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ANNUAL MEETINGS
OF THE
Kentucky Equal Rights Association
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COVINGTON IN THE LIBRARY BUILDING
November 14 15-16, 1910
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Met at 9 o'clock A. M. Tuesday, November 15.

Discussion as to the advisability of extending an invitation to the National association to hold the annual convention of National American Woman's Suffrage Association at Louisville Ky. in 1911. Letter from Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt was read announcing that the International Alliance would hold their Annual meeting at Stockholm, Sweden in June.

Letter from the National Association to the state president was read asking the opinion of the convention as to changing the entire plan of organization. Whether it is still well to make payment of dues and attendance at meetings a requisite of membership.

It was decided to recommend that the convention suggest to the National association that membership be entirely disassociated from the payment of dues and attendance at meetings and in short recommend our own Kentucky plan.

That our officers as now elected may serve on the national committees.

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We suggest that the convention recommend to the National association that the department of literature be made self supporting.

The offering of money prizes for the essays on woman's suffrage was discussed at length.

MORNING SESSION.

Convention called to order at 10 o'clock.

Scriptural reading and prayer by the President, Miss Laura Clay.

Program was made the order of business.

Report of the Executive committee was accepted.

Reports of officers.

1st Vice-president, Mrs. Mary B. Clay told of the plan used in Richmond for furthering the cause of woman's suffrage, the offering of cash prizes in the colleges and high schools for the best essay on suffrage.

2nd Vice-president, Mrs. Mary C. Cramer told of an immense meeting at Lexington in the cause of School suffrage and recommended having them in all parts of the state.

Other officers gave short verbal reports of work done by them.

Voted that the chair appoint all committees.

The following committees were appointed:

Credentials:—Mrs. I. H. Shepard and Mrs. H. L. Spring.

Publications:—Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck and Dr. Louise Southgate.

Courtesies:—Mrs. M. B. Reynolds and Mrs. Highton.

Resolutions:—Mrs. John B. Castleman, Miss Luella Boyd and Mrs. Sarah Charles.

Report of the committee on church work was given by the chairman; Miss Laura Clay.

Reports were received from the following Local Associations.

Ashland Miss Laura White

Campbell County Mrs. H. L. Spring

Covington Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin

Fayette County Mrs. M. C. Cramer
 Louisville Mrs. Castelman
 Madison County Mrs. S. C. Bennett
 Mercer County Mrs. Francis Simrall Riker
 Muldraugh Mrs. Teed Withers Smith
 Kenton County Mrs. I. H. Shepard

Discussion of the plan of work followed. It was voted that we recommend to the National association what our plan of work committee suggested in regard to changing the methods of organization, namely; that we no longer make payment of dues and attendance at meetings a requisite of membership voted that the department of literature of the National Association be made self supporting.

Secretary read Miss Alice Stone Blackwell's reply to Mr. Richard Barry's article in the Ladies Home Journal.

Treasurer's report was made, and placed in the hands of the auditors Miss Laura White and Mrs. S. C. Bennett.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The session was opened at 2 o'clock with Scriptural reading and prayer by the President.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

President Miss Laura Clay gave her annual address. She said our greatest cause of rejoicing at present was that we have attained another state in the ranks of full Suffrage, that is Washington.

Report of the Press Superintendant was read and accepted.

Letter was read from Miss Agnes Ryan, Business Manager of the Woman's Journal, asking for subscriptions to that paper.

Adjourned.

Wednesday November 16.

PLAN OF WORK COMMITTEE met at 9 o'clock.

Moved that we recommend to the convention: That the convention appoint a chairman of Prize contests.

That \$10.00 be made the maximum prize for essays on woman's suffrage.

That we ask the legislature for a constitutional amendment giving women full suffrage.

That the legislative committee be instructed to have the dominant party in the legislature introduce the bill for the constitutional amendment.

That women be placed on the boards of all state punitive and educational institutions.

That our state association establish a Lecture Bureau of Kentucky Suffragists.

That the names for the candidates for the Lecture Bureau be submitted to the Executive committee.

Moved that we ask the convention to rule that each local association be allowed to elect its own delegates to the National convention at the rate of one delegate for each 100 paid up members. That when associations have parts of the hundred over their own necessary 100, these parts be given to the Executive committee and be apportioned to such associations as have not 100 members.

— Committee rose.

MORNING SESSION.

Convention was opened with a prayer by our National President Rev. Anna Shaw.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Voted that the privileges of the floor be extended to the Rev. Anna Shaw.

Voted that a vote of thanks be given to Rev. Anna Shaw for her lectures and that we wish her God speed on her journey home.

Moved that the convention ask the National American Woman's Suffrage Association to hold its annual convention of 1911 at Louisville Ky. Passed by a unanimous rising vote.

The National President, Rev. Anna Shaw, being present the invitation was at once graciously accepted.

Voted that the recommendation of the Plan of Work committee as to the selection of delegates to the National convention be accepted.

Madison County volunteered to help Harrodsburg, Fayette County to help Kenton County etc.

Voted that if our delegation is not full at the opening of the National convention, they be allowed to fill any vacancy from the members of the Ky. E. R. A. there present.

Report of Credentials committee read and accepted.

Reports of the previous National convention was read by the state member of the National Executive committee Mrs. Mary E. Giltner.

The convention then proceeded to the election of officers.

The chair appointed as tellers Mrs. H. L. Spring and Dr. Louise Southgate.

The election resulted as follows: .

President, Miss Laura Clay	Lexington
1st Vice-president, Mrs. Mary B. Clay	Richmond
2nd Vice-president, Mrs. Mary C. Cramer ...	Lexington
3rd Vice-president, Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin ..	Covington
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Mary C. Roark	Richmond
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck .	Newport
Treasurer, Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard	Covington

It was moved that the state member of the National Executive committee be elected by ballot. Motion lost.

Voted that the state member of the National Executive committee be chosen by acclamation and Mrs. Mary E. Giltner was the choice of the convention.

It was moved by Mrs. Weaver that the convention extend fraternal greetings to the Executive board of the Federation of Woman's clubs which meets in Lexington this week Carried.

Miss Linda Neville of Lexington gave a report of the legislative work done by the Fayette County E. R. A. in regard to the appointment of a woman physician at the Insane Asylums.

Voted that the convention thank the merchants of Covington for the beautiful decorations in our honor.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention resumed at 2 o'clock.

Scriptural reading and prayer by the president.

The Executive Board suggested the following nominations. Miss Margaret Weisinger, Superintendent of Press Work, with leave of absence for six months; Mrs. Desha Breckinridge, chairman of the Educational committee; Miss Laura White chairman of committee on Peace and Arbitration; Mrs. A. M. Harrison, chairman of committee on church work; Mrs. Lucy A. Nield chairman of committee on Industrial problems affecting women and children.

Convention accepted and ratified these nominations.

Voted that the Executive Board be made the Legislative Committee.

Voted that the office of State Historian be continued.

Dr. Louise Southgate was selected as state Historian.

Mrs. Weaver explained to the convention the object and use of the little leaflets written by Mrs. Decha Breckinridge to interest the general public in school suffrage.

The following Associations purchased the leaflets for distribution: Ashland, 50, Campbell, County, 50, Covington 100, Madison County, 100, Mercer County 50, Kenton County 50.

This resolution was offered by Dr. Louise Southgate:

Resolved, that the Kentucky Equal Rights Association in convention at Covington extend cordial greetings to the Ky. State Federations of Colored Women's Clubs.

