No more bosses in the police force of Chicago, for the lovable! This is the heartfelt plea of Chicago’s police chief, John J. Garrity, who was approached yesterday on the subject of the Woman’s City club idea for a woman police chief who would be the boss of the policewomen.

“No, indeed,” the chief said positively. “The women have been very valuable in the police force, but I am certainly not in favor of having them placed in a separate group with a woman at their head. That’s the trouble with the force now—the thing that we are struggling against. It’s been a game of passing the buck. A captain assigns some work to a man, and that man says: ‘I’m working under so-and-so.’

“There is hardly room for more than two or three policewomen in any of the station, and it would not be worth while to have a woman captain for them. What we need most in Chicago now is at least 2,000 more men to cope with the criminals and near criminals in the city.”

Woman Chief Urged
Miss Jessie Binford, chairman of the jails committee of the Woman’s City club, which launched the plan for the woman police chief, declared that while she thought the policewomen had done very well, there was need for many more of them and more training in social work.

“A woman trained in social service work would be very fitting and helpful head for the women police,” she said.

Joel D. Hunter, superintendent of the United Charities, also spoke in favor of a woman police chief.

“The policewomen are all right,” he said, “but they don’t always get the right assignments. A woman chief could tell what kind of work they were best fitted for.”