

WOMAN SUNDAY COMMITTEE

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1, The Mall, Kensington, W.
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A Committee is in process of formation having for its object the observance in all Churches of the first Sunday in February each year as "Woman Sunday."

Several religious organisations have since 1904 made this Sunday an occasion for the special recognition not only of the moral and social worth of women's work as wives and mothers, and of their individual contributions to the humanising of life, but also of their aspirations to take a larger part in the manifold activities of the world.

Such an observance ought now to assume a national character. At the present juncture, when the Women's Movement is so much to the fore, and is receiving the gravest consideration both from women themselves and from men, it would be very fitting that all Religious and Social Reform organisations which hold Sunday services or other gatherings should join in the observance of "Woman Sunday" on February 2nd next.

Were the Churches to do this it would indicate vividly their recognition of the serious purposes of the Women's Movement. And as an annual event it would provide a periodic occasion for endeavouring to throw illumination on the difficult problems which necessarily arise in the course of the transition from old ideas and conventions concerning women to new, or in interpreting the older ideas anew in the light of new needs and conditions in society.

The time between now and February 2nd is short, and will hardly allow of more than the formation of the Committee and the immediate issuing of a letter to the Churches, which should also appear in the Press. But the important thing is to establish the Committee, and make it representative. The problems of the Women's Movement are far more than a temporary question of votes. It will, in any case, take several years to secure ~~any~~ very general observance of "Woman Sunday."

Will you be so very kind as to let me know by return (1) If you are willing to be placed on the General Committee, (2) If you are also willing to serve on a smaller Executive Committee, (3) If you can arrange to observe "Woman Sunday" this year yourself.

Several friends will undertake voluntarily all clerical work. The funds for printing and postages will be readily raised from sympathisers with our objects.

Yours very truly,

(Secretary pro tem)