

Clapp, Anna C. Excerpts from “The Regular Literary Meeting of the Chicago Woman’s Club, October 9, 1907.” Chicago History Museum. Chicago Woman’s Club Records. Box 22B, Folder 2.

“...The program for the day was ‘Chicago Day.’ The speakers, Professor Rollin D. Salisbury, Mr. David R. Forgan, and Mrs. Mary H. Wilmarth

“...Mr. Forgan’s subject was “A Greater Chicago.” He stated that if there is to be a greater Chicago, three things must prevail;

1st; Chicago must have a New Charter; that the city has outgrown every feature of the Charter it is now operating under.

2nd; Chicago must bear a better reputation; the country is flooded with accounts of murders, hold-ups, vice and crime, until it is believed by merchants within one hundred miles of the City that it is unsafe to come to Chicago for the purpose of transacting bueinss.

3rd; That a new Public Spirit, a Civic Patriotism, must arise.

“...Mrs. Wilmarth’s subject was “A Better Chicago.”

It is indeed a pleasure to go through our City with a guide who shall point out only the good. Parks, and play grounds, institutions of learning, art, music and the drama, public libraries, hospitals for the sick, homes for the dependent ad defective, and social settlements for the good of all, are all found on our way from the sun-rise over Lake Michigan to the sunset across the prairies.”