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Madam ~~Chairman.~~ Ladies: During the past four years I have been associated with the health department of Portland and whenever we have <sup>had</sup> a particularly hard piece of business touching the health of the community we <sup>have</sup> call upon the womens' organizations for help. The womens' organizations of the city helped the health department to secure the appropriation for the School inspection which is giving excellent service and which is particularly valuable at this time because of the prevalence of scarlet fever throughout the country. The womens' organizations helped also to secure the appropriation for the milk inspection and I have <sup>at last</sup> ~~but~~ ~~recently~~ realized why the death rate throughout the country has fallen ~~so steadily~~ so steadily of late years: it is because women have organized and are taking a hand in these important matters. Now, <sup>with this</sup> ~~having made~~ this original discovery, <sup>in mind</sup> at a recent meeting of a certain committee of the Health League when the question was asked: "How can a wide-spread interest in the prevention of tuberculosis be created in this state?" I promptly answered, "through the help and co-operation of the womens' organizations - particularly the Federated Womens' Clubs.

The most important thing in the world is human life. More lives are lost through tuberculosis than through any other one cause - therefore this is ~~the~~ the most important work in the world - a fitting work for women; and today I have the honor of introducing a man - a good citizen of the City of Portland, whose pleasure and recreation after the less important business of running a bank, is to work for the prevention and cure of tuberculosis. Permit me to introduce Mr.