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Dear Club Women:

As the new Chairman of Political Science, I send you cordial greetings and wish to place at your command any service that this department may render you.

Realizing that there is abroad a subtle and dangerous spirit which is being expressed in unrest, discontent, and even disloyalty towards our Government, we feel that it is our duty as progressive club-women and loyal Americans to do all in our power to counteract this baneful influence. Therefore this committee makes the following recommendations for this year:

1st. That every club-woman in the State devote some time to the study of the principles of our government as embodied in our Constitution.

2nd. That the federated clubs in every section see that definite teaching in citizenship is given in every grade of our schools beginning with Grade 1.

It is estimated that 54% of our children leave school before completing the 6th grade and most of these pupils have not received enough teaching in civics to understand, appreciate, and defend our Government. This ignorance is a menace and we should combat it by giving definite teaching in citizenship a few minutes daily in every grade of our school.

This committee desires to make a survey of the teaching of citizenship in the schools of our State. Will not your club co-operate with us by appointing a committee to visit your schools and ascertain the following points? (Please write brief answers after questions, clip out this section of this letter and mail to me)

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1. Does your school system provide an outline for civics which is now being used in elementary grades? Ans.--
 2. If not, is such an outline being prepared?
 3. How many minutes given daily to definite civics teaching in Grades:
I. II. III. IV. V. VI.
 4. What community service have they helped perform?
 5. Are children organized in Civic Leagues?
 6. What texts in civics are used or recommended?
 7. What is the best feature of citizenship teaching in your schools?
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An excellent help in studying our Constitution is a pamphlet entitled "A Catechism of the Constitution of the United States in 12 lessons" by Henry L. West. This is published by The National Security League, 17 East 49th St. New York City and costs only two cents.

Appreciating your co-operation and hoping for an early reply, I am

Very cordially yours,

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Bibliography.

"The Framing of the Constitution" May Farrand--Yale University Press.
New Haven (This is especially good)

Bryce's "American Democracy"--Macmillan Co.

"Our Charter of Liberty" (A series of articles explaining constitution)

Price 10 cents. National Security League, 17 East 49th St. N. York

"The Constitution Simplified" F.W. Phelps, 826 Seaboard Bldg., Seattle 50¢

Young's "American Constitution and Its Work" Macmillan Co.

"Patriotism Thru Education" (This pamphlet gives excellent outlines for teaching Civics in elementary grades) Price 10 cents. National Security League, New York.