

WOMEN AND MEN FORM BIRTH CONTROL LEAGUE TO AID "FAMILY LIMITATION" MOVEMENT.

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As a result of the arrest of **William Sanger**, architect, for giving to an agent of Anthony Comstock the pamphlet on birth control, written by **Sanger's** wife, Margaret, "The Woman Rebel," a group of New York men and women, composed of teachers, writers and doctors, have rallied to the defense of the **Sangers** and have just formed themselves into the Birth Control League.

The purpose of this organization, according to its members, is "to create an intelligent public demand for the repeal of all laws prohibiting the giving out of information concerning methods of birth control. And the league plans to distribute such information after it has become legal to do so.

In this respect it differs from Mrs. **Sanger**, a trained nurse, whose work brought her in contact with the sufferings of poor mothers of too many children and who resolved to defy the law which she maintains is a dead letter for the rich, by distributing a leaflet on family limitation to all who asked for it. She distributed more than 100,000 of these pamphlets before her arrest, it is said, and being released without bail, fled to Europe, where she is now.

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For this offense **Sanger** is now awaiting trial, and is liable, if convicted, to imprisonment of one year and a fine of \$1000.

To save her husband, Mrs. **Sanger** is about to return to the United States and take his place in the prisoner's dock if she is permitted to do so. In a letter just received in New York from her hiding place in England the woman says:

"I refused to go meekly like a lamb to the slaughter when I saw that the court was prejudiced against me. And now they are trying to trick me into rushing to the aid of my comrade and pal and to the aid of my three little ones, who will be left unprotected by his imprisonment. The sufferings of one who is loved by me could be no more deeply burned into my soul than the sufferings and anguish of other women's loved ones left alone in sorrow by death which has been caused by abortion."

Mrs. **Sanger** is an extreme radical on all subjects but the women who have rallied to her aid by the formation of the Birth Control League represent every shade of liberal opinion in New York.



From top to bottom, Mrs. **Sanger**, Mr. **William Sanger** and Mrs. Mary Ware Dennett.

On the league's executive committee are Jessie Ashley, a prominent woman lawyer and Mrs. Clara G. Stillman, Mrs. Mary Ware Dennett and Anita C. Block, well known writers and suffragists. Henrietta Rodman, the militant teacher who led the recent victorious fight for teacher-mothers against a reactionary board of education, is also interested.

Men members of the league include Lincoln Steffens, Bolton Hall, Paul Kennedy, Otto Robstein, James F. Morton, Charles T. Hallinan and Winthrop Lane.