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## Letter from the National President.

Dear State President:—

The States have nearly all held their annual conventions, and from every section of the country reports are received of increased interest and enthusiasm, and an earnest consecration and determination to work toward more perfect service and organization. The State Conventions which I have attended have as a whole been very gratifying, and the one thing which has impressed me more than any other is a new enthusiasm born of conviction that victory is not far away, and that in order to secure it each one must do her very best. The whole spirit of our organization seems to be one of loyalty and devotion, not only to the cause but to each other; and this, perhaps more than anything else, fills me with the assurance of ultimate success.

Will you not make an appeal to your local directors to spend one day this month as a Thanksgiving offering to collect the dues of the members of their clubs, and then to send them direct to the State Treasurer that they may reach the National before the close of the year? I am sure that if we make this attempt, we will be surprised and gratified at the splendid results.

The arrangements for the National Convention have been so far settled that I can give you some definite information. The first meeting of the

executive committee will be held in Baltimore at the hotel Belvidere, the headquarters of the Convention, on the evening of February 6, followed by another on the morning of the 7th at the Lyric Theater, where the Convention is to be held. The Convention proper will begin on the afternoon of the 7th, closing with the executive session the morning of the 14th.

The Railroad Secretary is arranging for stop-over privileges of ten days at Washington, and those attending the convention will have the opportunity of visiting the national capital without additional expense.

I trust every effort will be made to have your State delegation full. If you know of friends who contemplate a trip to Washington during the winter, will you not urge them to make it at the time of our Convention so that they may have the advantage of the reduced rates and attend the meetings in addition to the Washington trip? A full announcement of railroad rates will soon be made.

The activity of women in the recent campaign, and the fact that their activities were uniformly on the side of better conditions in government, added to the Macedonian cry of the reform politicians for women to come over and help them, must show to any reasoning mind the inconsistency of the disfranchisement of so valuable a factor for good government as are women. That this thought is taking hold of the public mind cannot be questioned when we observe the fact that so many prominent persons and periodicals are either attacking or defending our cause. If it were not taking a large hold on the public mind there would not be so much atten-

tion given it by such men as Grover Cleveland and such papers as the Ladies Home Journal. I hope the self respect of the suffrage women of this country will manifest itself by immediately stopping all subscriptions to a magazine which gives itself over to such unqualified abuse of women, and refuses, although petitioned over and over again, to allow us to make corrections of its misstatements.

I trust you have entered upon your new year of service with enthusiasm, and that you will follow the recommendation made at the last national meeting that during the coming year each State Association will strive to add one new club for every one hundred of its membership,—that is, any State having less than one hundred will form one club, those with less than two hundred two clubs, and so on. There is not a State in our Union which cannot do this with a very little concentrated effort on the part of each member. Will yours be one of the States which will pledge itself to make this effort?

Miss Susan B. Anthony is my guest at present, and wishes me to remember her to you with sincere regards, and to assure you that her interest in you and in our cause grows with her added years, and she wishes for us all the joy of a victory in Oregon next spring.

With grateful appreciation of the splendid service of yourself and co-workers in the past, and with the sincere hope that the coming year may be one of richest blessings to you all, I send you my Thanksgiving greetings.

Faithfully,

Anna H. Shaw.

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

Dear Co-workers:

We are beginning the work of a new year—the twenty-fifth of suffrage work in our state. This is the time for local clubs to outline their programs for the season. Would that all the members could have participated in the Minneapolis Convention, thereby receiving inspiration, hope and practical suggestions; the clubs that were not represented by either delegates, reports or greetings were sadly missed, for we needed the inspiration of their presence and helpful words.

Each club is urged to increase its membership this year. The increase of the National membership last year was twenty per cent, and president Rev. Anna H. Shaw, is very desirous of keeping up this rate. Let us see to it that Minnesota does her full share of this work, for we have plenty of sentiment as our enrollment cards testify. We must attend to this matter **at once** as our reports to the National Association must be sent in before the first of January. Let us invite our friends, relatives and acquaintances, both men and women, to show the faith that is in them by giving their names and paying their dues. It is not a pleasant duty for your state president to report a falling off in membership at the National Convention.