Voted that the secretary be instructed to convey greetings to the Ky. State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Mary C. Cramer reported excellent work done by the legislative Committee.

A good talk on "Why should woman have the Ballot" by Mrs. Teed Withers Smith was carefully listened to by the convention.

Voted that a chairman of the prize contest committee be elected.

Miss Viriginia Robinson was elected chairman of prize contest committee.

Voted that the maximum prize offered be \$10.00.

Voted that we ask the next legislature for a constitutional amendment giving women full suffrage on the same terms as men.

Voted that the legislative committee be instructed to have the dominant party introduce our constitutional amendment bill, if possible.

Voted that we work to have women placed on the boards of all state punitive and educational institutions.

Voted that a Lecture Bureau be established.

Voted that the names of Candidates for the Lecture Bureau be submitted to the Executive committee.

Dr. Louise Southgate delivered an excellent address on the "Sisterhood of Woman."

The secretary asked for free will offerings for state work in our cause and the convention responded most liberally.

Mrs. Mary B. Clay	\$5.00
Mrs. Mary E. Giltner	5.00
Mrs. Mary Trimble	5.00
Miss Laura Clay	5.00
Mrs. S. C. Bennett	5.00
Miss Laura White	5.00
Campbell County E. R. A.	5.00
Ashland E. R. A.	5.00
Mrs. John Castleman	4.00
Mrs. M. B. Reynolds	1.00

(to be followed by 4.00 more during the year)

Miss Laura White reported great strides made during the past year for Peace and Arbitration.

The printing of the programs being donated by Mrs. K. R. Wiggins of Richmond to Mrs. N. S. Mc Laughlin of Covington, Mrs. McLaughlin in turn donated this to the state, to be used as dues for enrolled members.

A vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Wiggins and Mrs. McLaughlin.

The resolutions offered by the committee were read and adopted.

Voted that all unfinished business be left in the hands of the Executive Committee.

Convention adjourned.

REPORT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

Executive committee met Wednesday evening November 16 at 8 o'clock.

The appropriations made were:

National dues	\$95.00
Rev. Anna Shaw	45.00
Officers Traveling Expense.....	15.50
Printing Programs	3.00
Printing Enrollment cards	5.00
Printing Leaflets	6.00
Printing Stationery	5.00
Postage	6.00
Printing Minutes	20.00
Press Work	10.00

Voted that if Miss Virginia Robinson be unable to accept chairmanship of Prize Contest committee we endeavour to have Mrs. Mary C. Roark accept same.

Voted that the state offer to pay the hotel expenses of the official board of National association and the rent of the Hall for the National convention at Louisville.

The following names were proposed as members of our Lecture Bureau.

Mrs. Desha Breckinridge	Mrs. Chas. P. Weaver
Mrs. A. M. Harrison	Mrs. Eleanor Tarrant Little
Mrs. Lucy A. Nield	Mrs. S. C. Bennett
Mrs. Mary C. Roark.	

Voted to appropriate \$100.00 for the Lecture Bureau.

Voted that Miss Laura Clay and Mrs. Mary C. Cramer attend the conference of Governors at Frankfort.

Voted that our president, Miss Laura Clay go to Louisville to make all necessary arrangements for the National Convention.

Voted that the president be empowered to use whatever

money is necessary for the preliminary arrangements for the National convention, up to \$200.00.

Committee rose.

EVENING MEETINGS.

On Monday and Tuesday evenings the convention rested from their arduous labors of the day and were most delightfully and profitably entertained with lectures by the Rev. Anna Shaw. On Monday evening there were addresses of welcome and charming music preceeding Miss Shaw's lecture which was enjoyed by a large and attentive audience. On Tuesday evening there was a larger audience, if possible, than the night before. During her lecture, Miss Shaw offered to answer the questions upon which anyone in the audience required enlightenment. Many questions were asked and her clear, capable answers, at the same time so full of wit, convinced the "doubting Thomases" that the suffragists usually know where of they speak.

REPORTS.

Treasurer's Report for 1910.

To Balance, January 1, 1910	\$320.63
Pledges for 1910—Newport	\$ 5 00
Mrs. Winkless	5 00
Mrs. M. B. Clay.....	5 00
Mrs. Giltner	5 00
Miss Laura Clay	10 00
Miss Laura White.....	10 00
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Annual Dues from Local E.R. Ass'ns.

Ashland	12 30
Campbell Co.	30 80
Covington E. R. Ass'n	35 00
Harrodsburg	3 50
Kenton Co.	3 50
Lexington	105 35
Louisville	21 00
Louisville Enrolled members	5.50

Richmond	75 95
Richmond	9 00
Muldraugh	3 50
	305 40

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By Disbursements:

Legislative work	12 81
Printing minutes	18 00
Postage	4 00
Dues to N'l Ass'n Enrolledmembers	5.50

\$40 31

Balance November 16, 1910.....	625 72
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REPORTS OF LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS.

Ashland E. R. A.

There were 5 meetings held this year with an average attendance of 17 members.

Our President, Miss Laura White, sent Peace Literature to the Ashland Schools, and it was observed in some way by the several rooms.

We have a paid membership of 30, and 18 enrolled members.

We are small in numbers, weak in popularity, but we are **genuine** suffragists, and **thoroughly** enjoy every meeting, and hope soon to swell the shout of Victory and freedom that will come to our Native Women.

Respectfully,

Mrs. W. H. Bagley, Secretary.

Campbell County E. R. A.

The Campbell County Equal Rights Association held eleven meetings during the year one of which was of a social nature. Our society was well represented at the Banquet given at the Grand Hotel in Cincinnati by the Susan B. Anthony Club. We

also turned out with a large number at the Hotel Alms where we heard bright women, from every state in the Union, tell of the progress that Suffrage is making.

Our Association failed in our request to have the graduating class compete for a prize to be given for best essay on "Why we should have Suffrage" to be read at the Commencement. The Superintendent wrote us a very lengthy letter, why we were refused and to most of us his reasons seemed very just.

We have distributed a great deal of Literature and have gained several new members. We have one hundred and nineteen enrolled members and have eighty-eight paid up members. We send nine delegates to the Convention.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Hannah L. Spring Secretary.

Fayette Co. E. R. A.

The Fayette Equal Rights Association has had only a few meetings, but has done much work through committees.

It rejoices in the success of its efforts to get the appointment of a woman physician at the Eastern Kentucky Insane Asylum, at the great interest that has been aroused in the matter of granting to women the right to vote in school elections--an interest due in part to the efforts of the Fayette Association, and thirdly in the increase of membership from one hundred and ten to three hundred and one.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Wellington Payne, Secretary.

Meade County E. R. A.

The Meade Co. E. R. A. was organized at Muldraugh with 70 members, 15 of which were men, one of them our legislator Mr. L. F. Withers. Had several meetings in the homes of the different members and one public meeting where there were several speakers. We expect to do much good work in our vicinity.

Respectfully

Mrs. Teed Withers Smith.

Madison County E. R. A.

The Madison County E. R. A. has done some good work this year. We have now an enrollment of 282 members, some of whom have been very liberal in their donations and active in labor, distributing tracts and cards and expressing their sentiment for the cause on all occasions.

