

Cooley, Mrs. Harlan Ward. Excerpts from "Report of the President, April 25, 1914." Chicago History Museum. Chicago Woman's Club Records. Box 23, Folder 3.

"...On October 16, 1912, when the club Program, in charge of the Reform Department, presented Alexander McCormick and others who spoke on the inefficient, and otherwise deplorable, county administration of our humanitarian institutions, a resolution was offered and passed pledging the support of the Chicago Woman's Club to Mr. McCormick's candidacy for the Presidency of the County Board. Under this action the co-operation of other clubs was secured, and for the first time in our club's history we went into a political campaign. Our candidate was elected, and has many times since given public credit for his success to the Chicago Woman's Club. This marks our official entrance into the field of politics, and the beginning of our larger share in governmental affairs.

"...A recent editorial in one of our largest city papers stated that Chicago has more women of national, not to say international, reputation than any great city in the world, and it goes on to say, "These women already and their organizations are admitted to the highest unofficial counsels of the city. They are recognized more and more as among the chief assets of the city, a constant force for good in its affairs." It is not too much to claim, either in our active or honorary membership, every woman who is thus referred to, and in all their activities, covering as they do the entire field of human relations, I believe we will continue to hold up their hands in enthusiastic support even though the way lead through yet unthought of paths. In the end we shall read into life newer and finer interpretations of social and domestic standards, of our reciprocal duties as men and women... There will be protected childhood... developed womanhood... and then inevitably social regeneration."