

Mrs. **BALDWIN**. They are the statements of the American Association of University Women, the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Associations, the National Council of Jewish Women, the American Nurses' Association, and the Women's Homeopathic Medical Fraternity.

The **CHAIRMAN**. Thank you.
(The letters are as follows:)

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN,
Washington, D. C., February 11, 1935.

Hon. PAT HARRISON,
Chairman Committee on Finance,
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

DEAR SENATOR HARRISON: The American Association of University Women, which has a membership of approximately 40,000 extending over the 48 States, wishes to go on record in support of title VII, section 701, of the economic security bill, **S. 1130**.

Our association endorsed the principle of Federal aid for maternal and child health work at the time the original Sheppard-Towner bill was introduced into Congress and has supported this principle consistently ever since.

The members of the American Association of University Women throughout the country, and especially those in rural communities, had the opportunity of observing at first hand the operation of the Sheppard-Towner Act during the period of its enforcement, and they feel that the services performed at that time for the health of mothers and children were of inestimable value to the Nation. They feel, further, that the discontinuance of these services at the end of the period specified in the act was a distinctly backward step, and therefore this association earnestly supports S. 1130, title VII, section 701, in order to resume the needed safeguards of that most vital phase of our country's welfare, maternal and child health.

Yours very sincerely,

MARGARET F. (Mrs. J. AUSTIN) STONE,
Member of the National Legislative Committee.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *February 9, 1935.*

Senator PAT HARRISON,
Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.

DEAR SENATOR HARRISON: Members of the Young Women's Christian Association have been interested for a long time in the efforts promoted by the Federal Government in cooperation with the States for the reduction of infant and maternal mortality and for improving the health of mothers and babies, which was carried on up to 1929.

The national board of the Young Women's Christian Association began to study this subject in 1920, supported the Sheppard-Towner bill in 1921, and since that time support of work in maternal and child health has been included in the program adopted by the biennial national conventions of the association. Reports of the work carried on under the maternity and infancy law up to 1929 show, we believe, the possibilities for lessening the death rate and for improving the health of mothers and babies.

As a woman's organization, we are interested in measures for the conservation of human life. Our experience, particularly through the work of our health education department and through our contact with women in rural communities, with industrial women, and with foreign-born women, reinforces our belief that this work should again have the aid of the Federal Government.

We are very eager that the work should be made possible through favorable action of your committee on the provisions of S. 1130 on maternal and child health.

Yours very sincerely,

ESTHER CODY DANLY.

(Mrs. E. C. Danly, representing the national board of the Young Women's Christian Association.)