We shall endeavor to have each member promise to secure one new name during the coming year. Many of the students in our State Normal School are interested in the cause and, several debates on this subject have been held in the College chapel, attended by large and enthusiastic audiences.

The Madison Co. E. R. A. offered a prize of \$10.00 for the best speech on Woman Suffrage—there were five contestants.

We feel confident that 1911 will be the banner year in our County for the cause of Suffrage, and great credit is due our President, Mrs. Sarah Clay Bennett, for her liberal donations and untiring efforts in this, her chosen field of labor.

That this Convention may prove a success and blessing to every delegate, that the Spirit of Divine Wisdom may preside over all your deliberations is the most earnest wish of your fellow-laborer,

K. R. Wiggins, Secretary.

HARRODSBURG E. R. A.

The E. R. A. of Harrodsburg begs leave to report a membership of sixteen with a growing interest within and without its circles. The formal organization has not yet been perfected but as an interested circle. The women in connection pledge themselves to advance the educational, industrial and legal rights of women, and to stand for suffrage both in State and nation to the best of their ability as women—and stand in line for service.

Frances Simrall Riker, Chairman.

LOUISVILLE E. R. A.

The Woman Suffrage Association of Louisville experienced a new birth after the convention of the State Association, held in Louisville last year. Miss Shaw's two evening meetings aroused

great enthusiasm, and interest was further evoked by a lecture the following week by Mrs. Philip Snowden, of England, under the auspices of the Educational Equal Suffrage League. Later on in the winter various clubs held small mass meetings in the interest of school suffrage, but almost invariably the discussion reached full suffrage before it was concluded.

The good newspaper notices given to the school suffrage campaign, to our own meetings, as well as the straw vote taken by the Herald, which resulted 931 for, 284 against, have been a great benefit to the work.

The president of this Association also made a speech at the State Fair, in the model school building, under the auspices of the federated clubs, and from this building quantities of suffrage flyers and Mrs. Breckenridge's speeches were given out during fair week.

The Association has had one large public meeting this fall, in addition to the small ones, at which Miss Shaw was the speaker. On account of a depleted financial condition, it was necessary to charge an admission fee of 25c; but even so, the Woman's Club was almost full and receipts more than paid expenses.

The Association registers a membership of 165 in November, 1910, as against 67 in November 1909. It believes that the increase in suffrage sentiment in Louisville is far more general even than is represented by the gain in membership of this Association, and hopes in the coming year to garner in this wide spread interest and make it tell for the efficiency of the Association and for the cause in general.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia P. Robinson, President.

COVINGTON E. R. A.

The Covington Equal Rights club has 136 names enrolled and the list is steadily increasing. The Regular monthly meetings were well attended and the three programme affairs given during the year, were a grand success. At the November meeting, delegates to the Louisville convention were instructed to invite this convention here. In February the club joined the Susan B. Anthony club of Cincinnati in a banquet at the Grand

Hotel. One of our members proposed and began movement toward getting up a banquet to entertain the prominent suffragists, expected to attend the federation of Women's clubs. This movement terminated in a banquet at the Hotel Alms on the evening of May 16, for which 350 tickets were sold so rapidly that days before the event seats could not be secured at a premium, because the hotel management could no accomodate any more. In June at one of the programme meetings resolutions were drafted on regulated vice and—white slavery. These resolutions were built on those framed at the Riggs House, Washington, D. C., by members of our National organization.

AUDITORS REPORT.

The Auditors have examined the Treasurer's books and found them correct.

S. C. Bennett.
Laura R. White.

Report of the State Member of National Executive Board

The Forty-second Convention of the National American Woman's Suffrage Association convened in Washington, D. C. from April 14th to 19th inclusive, 1910

Thursday A. M., April 14th, the Executive meeting was called to order by the Chairman, with recommendations from the Official Board, and with roll call of States for new business, which was well attended.

Dr. Shaw, the President, called the first public meeting to order at 2:30 P. M. on the 14th. The Auditorium of the Arlington Hotel was crowded, thus assuring a large and enthusiastic convention. Addresses of welcome were made by Miss Henriette J. Hilton, President of the District Equal Suffrage Association, and by Miss Mabel Foster, President of the District College Equal Franchise League. Responses on behalf of the N. A. W. S. Association were made by Clara B. Arthur, President of Michigan W. S. A., and by Kate M. Gordon, President of Louisiana W. S. A. Reports were made on church work, and on the petitions to Congress. The remainder of the afternoon was devoted to State reports.

For the first time in history the President of the United States had been invited to give the Convention a greeting and welcome. While it was known that the President was not an anti-suffragist, yet he was not a strong suffragist, and might not be wholly with us. Therefore it was not expected of him to make an address along those lines, but to extend to the Convention the greeting and welcome of the Capital. Now he said in part: "When I was a school boy sixteen years old and graduated from the Woodward High School in Cincinnati, I took for my subject "Woman Suffrage." My father was a woman suffragist, but since that time I have changed my mind and somewhat modified my views. Now this is my confession of faith, but I am glad to welcome you here. I am glad to welcome an intelligent body of women, earnest in the discussion of politics; earnest in the question of good government, and earnest and highminded in the cause they are pleading for. I congratulate you on coming to Washington, this most beautiful of cities, to hold your Convention. I trust it may result in every thing you hoped for, and I am sure that the coming together of honest, intelligent and earnest women like these can not but be productive of good."

After the President had left the hall Dr. Shaw replied to some of the criticisms he had made against votes or women. She declared she would "draw a voting line horizontally, not diagonally, and exclude from the privilege of voting not only ignorant women, but also illiterate men." This she thought would help the political situation to right its self.

Dr. Shaw, our National President, in her annual address said in part, that the people of the country were becoming infidel in their principles of Democracy. The suffrage movement, she asserted, was growing and demanded new standards.

At the evening session Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, President of the International Suffrage Alliance, addressed the Convention. At the conclusion of her magnificent speech, the delegates endorsed a motion by Dr. Shaw that her address be printed and sent to every man participating in the governing of the United States. Mrs. Catt received great applause by the whole Convention.

Miss Laura Clay, our State President, told the women what they needed was a new element of character and courage.

On Monday the much talked of petition was carried to Congress at eleven thirty (11:30) A. M. A line of 52 automobiles formed at the Arlington and moved in stately procession up Pennsylvania Avenue. The first two cars were for the officers, and Mrs. Le Droit Barber, chairman of the Committee on Automobiles, drove the front car. Mrs. Helen Gardner was Mrs. Barber's chief aide in securing the machines and in arranging for the procession. Following the officers' car were three from which floated press banners, which represented the different newspapers. The third, engaged by the Woman Suffrage Party of New York, held other representatives of the press and photographers. The State machines followed in alphabetical order, designated by a yellow banner, and in charge of representatives carrying their own State petitions. The day was a perfect one and Washington was superb in brightest of green foliage and beautiful flowers.

At the Capitol the delegates divided into groups, each seeking the Representatives and Senators who promised to assist them. The Congressional record devoted two pages to the presentation of the petitions, giving the name of each person who presented them. There were one-half million signers to them, asking for full suffrage for women.

Our lamented Senator Dolliver, who but recently passed away, shouldered an arm full of the petitions and said he would advise those members to take a day off and study the Constitution.

