by the State.
10. The registration of Midwives.

11. To urge legislation to provide that when a woman is arrested for having no legal means of support, and is suspected of being a prostitute because she is seen consorting with men, the men seen in her company when arrested should also be arrested, medically examined for venereal disease, the case notified and detained for treatment for the same term as the woman.

CHILD WELFARE.

1. That a New Department of State be established, to be known as the Department of Motherhood and Child Welfare, such Department to be under the control and direction of a woman.
2. The Endowment of Childhood.
3. To secure legislation to provide for the mental examination of all school-children and all delinquent children.
4. To provide for the separation of mentally defective and normal school-children at the earliest possible age, and for the establishment of special Schools.
5. To secure the establishment of a self-governing colony on the principle of Homer Lanes' Little Commonwealth, with a psychopathic wing for delinquent children coming under the jurisdiction of the Children's Court.
6. That the jurisdiction of the Children's Court over juvenile delinquents be extended to 18 years of age.

FINANCIAL.

1. To secure legislation to bring about the stabilising of the sovereign as a means of stabilising the price level.

INDUSTRIAL.

1. Equal pay for equal work.
2. To encourage industrial co-operation as an aid to the solution of the industrial problem.
3. Vocational Training for Women.
4. An Eight-Hour Day for Nurses.

SOCIAL.

1. Penal Reform with the objective of segregating the mental defective from the normal criminal.

GENERAL.

1. To secure for the people the right of the Initiative and Recall.
2. To improve the Status of Domestic Service.

Affirmation

I believe in the SPIRITUAL equality of man and woman.

I accept the principle of Human Brotherhood.

I will extend the hand of fellowship to all workers for these principles without regard to sex, party, class, or creed.

I am prepared to work for the real equality of liberties, status and opportunities between men and women in all spheres, as far as in my power lies.

I will be tolerant of all diverse opinions expressed within this Club, except where they infringe upon the principles of this Affirmation, which I will rigidly uphold—and therefore subscribe myself a Member of the Feminist Club of N.S.W.

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AIMS.

1. The education of members in their national and civic duties, and the extent of their private and public influence for good, and how to exercise that influence.
2. To raise a nobler standard for the race, with a wider scope of human activity for women.
3. To originate or take active part in such public work or movement as may be thought desirable by members.

MEANS.

1. *Educative*—

- (d) Library.
- (b) Lectures.
- (c) Women's Parliament.
- (d) Circle for Investigation of Industrial Conditions.
- (e) Teaching of Sex Hygiene.

2. *Législative*—

Full citizen rights for women.

- (a) Equal pay for men and women for equal work.
- (b) The right of women to enter all professions.
- (c) Equal parental control.
- (d) Equal control of property arising out of the marriage partnership.
- (e) Retention of a woman's nationality after marriage.
- (f) Adequate endowment of motherhood.
- (g) Equal Federal Marriage and Divorce Laws.
- (h) The raising of the age of consent of boys and girls to 21.

3. *Co-operative*—

- (a) Assistance of Trades' Unions.
- (b) Support of other Women's Organisations.

RULES.

1. The Club shall be called "The Feminist Club."
2. An Annual Meeting shall be held for the Financial Statement and Election of Officers.
3. An intending member should, before seeking election, read the aims and platform of the Club, and, on nomination, should assure the Club that she sympathises with and will endeavour to maintain its broad, democratic and kindly spirit.
4. A new member must be proposed by one member and seconded by another.
5. *Fees*.—Entrance Fee, 2s. 6d.; Subscription, 1s. per month, paid quarterly in advance.
6. A member who neglects to pay her subscription three months in succession to be declared unfinancial.

