FEDERATION SONG
Susie I. Lankford Shorter (1859-1912)
Tune: Glory Glory Hallelujah

We are a band of women from the National we come
We are marching into battle tho’ we’re neither pipe nor drum
The Ohio Federation, lifting others as we climb
Our motto “Deeds not word”!

Chorus
Deeds not words shall be our motto
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We’re lifting as we climb

We represent the women who were once denied a place
In the National Convention of the highly favored race
Nothing daunted we have struggle and we’ve made ourselves a place
Our motto, ‘Deeds not words’!

Our race must be enlightened, we must earn our daily bread
We must give our time and talent - and the hungry must be fed
We must root upon old sadness, planting good and joy instead
Our motto, ‘Deeds not words’!

All hail the Federation! And may others join our band
May the torch that we have lighted, since in this and every land,
Till the women of all races will be glad to take our hand
Our motto, ‘Deeds not words’!


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