Senator A. F. Clay of Georgia as Chairman of the Committee presided. Mrs. Catherine Waugh McCulloch, a lawyer of Chicago, was the first to speak. She said that as the common law did not specifically state that woman should vote, it was argued in some decisions that therefore they had the right, and in other States that they did not have the right, so you have placed upon women the stamp of political inequality and placed us at great disadvantage in competition with men. I presume you are all lawyers, therefore, I appeal to you as brothers-in-law to grant our request.

After a number of other grand speeches were made, Dr. Shaw closed the hearing with an appeal to the Committee to re-

port the petitions favorably, if you can, but unfavorable if you must.

Some two hundred votes for women advocates, appeared before the House Committee, six or seven women speaking. Mrs. Upton said: "Gentlemen, won't you please report against these resolutions, and give us your reasons for doing so; we know you are not going to vote for it. Certainly, you are not afraid of us, so please vote against it, but do tell us why."

At the conclusion the Chairman promised that their argument and petitions would receive careful attention.

The Election of Officers took place on Monday morning. All the old officers were mostly retained, but some changes were made later on.

Thus closed the Forty-second Annual Convention of the N. A. Woman's Suffrage Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Giltner.

The resolutions offered and adopted were:

Whereas the Ky. Equal Rights Association has had a most successful meeting in Covington therefore be it resolved.

That the members of the association express their appreciation of the hospitality extended to them by the Covington and Kenton County Equal Rights Associations.

That the delegates wish to extend sincere thanks to these hostesses and all friends who contributed to their comfort and the success of the convention; to the Art Club for their beautiful reception, to the musicians for their sweet music and to the Press for their unfailing courtesy.

That we, being interested in the welfare of children, hereby express the pleasure we feel that there has been formed the Ky. Society for the Prevention of Blindness.

That the Ky. Equal Right Association request the State Board of Charitable Institutions to appoint a woman physician a the state asylum for the Insane a Hopkinsville.

That each local Association of the Ky. Equal Rights Ass't'n. use its influence towards establishing Juvenile Court in case none has been established in that county.

And lastly be it resolved that each delegate here take heart
and return to her home feeling a great stride has been made to the
accomplishment of the object so dear to our hearts.

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. John B. Castleman
Miss Luella Boyd
Mrs. Sarah Charles

“If ye abide in my Word, * * * ye shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free.”

MINUTES
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OF THE
Kentucky Equal Rights Association
HELD AT
LOUISVILLE IN THE SEELBACH RED ROOM
October 25th, 1911

MORNING SESSION.

Thursday Oct. 25 1912.

Convention was called to order by the President Miss Laura Clay.

Scriptural reading Miss Laura Clay.

Prayer by Miss Elizabeth Yates, President of the Rhode Island Equal Rights Association.

Voted that the Program be made the order of business.

Secretary gave verbal report of work done by the Executive committee.

The following committees were appointed by the chair:

Credentials Mrs. I. H. Shepard

Courtesies Mrs. John Castleman

Resolutions .. Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Thos. Smith, Mrs. Agnes Eifort.

Publication Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck and Miss Laura White.

Auditing Miss Laura White

Mrs. Somerville, President of the Mississippi Equal Rights

Association, Mrs. Greenley, Mrs. Mohlenhoff of Mississippi and Miss Kate Gordon of Louisiana were introduced and addressed the convention. The courtesies of the door were extended to them.

Credentials committee made partial report. As the National Association has changed its time for holding its Annual Convention there was a lengthy discussion as to the time at which it would be most advisable to close our state books, but no decision was arrived at.

Mrs. Desha Breckinridge was asked to address the convention. She told of the plans of the Federation of Woman's clubs with regard to school suffrage and of the work accomplished at the last legislature.

Mrs. Lucy A. Nield proposed that women working for school suffrage go directly to the liquor men and ask their endorsement. Miss Clay reported that the liquor men of Wisconsin have declared in favor of Woman's suffrage.

The report of the Treasurer was read and the books placed in hand of the Auditing committee.

Mrs. Laddie of New Jersey and Miss Mary Helm were introduced. Miss Helm told of her personal experience and conversion to the cause.

The President Miss Laura Clay gave her annual address. She told of the changed conditions existing at present, the increased membership which made some change in the constitution desirable. She proposed a rotation of officers as one change. That the office of Auditor be created and the Auditor be made a member of the Executive board. That the President, 1st Vice President, corresponding Secretary and Treasurer be elected on the even years. That the 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Executive Committee member and Auditor on the odd years. That this year being an odd year, the President, 1st Vice President, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer be elected for one year. The second and 3rd Vice President, Recording Secretary and Executive committee member for two years. She also proposed making the state member of the National Executive committee a member of the State Executive committee. She told of the hearing

granted the suffragists before the last conference of Governors at Frankfort Ky. in December 1910. Also of the resolutions in favor of woman's suffrage adopted by the state Federation of Labor.

Mrs. Ringrose, a bright energetic Californian, still bearing the flush of victory, was presented to the convention. She told of the methods which were successful in making her state a full suffrage state, and of work among the catholic clergy and how through them they obtained the catholic support.

A vote of thanks and the courtesies of the floor were extended Mrs. Ringrose.

Voted that a committee be appointed by the chair for the revision of the constitution along the lines proposed by the president.

Voted that this convention send telegrams to the State Bankers convention in session at Lexington and to the Kentucky Medical Society at Paducah asking them if they would not desire our assistance.

The chair appointed Miss Linda Neville to send the following telegrams: To the Bankers Convention at Lexington: "Our votes would be cast for a better taxation system. Do you want them"?

The Ky. Equal Rights Association.

To the Paducah, Ky. Medical Ass'n:

"You could count on our vote for your legislative work. Do you want them.

The Ky. Equal Rights Association.

Voted that the secretary send a message of love and greeting to Mrs. Eugenia Farmer of St. Paul Minn. Mrs. Farmer was for many years Secretary of the Ky. E. R. A.

Report of the Credentials committee was read and accepted.

The election of officers being next on the program the chair appointed Mrs. Leech of Louisville and Mrs. Agnes Eifort of Ashland as tellers.

The first ballot for president resulted in a unanimous vote for Miss Laura Clay.

It being long past the noon hour the remainder of the election was postponed until the afternoon session and the convention adjourned until 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention resumed at 2 o'clock.

Scriptural reading and prayer by Miss Clay.

Minutes of morning session read, corrected and approved.

The chair appointed Mrs. Thos. Smith, Mrs. John Castleman and Mrs. James A. Leech as the committee on amendments to the constitution.

By consent the reports of the Local associations were received instead of proceeding with the election.

Reports were received from Ashland E. R. A., Campbell Co. E. R. A., Covington E. R. A., Madison Co. E. R. A. Fayette Co. E. R. A., Louisville E. R. A., Mead Co. E. R. A., Kenton Co. E. R. A.

Mrs. Allen of Tennessee and Miss Jessie Ashley Treasurer of the National Suffrage association were introduced to the convention and expressed their pleasure at being entertained in Ky.

The revision committee desired to present their recommendations.

Voted that the changes in the constitution be considered seriatim.

Recommendation I. That an Auditor be added to our state officers.

Voted that an Auditor be added to our state officers.

Recommendation II. That the State Member of the National Executive Committee be made an officer of the state association.

Voted that the State Member of the National Executive Committee be made an officer of the state association.

Voted that the office of Auditor come directly after the other officers and before the State Member of the National Executive committee.

Recommendation III. That beginning with this year (1911) all officers be elected for a term of two years. The President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer be elected on the even year. The 2nd and 3rd Vice President, Recording Secretary and Auditor on the odd year. No officer shall be eligible for the same office for two successive terms.

