

WOMEN.

MRS. MAY WRIGHT SEWALL, of Indianapolis.
Vice-President of the International Council of Women.

WE have great pleasure in giving our readers an admirable portrait with a slight sketch of the life and work of this representative woman.

From her infancy Mrs. Sewall was trained to a strong belief in the right of women to wider opportunities for education, and to a fuller share in the honours and the profits of business, professional and industrial activity, than they have hitherto enjoyed. Her energies were enlisted in these reforms soon after reaching womanhood, and for twenty years she has been a strong ally of every cause that promoted the advancement of women. She was first actively connected with the National Woman Suffrage Association, in which her power was immediately recognised, and in which she held for many years the arduous and responsible office of Chairman of the Executive Committee. She was one of the promoters of the International Council of Women, which convened in Washington in 1888, and conceived the idea of perpetuating its influence through permanent International and National Councils of Women. In the organisation of both of these bodies she subsequently aided. Mrs. Sewall was one of the Committee that formulated the plan for the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Sewall's public work is thus, it will be seen, devoted to the furtherance of organisation among women. She has always laboured with a broad view, careless of the letter if the spirit can be secured. Her work is all done above the plane of personalities, and she cares little for the honours that it brings her in comparison with the good of the cause. She has worked steadily for harmony and consolidation among conflicting interests, with an eye single to the permanent good. She laboured earnestly and successfully, with others, to accomplish the union of the American and

the National Suffrage Associations. She is widely known as a warm friend, a generous and fair opponent, sympathetic with all workers for the good of humanity, and especially of women.

Mrs. Sewall is by birth, and by her most noticeable characteristics and special sympathies, a western woman. She was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, then a frontier settlement, whence her parents had come from New England. She received her early education in the district schools. She entered, at an early age, the North-Western University of Evanston, Illinois, where she was graduated, with the degree A.B., in 1867. The degree A.M. was conferred upon her three years later. She served her apprenticeship as an educator by taking private pupils, and by teaching in different schools of Michigan. In 1880 she became the wife of Theodore L. Sewall, a prominent educator of Indianapolis, and for several years gave her chief attention to home and social duties.

Domestic duties were then a comparatively unknown field to Mrs. Sewall, but with her characteristic energy and determination to master whatever work might be set before her, she fitted herself for a model housekeeper by doing all her own work until she had learned thoroughly all branches of house-keeping. As a result of this training, her domestic affairs, to which she still gives her personal supervision, run like clock-work, and her servants are examples of faithfulness and efficiency.

In 1883 Mr. and Mrs. Sewall opened the Classical School for Girls in Indianapolis. To this school Mrs. Sewall gives her life work.

Mrs. Sewall is a charming looking woman, and, in her flowing draperies, is a striking figure on a platform. She is fond of society and of social life and has exerted a wide and good social influence in Indianapolis. She presides over a hospitable home, where her friends are frequently entertained, and where many strangers also, men and women of note who visit Indianapolis, are made welcome.

At the World's Fair, Chicago, Mrs. Sewall was made the Chairman of the Committee on the World's Congress of Representative Women, to the success of



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