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The Federation is to be congratulated for its success in securing two outstanding speakers for the annual convention in Kinston. They are Dr. Rose Butler Brown, distinguished lecturer and teacher of Durham; and Attorney Ruth Whitehead Whaley of New York City.

At 11 o'clock Saturday morning, February 5, 1949, Dr. Ellen Winston State Commissioner of Public Welfare, very graciously received in her office twenty members of the State Federation Executive Committee who were meeting in Raleigh for the purpose of making plans for the Convention, and for studying ways and means of improving the work of the Federated clubs in our State. The Executive Committee opened its meeting at 10 o'clock in the lounge at the Arcade Hotel, but adjourned in time to meet Dr. Winston in her office at 11.

The conference with Dr. Winston centered around the following topics, especially as they relate to Negro citizens: Aid to dependent children, the great need for more nursing homes and the requirements for licensing them; aid to aged persons; new legislation regarding birth certificates; the compulsory school attendance law; improvements needed in County Homes; the prospect for better care of the mentally ill persons confined at Goldsboro and the contract for new buildings there; Juvenile Courts; child placing agencies; the State Sanatorium and the improvements needed there; especially in caring for children as well as other subjects that concerned the Executive Committee members who had gone to Raleigh from various parts of the State.

Present as guests at the Arcade meeting were Prof. P. R. Brown, Superintendent of the Morrison Training School at Hoffman, N. C.; Mrs. Pearl Middleton of New York, guest of our secretary, Mrs. Barnes; and Mr. John R. Larkin, of the staff of the State Welfare Department.

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*"The busy day is over
The night begins to fall
Then comes for every mother
The sweetest time of all."*

The prophet of woeful lamentations was truly gracious when he omitted from his Jeremiad what he must have observed every day of his life—that there is no rest for mothers, and perhaps there never will be even at nightfall as the above stanza suggests.

The Federation Journal sends its greetings to busy mothers the world over. A prayer follows—a prayer for patience and strength as you circumnavigate your heart-bound world—from crib to arm chair, to stove, to table, to tub, clothes line, ironing board, to porch, to yard, and to bed, proving anew each day that the world is really round because you arrive each morning at the same place where you began your journey the day before.

But there is a balm in Gilead to soothe the care worn soul of mothers. It is found in an unusual pharmacopeia—the Bible, which says, "Take this child and rear it for me, and I will give the thy wages." What a blessed privilege of working for the Divine Paymaster! What perfect security! No terms as to length of service, no stipulation as to hours or as to the amount per day. A great privilege too, it is for mother, first of all to help the Creator to bring human life into being; then indeed, what joy it is to realize that the responsibility for the physical, the intellectual, and the spiritual development of our children is a God given responsibility, and is therefore divinely rewarded. That is the balm in Gilead.

Theodore Roosevelt said at one time, "When all is said and done, it is the mother and the mother only who is a better citizen than any other person in the country. The successful mother, the mother who does her part in rearing and training aright the boys and girls who are to be the men and women of the next generation, is of greater use to the community, and occupies, if she would only realize it, a more honorable as well as a more important position than any man in it. The mother is the one supreme asset of national life; she is more important by far than the successful statesman, or business man, or artist or scientist."

"Into our hands their hearts are given. Lord help us make them strong and true. Steadfast of spirit all life long. Upreaching tree like, toward Thy heaven."

—R. D. A.

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The Banneker Woman's Club was organized several years ago for literary and social activities in Kinston. Through the untiring influence of Mrs. Etta Banton Lane our pioneering in this type of club activities soon developed into a wider area of activities including greater services to our city. Long before recreational facilities were available the interests of the youth of the city had become a major consideration. Scholarships were given to high school graduates for college work, and interest in the development of the library was built up, and the promotion of good health in the community became for us one of our main subjects of study and one of our continual projects. Mrs. G. K. Battle, Public Health Nurse being a member of our club, has been ever on the alert to keep us wide awake to this very important activity. In our library activities the club is much indebted to Mrs. L. W. Hardy, the city librarian, who is a member.

Our new project for the year is activated and led by Mrs. H. B. Bynum whose interest centers around "Youth Guidance and the Emotional Controls."

The Kinston Bridge Club is composed of our young women who are to "carry on" when our time is limited to the arm chair. They are now being recruited into the Womans' Club. Believing that nothing is impossible, this club with many of its members busy as teachers, nevertheless can be depended upon to bear their share of community responsibility. Under Mrs. Marian Womack, Girl Scout leader and counsellor aided by other faithful women, the achievements of this club have been most encouraging.

The Auxiliary to the Civic Welfare with Mrs. Yillian Cox, President is a proud, civic-minded busy group whose name reveals a variety of interests. Service to those in need is their prime function. One of their most highly appreciated services has been furnishing the wheel chair for community use. They were the sponsors of the Girl Scouts and they continue to be on the watch for opportunities to render genuine service anywhere it is needed.

The Bonnes Amis Club is composed of leaders in the field of music, education, and commercial professions. Miss Elaine Gardner, their president, a Pennsylvanian, is alert and ambitious. This club is also interested in the Girl Scout program.

The Entre Nous Club is composed largely of daughters of the Banneker Woman's Club, standing ready for recruitment when the Bannekers become "arm chair models." Health and Senior Recreation are their major interests, but no task whether local, State or national seems too great for them to attempt. Their president, Mrs. Sallie C. Hill is leader of our city health program and she is our Nursery School manager. All of these clubs join in the welcome chorus.