Voted that the state member of the National Executive committee be elected on the even year.

Voted that the third recommendation be accepted and the amendments added to our constitution.

Voted that if any other changes be deemed desirable for the perfection of the constitution the Executive Committee be empowered to act.

Voted that we return to our unfinished business and proceed with the election of officers.

Mrs. Mary B. Clay who for so many years has served as 1st Vice President declined to stand for reelection. The convention deeply deplored her decision and extended her a rising vote of thanks for the great work she has done as a pioneer in our cause.

Voted that Mrs. Mary B. Clay be made an Honorary Vice President.

Voted that Mrs. Susan Look Avery also be made an Honorary Vice President.

Moved that no two officers be elected from the same city. Motion lost.

The election resulted as follows:

President, Miss Laura Clay Lexington
1st Vice-President, Mrs. John Castleman Louisville
2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Mary C. Cramer Lexington
3rd Vice-President, Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin .. Covington
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Mary C. Roark Richmond
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck Newport
Treasurer, Mrs. I. H. Shpeard Covington
Auditor, Mrs. *Lury A. Nield, Louisville.*
Ex. Com. Member, Mrs. Mary E. Giloner Covington

Miss Alice Henry was presented to the convention.

Miss Henry is the editor of the Chicago "Life and Labor".

Miss Linda Neville told of the difficulty and final success in procuring the appointment of a woman physician at state Insane Asylums.

Report of the Press Superintendent was read and accepted with a vote of thanks.

Mrs. Patchen of Wisconsin was presented and addressed the convention.

Report of the Auditor was read and accepted.

Voted that the election of delegates to the National Convention be left to each local association in the proportion of one delegate for each 100 paid up members, the fraction of 100 going to the Executive committee.

Voted that any association not reporting their delegates one month before the National convention the executive committee shall elect a delegate for that place.

Voted that the following nominations of the executive committee be accepted: Mrs. A. M. Harrison chairman on Church Work, Mrs. Margaret W. Castleman, Press Superintendent, Miss Laura White, Peace and Arbitration, Mrs. Lucy A. Nield, Industrial problems affecting women and children, Mrs. Mary C. Roark, Prize Contests, Mrs. Desha Breckenridge Educational Committee.

Miss Laura White gave her report as chairman of the Peace and Arbitration committee for the past year.

Voted that the decision as to closing of the Treasurer's books be left to the President and Treasurer.

Voted to adjourn to the evening session when the unfinished business can be taken up.

EVENING SESSION.

Evening session opened with devotional exercise by Prof. W. H. Giltner.

Minutes of the afternoon session read and approved.

Mrs. Charles Firth of Covington sang, most charmingly, a suffrage song composed by herself.

Miss Alice Stone Blackwell, Editor of the Woman's Journal of Boston and Mrs. Stewart of Illinois were introduced and addressed the convention briefly.

Mrs. James Bennett of Richmond read a most interesting paper on the Borah amendment of the Federal Constitution which provides for a popular election of United States Senators.

The report of the resolutions committee was read and the resolutions with slight amendments were adopted.

The secretary made a plea for free will offerings to be used for propaganda throughout our state, with the following response.

Madison Co. E. R. A.	\$100.00
Miss Laura White	10.00
Miss Laura Clay	10.00
Mrs. Thos. Smith	5.00
Mrs. Mary B. Clay	5.00
Mrs. Mary E. Giltner	5.00
Louisville E. R. A. (provisionally)	25.00
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Total	\$160.00

Mrs. Thos Smith extended fraternal greetings from the Federation of Women's Clubs.

Voted that each local association appoint a committee of one or more to obtain subscriptions for the Woman's Journal.

Miss Virginia P. Robinson told of the legislative work done by the Louisville E. R. A.

General Discussion of Legislative Work and of the General Plan of Work for next year; which it was decided should largely consist of organization.

Convention adjourned.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Executive Committee met Thursday morning Oct. 26.

Voted that the President be empowered to employ Miss Virginia Robinson and Miss Emma Hast to give slide lectures within a radius of some miles of Louisville.

Voted that the \$100.00 which is in Miss Clay's hands be considered the donation of Mrs. Susan Look Avery.

Voted that the state association pay Miss Clay's expenses whenever she is needed to give a lecture in a place where such expenses cannot be raised.

Voted that nobody be put on the Lecture Bureau except on vote of the Executive Board and the board will not vote for any one who is not already an experienced speaker.

Voted that the President have a leaflet printed advertising our Lecture Bureau.

Voted that Executive Board request Miss Laura White to organize in Manchester and that the state association pay any expense appertaining thereto.

The following appropriations were made:

Printing of Programs	\$ 2.50
Printing of Minutes	35.00
Frankfort Committee	50.00
Stationery for Press Work	10.00
Recording Secretary (postage)	2.00
Treasurer (postage)	2.00
Miss Clay (expenses)	100.00
Printing	20.00
Officers traveling expenses	34.50
Rent of Red Room	15.00
Telegrams77

Total \$271.77

Voted that Mrs. John B. Castleman and Miss Laura White consult with Mrs. Lucy A. Neild as to her views on lecturing and organizing for the Kentucky E. R. A.

REPORTS.

Treasurer's Report.

Kentucky E. R. Ass'n.

Treasurer's Report for 1911.

To Balance, November 16, 1910.	\$625.72
Pledges 1910—Miss Clay	\$10 00
Mrs. Neild	10 00
1911—Mrs. Bennett	5 00
Mrs. M. B. Clay	5 00
Mrs. Castleman	4 00
Mrs. Giltner.....	5 00
Miss Laura Clay	5 00
Enrolled Members Miss Laura Clay	5 00
	————— 49 00
Gift—Programms Mrs. Wiggins	3 00
Dues for Enrolled members:	
Louisville	\$7 00
Newport	1 20
W. Point	7 35

Ashland	4 60	
Kenton Co.	1 00	
Ashland	1 80	
		22 95
Donation for enrolled members Miss L. White ..	4 00	
To Annual dues of local E. R. Ass'ns to Ky. E. R. Ass'n.		
Frankfort	\$ 50	
Bowling Green	3 00	
Ashland	10 00	
Covington E. R. Ass'n	35 00	
Campbell C.	24 50	
Harrodsburg	3 00	
Kenton Co.	3 50	
Lexington	26 25	
Louisville	25 00	
Richmond	119 00	
West Point	3 50	
		253 25

\$957 92

By Disbursements.

Nov. 16—Rev. Anna Shaw	\$ 45 00
Nov. 17—Programs	3 00
Traveling Expenses	15 50
Annual dues to N'l Suffrage Ass'n	116 00
Expense of Legislative Com.	15 22
Postage	6 00
Printing cards	6 75
Printing Leaflets	8 00
To Miss Clay for State Work	100 00

\$315 47

To Balance, Oct. 25, 1911. \$642 45

\$957 92

Isabella Shepard, Treas.

Audited and found correct.
Laura White, Auditor.

Report of Superintendent of Press Work.