The local treasurers are earnestly requested to collect dues from all members and send the quota to the state treasurer during the coming month.

The convention voted to continue the press work under the splendid leadership of the chairman who has

worked up a list of newspapers in the state, that publish monthly articles, to the grand total of seventy-five. Mrs. Eugenia B. Farmer of St. Paul.

The Enrollment Committee is continued which will include enrollment at the State Fair.

Under "legislative work" it was voted to work for the "Initiative and Referendum" law and to improve the "Juvenile Court" law.

The Bulletin is to be continued and will be managed by Ethel E. Hurd, M. D. of Minneapolis.

College equal suffrage leagues are to be established.

Each club is urged to stand for some civic need and make itself an active force in the community.

Let us prove our earnest desire to bring about better conditions for humanity by practical work **here and now**. Let us use our influence for good measures and demonstrate our ability for active hard work, by **doing things**. Let us remember the splendid work now going on in Oregon and assist in bringing that promising state into our galaxy as number five. We can help with our dollars; contributions for the Oregon campaign will be forwarded if sent to me.

A campaign is an expensive undertaking and money should not be spared when the prospect is the brightest for this state that has been known. A victory for Oregon would mean a victory for other states in the near future, so let us as loyal suffragists contribute liberally to this good work.

Faithfully yours,

Maud C. Stockwell.

#### REPORT OF PRESS WORK.

The year just passed, has been well filled with work, quite satisfactory to the chairman of press work, and perhaps to others.

On our present mailing list we have 74 newspapers: Twenty of these are sent regularly to the chairman.

From October 1st, 1904 to November 1st, 1905, 1752 letters have been written, 2705 leaflets and articles sent out to the editors; included in this list was 140 copies of Progress, 60 copies of the State Bulletin, 250 leaflets on "The Fruits of Equal Suffrage.

We rejoice in the fact that we have a Governor and his private secretary, each of them editors, who are in hearty sympathy with our work; also many members of both branches of the Legislature. Through the medium of the press we are able to scatter abroad the gospel of "Equal Rights to All." As an association we must not forget this. The officers of the State Suffrage Association receive no pay, neither does the chairman of press work. We all give our time and means for the support of this cause.

Expenses for the year—From October 1st, 1904 to November 1st, 1905, I received \$37.81; expended \$36.46; cash on hand \$1.35.

Eugenia B. Farmer,  
Chairman.

#### REPORT OF STATE CONVENTION.

The 24th Annual Convention of the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association met in Minneapolis, Oct. 14th-15th, the guest of the Minneapolis Political Equality Club. Considered as a convention it was one of our very

best. Our president, Mrs. Maud C. Stockwell deserves great credit for conducting the sessions in a most thoroughly business-like way, holding every speaker to the subject under consideration and all to parliamentary usage. We are proud of her. Not one person in Minnesota interested in our work bears as heavy a burden of work, earnestly done, as she does. Let us one and all help her more this year.

We were disappointed in the matter of attendance. The Chapman revival meetings were just drawing to a close, people were neglecting their own business to attend them; even Bauer, the famous pianist failed to draw an audience on the night we held our "Symposium of Eminent Opinions." Failing to secure a satisfactory speaker, the program committee hit upon a rather unique and original idea: They secured, from five to ten minute speeches, the Mayor, D. P. Jones, famous for closing saloons on Sundays, Ex-Mayor James Gray, Prof. Willis M. West of the U. of M., Prof. A. W. Rankin, State Inspector of high schools, A. H. Bright, Gen. Solicitor of the "Soo" Railway line, S. A. Reed, Attorney at Law, Rev. W. B. Riley of the First Baptist Church, and Rev. C. S. Davis of the Forest Ave. M. E. Church. Gov. John A. Johnson, regretted a previous engagement, but while speaking to the Federation of Women's Clubs, thought of us, and gave his suffrage speech then. It was forceful and convincing, we rejoiced that it met so many ears unaccustomed to such arguments.

The Program Committee also arranged for male musicians and boy ushers on the same evening. This

program proved a great success, and we can heartily recommend it.