In reviewing the State Press Work which I have been conducting as Press Superintendent of the Ky. Equal Rights Assn., I find that my report must refer largely to my efforts in getting suffrage news items accepted by the Louisville papers. Following the plan of my predecessors in office, and that used by other State Press Chairmen at first proposed to send articles regularly to the various organs throughout the state, using for this purpose a list of newspapers furnished by Mrs. Obenchain, former press-supt. This course of procedure was to some extent abandoned by me, because of the obviously more important question of the Louisville press, which had been generally neglectful of suffrage news. I was strengthened in this viewpoint by the advice of the State President, Miss Clay, who wrote me suggesting that I confine my attention mostly to the Louisville papers. I estimated that many of the smaller papers secure items for themselves, copying frequently from the Louisville papers, and though continuing to send occasional contributions to them, I made the Louisville papers the prime object of my press-work. I considered this eminently important, in view of the National Convention meeting in Louisville.

Grateful recognition is due the Editor of the Louisville Herald, an avowed suffragist, whose ready and earnest Co-operation has been of invaluable assistance. The Managing Editor of the Louisville Times has also been very obliging in according space to our items. On the whole, the local papers have been very accommodating in regard to our advance news, advertising the Convention. The Ky. Ass'n. is vastly indebted to Miss Reilly the National Press Chairman whose efficient and courteous co-operation has been invaluable to me in my work. Recent developments in the work encourage me to believe that I may branch out considerably in the coming year.

From a local committee, of which Miss Jennie Flexner was chairman, I have received helpful co-operation in the last four weeks.

Margaret W. Castleman, Press Supt. Ky. Equal Rights Ass'n.

Report of State Member of National Executive Committee.

The Forty Third Convention of the National American Woman's Suffrage Association convened at Louisville, Kentucky, October 19th, 1911, in the "Red Room" of the Seelbach Hotel, at 8 P. M., with the President, Reverend Anna H. Shaw, in the Chair. The Executive Committee was called to order, with recommendations from the official Board.

The amendments to the Constitution were taken up and discussed, some changes being made; after which the meeting adjourned, to meet at De Molay Hall.

Friday morning, October twentieth.

Convention called to order by the President. The Welcome from Kentucky was delivered by Miss Laura Clay, President of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, who, with her face radiant with smiles, extended that hearty welcome as only a true Kentuckian could. The response was made by Mrs. Catherine Waugh McCulloch, legal Counsel for the Society.

Recommendations were made and reports submitted at morning session. The Hall was beautifully decorated in yellow, the National color, having originated from the fact that Kansas where civic suffrage was first granted is known as the "Sunflower State."

One of the most notable features of the morning session was the introduction of Mrs. Ben Hardin Helm, formerly Emily Todd, a half-sister of the wife of Abraham Lincoln. The whole Convention rose. Mrs. Helm spoke briefly to this effect:

"Since I come of a generation which was not in the habit of speaking, I simply say that I welcome you sincerely."

Mr. Garwood spoke briefly, with the preface that "the fact that he was the only masculine delegate gave him some slight claims to attention."

Miss Clay said in her address:—"It is impossible to tell you the pleasure with which Kentucky greets you. Lucy Stone fifty years ago, then in her prime and loveliness, visited this State and the towns along the Ohio, speaking at various points.... In 1879, Susan B. Anthony lectured in Kentucky and left in Richmond an enduring monument. The Equal Rights Association; and in 1881

the National Convention was held in Louisville." She also said.

"I see a nobler emblem for Kentucky. Instead of two men clasping hands, it will be a man and a woman, standing beneath the slogan of the State; 'United we stand, divided we fall'."

Mrs. McCulloch in her speech said in part: Now we know definitely that all the things we've heard of Kentucky are true; we've met her brave women and handsome Colonels... While we remember the traditions of the past, we live in the present and it is always a pleasure to know that every time Kentucky somehow wants something done, it is the women of the Clay family they appeal to."

After this Miss Shaw appointed all her committees. Then followed the National official reports. Proper aims of the National Association were discussed and interesting speeches were made during the entire afternoon session.

Jubilee night for suffragists. The recent successes in California and Washington celebrated. The enthusiasm of the speakers was unbounded; the hall so crowded standing-room was at a premium.

Mrs. Catherine M. Smith, the next speaker, said "Washington's victory was too long for detailed account, but she believed success had been due to the appeal to the men for a "square deal" She paid a glowing tribute to her California sisters and also to the prominent leaders of the National organization. The large jolly woman told of feeding the inmates of a soldier's Home on cherry pies and they all voted for woman suffrage.

Inasmuch as the crowds were so large that the auditorium in the DeMolay Hall could not hold them, the meeting was next convened at Macauley's Theatre.

Miss Breckenridge dealt with the working women's interest in the ballot and set forth reasons why they should be given the right. She said "I want the ballot and I want all other women to have it. To-day there are 5,000,000 wage-earning women in the United States and of this number over 3,000,000 are unmarried; and protection can only be secured when women get the ballot."

Miss Mary Johnson, the noted author, charmed her hearers

with an interesting account of conditions that confront women not only in this country but in others.

Morning of the twentyfourth.

The most important work of the Convention was done the day previous. The National officers were elected. Miss Shaw was still retained as the National President. There were numerous changes made among the other officers. Kentuckians had hoped to put in Miss Laura Clay as first Vice-President and there was naturally some disappointment that this was not done. There was some little excitement throughout the election. It was a great surprise when Miss Breckenridge was given the office of second Vice President.

Jane Adams was elected first Vice President at the afternoon session and the remaining National nominees were all elected. Owing to the fact that the new constitution would not be enforced until the close of the Convention and this provides for a new officer, the Editor of the Woman's Journal; Miss Clay moved that the new officers be instructed to elect Miss Alice Stone Blackwell. The motion was promptly seconded and Miss Blackwell was unanimously elected. While the votes were being counted letters and telegrams from all parts of the world to the members of the Convention were read by the Secretary, one coming from Holland, another from the National Union of London. Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, President of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance, who was then conducting a suffrage meeting in Kimberly, South Africa, sent an interesting letter describing conditions in Africa and expressing her sympathy with the meetings in Louisville. The Convention voted that an immediate reply be sent.

Officers elected:

Dr. Anna H. Shaw, Moylan, Pa., President.

Jane Adams, Chicago, First Vice President.

Sophonisba Breckenridge, Chicago, 2nd Vice President.

Mary Ware Dennett, New York City, Corresponding Secretary.

Susan W. Fitzgerald, Boston Recording Secretary.

Jessie Ashley, New York, Treasurer.

Belle LaFollette, Wisconsin, Auditor.

Mrs James Leer Laidlaw, Auditor.

Miss Alice Stone Blackwell, Boston, Ed.—Elect of Woman's Journal.

Mrs. Parkhurst, the English leader, in her last speech at De Molay Hall, defended their action in hurling stones through windows and invading the private homes of the Prime Minister and others in the cause of "Votes for Women."

Dr. Shaw aroused the audience to the wildest enthusiasm by her closing remarks. "This has been the most interesting convention from the attitude of the public that we have ever held. Never have we been impressed more with the genuineness of the welcome than we have been in Louisville. Every courtesy has been shown us and nothing has been left undone to make us welcome.

It is almost impossible to close this report of one of the greatest Conventions ever held in many respects—in attendance; in enthusiasm; its magnificent speeches; in the delightful social events; in celebrating the victory in two great Western states where men and women stand equal in the matter of franchise; and in the twelve thousand dollars raised for future work—of which we will tell you more after our next meeting in New York in 1912.

Respectfully submitted.

Mary E. Giltner, Member National Ex. Com.