In the reports of Standing Committees, that of Mrs. Eugenia B. Farmer, for the Press, easily leads. Her reports is given in full in this issue. When one reads it carefully they can but realize the immense amount of work involved. Add to this an elaborate system of bookkeeping necessary to avoid repeating and duplicating articles and it compels admiration and gratitude. The value of her work cannot be estimated. It has been suggested that we should purchase a type-writer for her use. It is certainly due her. The addresses were all most interesting and instructive. Mrs. Crosby was ill but her subject "The Juvenile Court" was ably presented by Mr. Campbell, who gave us an insight into the workings of the Court by recounting his own experiences.

We have grown to expect something good, always when we listen to Dr. Florence C. Bair, and she did not fail us. Her "Citizens of tomorrow" gave much satisfaction, and gained marked applause.

We all felt we had learned something worthy of earnest effort to attain after listening to Mr. S. A. Stockwell's remarks upon the "Initiative and Referendum", which seems such a necessary adjunct to our government—the right road to a true republic.

The reports from clubs were encouraging in the main, but there should have been many more.

But few changes were made in list of officers and chairmen of Standing Committees; see this issue's list.

The Association heard with deepest regret of the contemplated removal of Dr. Cora Smith Eaton to Seattle. She has been our inspiration, our very anchor of hope for so long that we shall feel lost indeed without her bright and cheery presence. In fact we cannot even now see how we can "exist" without her, and already we feel uncomfortably jealous of Washington, in that we shall hereafter shine by her reflected glory. We scarcely realized at the convention that she was going, but the writer feels perfectly safe in expressing the most profound regrets of all our suffrage association and the abiding sense of our loss. No action was taken for we felt there was a chance that she would not go, but since then she has decided to leave us in Dec. We wish her "God-speed" and extend our best wishes for her future. Washington has our congratulations.

The reception at the residence of Dr. Martha G. Ripley, was a fitting close to two days of pleasant work. She had promised a **surprise**, and we were agreeably surprised to hear the voices of Mr. H. B. and Miss A. S. Blackwell. They were very good reproductions on a graphophone of records taken in 1901, when they were here attending the National Convention.

We the delegates assembled in the 24th Annual Convention of the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association held in Minneapolis, Minn., November 14—15, 1905, do hereby adopt the following—

#### RESOLUTIONS.

1. All persons equally endowed with intelligence are entitled to equal

privileges and are under equal obligations to the state.

2. The idea that women are mentally inferior to men is being dispelled as fast and as far as the barriers to education and business opportunities are removed.

3. When we compare the social and legal status of woman today with what it was in 1848 when the first woman's rights convention was held, we rejoice in the results of the agitation then begun and the breaking up of the great mass of ignorance and prejudice which has impeded the march of civilization.

4. We are gratified to know that our National President, Theodore Roosevelt, our State Governor, John A. Johnson, and the Mayor of our largest city, Mr. D. P. Jones, of Minneapolis, are all avowed suffragists.

5. We declare ourselves unqualifiedly in favor of the principle of the initiative and referendum, as enabling the will of the people to prevail, and urge its adoption in our city charters and state constitution.

6. We give our thanks to the editors of the 74 newspapers of this state who regularly publish the articles sent them by our Chairman of Press Work, and will send to each of them our "Bulletin" and "Progress" for the coming year as a token of appreciation of their favors.

7. We heartily endorse the action of Mayor Jones of Minneapolis in closing the saloons on Sunday.

8. We rejoice that the governors of 13 states have recently declared for equal suffrage; that the age of con-

sent has been raised from 14 to 16 in Illinois and from 16 to 18 in Oregon; that a woman suffrage amendment is pending in Oregon, to be voted on next June, with good prospect of being carried; that over 300 organizations other than our own have in the past year passed equal suffrage resolutions; that in Oklahoma school suffrage has been granted to women in cities of the first class; that our own state of Minnesota has passed the Juvenile Court Law, and has become the 13th state to establish guardianship of children.

9. We pay sorrowing tribute to the memory of Mrs. Sarah Scribner, of Anoka, mother of Mrs. Olive S. Clark, our efficient corresponding secretary; Mrs. Hattie Burkdell, of St. Paul Sacajawea Club; Mr. Sanford Niles, of Minneapolis, distinguished educator, Minnesota pioneer, and life long suffragist.