Reports of Local Associations Ashland E. R. A.

There were 4 meetings held this year, with an average attendance of 8. (1 more than 1910)

We have a paid membership of 25 for the state and 65 for the nat'l.

We have only read and talked but are ready to be counted, when our State President calls for action.

We are glad that so much good seed will be sown in Ky. by the National in Louisville.

Greetings to all and cheers for California.

Sarah T. Bagley, Secy.

CAMPBELL COUNTY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.

The Campbell Equal Rights Association held ten meetings during the year. We met at the different homes and each hostess entertained in her own way.

Our Echo meeting was held at the home of Miss Mary Wood, who being an invalid was entertained by the different member's account of the Convention.

Miss Black of Cincinnati gave us a talk on the White-Slave traffic.

We also gave an entertainment which netted us a nice sum.

We have now one hundred and forty (140) enrolled members, we have lost two members by removal. Mrs. Dowling, our former Vice-President and Miss Anna Strouse, both good workers in our cause.

Respectfully submitted.

Hannah L. Spring, Sec.

COVINGTON E. R. A.

The Covington Equal Rights Association has had many meetings the past year and they were particularly interesting as justice was the special theme.

The Covington School Board promised our women teachers a raise of salary, if free water and an increase tax rate could be obtained. Both were accomplished. The men got a raise. The women were ignored the excuse being, they were compelled to raise the men to keep them and there was no more money.

Our legislator Mr. Price had told one of our members, who is his law partners wife, that he would vote for school suffrage. That was before he went to Frankfort at all. He was written to in the name of the Club and asked to define his position on this subject, his reply was "he had voted against it and would do the same when it came up again. The legislative atmosphere had a bad effect. Mr. Myers was written to and did not reply.

We gave a lawn fete which was well attended. Mr. Watson of the Cincinnati Vigilance Committee gave a very plain talk on the Social evil and the need of women in politics.

Respectfully Submitted.

Nancy S. McLaughlin, Sec'y.

LOUISVILLE E. R. A.

The Louisville Woman Suffrage Association had enrolled before the National Convention 225 members. It intends to enroll within the next few weeks 500 members. The work of the past year was steady and fundamental as I think has been proved by the interest shown in the N. A. W. S. A. We spoke last winter frequently to such small audiences that we felt our work to be wasted. I believe this Convention is a reassurance that none of it was lost and this thought is not only a great comfort but an incentive to renewed efforts for the coming year.

We found that the meetings we arranged for ourselves at the Libraries were not so successful as the meetings arranged for by other clubs. If a club gets to the point of asking for a suffrage speech it considers itself responsible for an audience and will do all the work of securing it.

But the main work of the Association began in the spring with the preparation for the N. A. W. S. A. Convention. Our board met and deliberated for several days until it finally decided upon a Committee to carry out the plans. Almost without exception the persons chosen accepted and the committee has been changed only by additions as new work came up. The first Committee to begin work was the Finance Committee. Mrs. John T. Castleman, who secured the hall from the Publicity League and raised funds to cover the expenses of the Convention work and we owe a double debt of gratitude to Mrs. Castleman not only for this work but because it was through her that the invitation was extended to the National to meet in Louisville. The interest of the public in this Convention was unprecedented and un hoped for, but I feel that great as has been our success arousing interest in the indifferent and making new converts. There is another less evident but no less helpful result of this meeting, the splendid Spirit of co-operation and service to a common cause deepened in all of us who have worked for this Convention by the work we have done together.

Virginia P. Robinson, President.

MADISON CO. E. R. A.

The Madison County Association has done more work this year than usual.

The Elks offered us the use of their Hall, free of charge, and we have used it for all of our meetings this year, thinking it better for this purpose than any private home could be. We appointed three ladies to supply suffrage news to our three Richmond papers, and in this way we have had quantities of suffrage news printed and disseminated without any expense to our Association. We provided seven ladies with books containing the names of all our members, and requested them to take different streets in our city, and go to every house, to get new members to collect free will offerings of money for our suffrage work and to distribute literature. These ladies were kindly received at every home to which they went, and got many new members and much money.

We have obtained eight news subscribers to the Woman's Journal.

We have bought some literature from our National Headquarters.

We have given ten dollars as a prize for the best speech in favor of Woman Suffrage by the students of the Kentucky Normal School in Richmond. We have contributed fifty (50) dollars toward the expenses of the National Convention in Louisville.

We have given \$110.00 to Suffrage expenses in California. And we have paid \$119.00 for the membership dues (340 members to our State and National Associations.

Our Madison County President, Mrs. James Bennett, had a memorial presented to Congress by Senator Bradley and Representative Harvey Helm of Kentucky, in which she asked our Congressmen to protect women equally with men in voting for United States Senators in the proposed Amendment of our Federal Constitution for a popular election of United States Senators.

Mrs. Bennett wrote a letter to every member of Congress about this matter and enclosed him a copy of her memorial. And she received answers from 45 of our Congressmen, saying that they would give the matter their careful consideration.

Ellen Gibson, Secretary.

The Resolutions Of The Kentucky Equal Rights Association. . .

1. That we tender our most grateful appreciation to our distinguished guests who have addressed our Convention:—

Miss Alice Stone Blackwell.
Miss Yates, Rhode Island.
Mrs. Somerville of Mississippi.
Miss Gordon of Louisiana.
Mrs. Greenway of Mississippi.
Mrs. Moranhoff of Mississippi.
Mrs. Ringrose of California.
Miss Mary Helm of Louisville.
Miss Patching of Wisconsin.
Mrs. Laddie of New Jersey.

Mrs. Henry of Chicago.

Mrs. Stewart of Illinois.

II. That we thank the friends for the flowers that have made the hall so attractive for the Convention.

III. That this Convention tender our appreciation to the Louisville Herald and the Lexington Herald for their splendid recent editorials, and our thanks be given to other papers for their support and kind notices of the Convention.

IV. That the Equal Rights Association express to the State Board of Control of Charitable Institutions, rejoicing at the fact that at each hospital for the insane there is a woman on the staff of physicians; furthermore, to offer to that Board sympathetic interest in the welfare of the institutions under its control.

V. WHEREAS, this Convention fully realizing the value of the meeting of the National Association in Louisville, to the Suffrage cause of our State.

BE IT RESOLVED, that since we are indebted to our distinguished State President for the privilege of inviting to our State the National Convention, we hereby express to her our thanks and appreciation.

VI. RESOLVED, that the Kentucky Suffrage Association in Convention, do hereby recommend the establishment of a National Park to include the Mammoth Cave and the adjacent lands in the fork of Green and Nolin Rivers, as above described, and respectfully urge upon our Representatives in the Federal Congress

promptly passing an act, providing for said Mammoth Cav National Park, and making the proper appropriation therefor.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a committee of five, one of whom shall be the President of this Convention, be appointed by this Assembly to make effective this recommendation and resolution by appearing before the Committee to which this Bill is referred, or by such other means as the Committee in its wisdom sees fit.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. James Mitchell.
Bowling Green, Chairman
Mrs. Agnes Eifort,
Mrs. Thomas J. Smith.

Constitution and By-Laws of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association

MOTTO:

"If ye abide in my word, ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1—NAME.

This Association shall be known as "The Kentucky Equal Rights Association," auxiliary to the National American Woman Suffrage Association.

ARTICLE II—OBJECT.

Its object shall be to advance the industrial, educational and legal rights of women, and to secure suffrage to them by appropriate State and National legislation.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

Any local organization may become auxiliary to the State Equal Rights Association by endorsing the Constitution and paying dues to the State Treasurer. Any state organization for other objects, who endorse woman's suffrage, may become auxiliary, by the payment of one dollar annually to the State Treasurer. Any person may become a member of this Association by endorsing the Constitution and paying dues to the State Treasurer. No distinction on account of sex shall be made in membership or eligibility to office in this Association.

ARTICLE IV—FINANCE.

Each local association shall pay annually to the State Treasurer, the amount of thirty-five cents per member of each auxiliary; 10 cents of which shall go to the National-American Woman Suffrage Association. Each member of the State Equal Association, not a member of an auxiliary local association, shall pay annually to the State Treasurer the amount of one dollar.

ARTICLE V—GENERAL OFFICERS.

The General Officers shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary a Recording Secretary a Treasurer an Auditor and the State Member of the National Executive Committee. These General Officers shall constitute an Executive Committee to provide for and control the general interest of work, of whom three shall constitute a quorum when assembled, or a majority may act by correspondence in response to a circular letter addressed to every member of the Executive Committee, not less than ten days before hand by the President.

ARTICLE VI—ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting shall be composed of the Executive Committee, the State Superintendent of Press Work, ~~the State Historian and the State Member of the National Executive Committee~~, one delegate at large and one delegate for every ten paid up members, for the current year, from each auxiliary suffrage association, and one delegate from each auxiliary state association. The time and place of the Annual Meeting shall be chosen by the Executive Committee, and at this Annual Meeting the general officers and delegates to the National American Woman Suffrage Association Convention shall be elected.

The general officers elected at the end of every term of three years, ^{except an auditor a member of Nat. Ex. Committee} counting from the convention of 1903, shall be the Board of Directors of the Corporation of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, and shall hold the same positions respectively as in the Executive Committee of the State Association.

ARTICLE VII—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any Annual Meeting.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Section 1. President—The President may call special meetings of the Executive Committee, when he or she may deem it necessary or in response to the written request of any three members of the Executive Committee, and shall perform other duties usual to such officer.

Section 2. Corresponding Secretary—It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence; to send to each local auxiliary at least one month before the Annual Meeting a blank for their report for the current year. She shall then collate from such reports her own annual report.

Section 3. Recording Secretary—The Recording Secretary shall also be Secretary of the Executive Committee. He or she shall attend all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Committee, and keep correct record of their proceedings, and shall apprise members of committee of their appointments. At the first session of each Annual Meeting she shall read the minutes of all sessions of the Executive Committee, since the last Annual Meeting in their proper order, for the information of the Annual Meeting, and shall perform such duties usually pertaining to such office.

Section 4. Treasurer—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep accurate account of all receipts and disbursements of money, and present a detailed report thereof to each Annual Meeting. He or she pay no bills except on an order signed by the President and Recording Secretary. The fiscal year shall terminate January 1st.

ARTICLE II—PLAN OF WORK.

To forward the objects of this Association the following lines of work are adopted and their efficient prosecution shall be provided for by the Annual Meeting of the Executive Committee:
1st, Distribution of Literature, 2nd, Press Work, 3rd, Legislative & Petition Work.

Any other lines of work consistent with the aims of this Association may be taken up when recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by the Annual Meeting.

The Executive Committee shall constitute, ex-officio, a Lec-

ture Bureau, and shall from time arrange such lecture tours for public speakers as ways and means shall seem to justify.

An Advisory Committee of men and women shall be appointed, consisting of one member from each State Senatorial District, or, where possible, one from each State Representative District, with whom the officers of the Association may consult in regard to the interests of the work in their respective districts.

ARTICLE III—VOTING.

Each Local Association may cast the full vote to which it is entitled as set forth in Article VI of the Constitution. General Officers, Superintendent of Press Work ~~State Historian~~ and the ~~State Member of the National Executive Committee~~, must vote in person and their vote can not be cast otherwise. Local delegates present may cast, pro rata the vote of absentees.

ARTICLE IV— ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Section 1. The officers shall be elected on the morning of the last day of the Annual Meeting, and in the following manner: Tellers having been appointed by the meeting, and informal ballot shall be cast for each office separately, and the members of the Convention shall then proceed to vote by ballot for the person nominated, or the informal ballot may be made the formal by vote of the meeting.

Section 2. The Press Superintendent, Advisory Committee and ~~State Historian~~ shall be nominated by the Executive Committee and elected by the Annual Meeting. Their election and that of ~~the State Member of the National Executive Committee~~ and the Delegates to the National Convention, shall be by acclamation, unless otherwise ordered.

Section 3. The Executive Committee may fill any vacancies occurring in the interim of the Annual Meeting.

Section 4. All officers shall be elected for a term of two years. The President, 1st Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and State Member of the National Executive Committee be elected on the even year, the 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President, Recording Secretary and Auditor on the odd year.

No officer shall be eligible for the same office for two successive terms

ARTICLE V—COMMITTEES.

Section 1. The following committees shall be appointed on the first morning of the Annual Meeting: On Credentials, on Publications, on Auditing, on Resolutions and on Courtesies.

Section 2. The Executive Committee, Press Superintendent and ~~State Historian~~ shall meet in joint session previous to the Annual Meeting, to prepare a plan of work to be submitted to the said Annual Meeting, and shall hold another meeting at the close of these to complete arrangements for the ensuing year's work.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall be the Business Committee of the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VI—DUTIES OF COMMITTEES.

On Credentials.

Section 1. The Committee on Credentials shall consist of two or more, of whom the Corresponding Secretary shall be Chairman. They shall receive and examine credentials of delegates, and approve such as are signed by the by the President or Secretary of Local Associations represented; shall report to the Convention, setting forth the whole number of delegates present, and in the following order:

1. General Officers.
2. Superintendent of Press Work, State Historian and State Member of National Executive Committee.
3. Delegates from Local Associations.

On Publications.

Section 2. Th Committee on Publications shall consist of two or more shall solict subscriptions for Suffrage Papers, shall provide for the publication of the minutes and all other papers ordered to be published by the Convention. The Recording Secretary shall be Chairman of this Committee.

On Resolutions.

Section 3. The Committee on Resolution shall consist of three and shall perform the duties usual to such committee.

On Courtesies.

Section 4. The Committee on Courtesies shall have charge of all introductions to the Convention.

ARTICLE VII.

All documents and announcements from General Officers shall be sent to each Local Auxiliary.

ARTICLE VIII.

The expenses of the General Officers and the Press Superintendent, in traveling to and from the Convention, also postage and stationery shall be paid from the state Treasury.

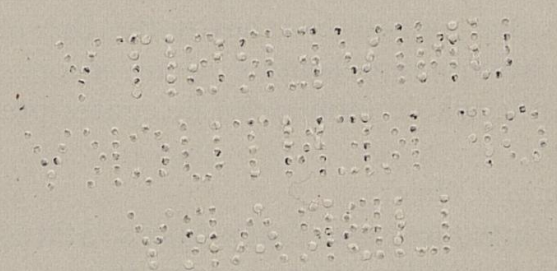
ARTICLE IX.

Book of Reference.

Roberts' Rules of Order are adopted as a Book of Reference on points of Parliamentary Laws.

ARTICLE X.

These By- Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any Annual Meeting.



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