10. We extend thanks to the Political Equality Club of Minneapolis, for their provision for this convention and its delegates, to the distinguished speakers who declared themselves in eloquent terms before this convention as advocates of woman's enfranchisement, to the musicians for their music, to Mr. Ripley and Dr. Martha G. Ripley for the reception tendered the convention, to the local press for its reports, and to all who have contributed to the pleasure and success of the convention.

FLORENCE C. BAIER, M. D.  
MRS. PRISCILLA M. NILES.  
MRS. M. A. NUGENT,

Committee on Resolutions

## Report of Minneapolis P. E. Club.

This club has not reported for several months. Our June meeting was a delightful picnic and program at the residence of Dr. Cora Smith Eaton in Linwood, Minnetonka lake. No meeting in July. A "Lucy Stone memorial" at Mr. S. A. Stockwell's residence near Minnehaha Falls in August. In Sept. we resumed our study of the status of women in various countries, meeting at the regular place, the directors room of the Public Library. The program was varied somewhat in November, when in honor of Elizabeth Cady Stanton we reviewed the gains of fifty years work for suffrage. Mrs. Dorsett gave personal reminiscences illustrative of legal gains; Mrs. Little spoke of gains in occupation. Dr. Mary V. Hartzell read a scholarly and most interesting paper on the gains in Education. The club feels indebted to Dr. Hartzell for a fund of information. It was also our annual meeting; no change of officers was made except the election of Mr. Chas Miller as secretary.

The meeting of December 19th will appeal to all women. Mr. A. H. Bright will speak of the legal status of women of the United States. Bring your friends and let us give him a good audience. The club is greatly indebted to Mr. Adelbert I. Sanborn, Miss Harriet Morgan, Miss Edna Wakeman and Mr. Ray Brase for music during the convention; to Miss Gladys Williams and little Miss Brewster for readings; to Miss Whitted for cut flowers and to Mr. R. A. Latham for palms. The club extends thanks to Dr. Ripley for the generous hospitality in giving the convention reception.

Ethel Edgerton Hurd, Pres.

## REPORT OF TREASURER.

## Receipts.

Pledges from—		
Individuals .....	\$218.46	
Clubs .....	35.00	\$253.46
Donations from—		
Individuals .....	\$ 55.00	
Clubs .....	1.00	56.00
Club dues—		
Anoka .....	4.00	
Excelsior .....	1.75	
Luverne .....	6.50	
Monticello .....	4.75	
Minneapolis .....	35.50	
Red Wing .....	1.75	
Sacajawea .....	4.75	
St. Paul, P. E. ....	4.00	
Individuals .....	3.00	66.00
Collections—		
Shaw lecture .....	12.14	
Picnic at Linwood ....	8.75	
Suffrage Meeting .....	1.56	22.45
Miscellaneous—		
Advertisements .....	17.50	
Refunds .....	9.10	
Sale of badges .....	4.90	
Bulletin subscriptions	2.90	34.40
Total receipts .....		\$432.31
Balance in treasury Oct. 4th 1904		22.14
		\$454.45

## Disbursements.

Pledges to N. A. W. S. A. ....	\$ 75.00	
Dues to N. A. W. S. A. ....	22.00	
Presidents expenses to National Convention .....	90.00	
Lectures .....	25.00	
Organization .....	13.84	
Literature .....	6.90	
Bulletin .....	21.10	
Printing & Stationary .....	42.92	
Press work .....	44.96	
Expenses of members of Executive Committee to meetings.....	15.85	
Juvenile Court .....	3.00	
Badges .....	11.15	
Postage—		
President .....	\$ 7.00	
Sec'y & Treas.....	4.40	
Bulletin .....	9.05	20.45
Sundries—		
Express on Bulletins..	.75	
Express on flags etc..	.40	
Telegrams & telephone	.95	
Plate for advertising..	.40	
Pencils .....	.25	
Flowers .....	2.00	
Loss (counterfiet) ....	1.00	5.75
		\$397.92
Balance in Treas. Nov. 10th, 1905		56.53
		\$454.45

Respectfully submitted,  
Treas. M. W. S. A.

