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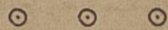
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THE THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION,
HELD AT THE
COURT HOUSE,
RICHMOND, KENTUCKY.



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ANNUAL MEETINGS
OF THE
KENTUCKY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.



AT CINCINNATI, (during the 20th Annual Meeting of the
American Woman Suffrage Association,) - NOVEMBER, 1888.
AT LEXINGTON, KY., - - - - - NOVEMBER, 1889.
AT RICHMOND, KY., - - - - - DECEMBER, 1890.

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KENTUCKY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION,

DECEMBER 3 AND 4, 1890.

COURT HOUSE,
RICHMOND, KENTUCKY.

WITH REPORTS.

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 Mrs. Nannie A. Munnell.

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 Miss Lizzie Wherrit, Mr. E. McCann, Mrs. Ed. McCann,
 Mr. W. F. Francis, Mr. James Bennett, Miss Belle Bennett,
 Mrs. Mary B. Clay, Mr. William Peyton, Mrs. William Peyton,
 Mrs. William Arnold, Mrs. Ellen Gibson, Miss M. R. Shackelford.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

In January of this year, the Executive Committee of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, arranged for a committee to go to Frankfort in the interest of the Property Rights and Women Physicians Bills. This Committee made seven trips to the Legislature.

MAY 1ST. A meeting was held at the residence of Miss Laura Clay in Lexington, to discuss the best methods of work with the Constitutional Convention.

OCTOBER 20TH. A circular letter was written by the President to each member of the Executive Committee asking a vote as to whether Mr. Blackwell's liberal offer to speak for the Association before the Constitutional Convention on the subject of Woman Suffrage, should be accepted. A majority vote was cast against accepting the offer on the ground of inexpediency.

OCTOBER 25TH. An invitation was received from the Richmond Association to hold the Annual Convention of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association in Richmond, Kentucky, December 3d. and 4th, 1890, which was accepted.

NOVEMBER 1ST. At the residence of Mrs. E. B. Farmer in Covington, the President, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer were present. Eugenia B. Farmer was appointed a committee on railroad rates. The appointing of the Auditing Committee was left to the President. The Treasurer was instructed to pay for the printing of blank reports. The resignation of Miss Deane on account of absence from the state being accepted, Mrs. Farmer was elected Recording Secretary, *pro tem*.

Covington, Ky., December 1, 1890. EUGENIA B. FARMER,
Secretary, pro tem.

PLAN OF WORK AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S MEETING.

Richmond, December 2, 1890.

The meeting was opened at 7.30 p. m. at the residence of Mrs. James Bennett with prayer by Mrs. Farmer, Miss Laura Clay in the chair. On account of the resignation of Miss Deane, the Executive Committee elected Miss Mary Light to fill her place as Recording Secretary. The following resolutions were adopted.

1st. That Superintendents of Departments write to Corresponding Secretaries of the local Associations for work done by their Associations in their respective departments.

2nd. That a committee of six be appointed to go to Frankfort to spend several days, having a hearing before the Committee on Education, Woman's Rights, Election, Revision of the Constitution and others.

3rd. That the above committee consist of the following women: Mrs. J. K. Henry, Mrs. Mary B. Clay, Mrs. M. A. Watts, Mrs. I. H. Shepard, Mrs. E. B. Farmer and Miss Laura Clay.

4th. That a special fund of \$75 be raised to defray the expenses of this committee, and should it exceed the requisite amount the remainder to go into the State Treasury.

5th. That as many other women as can go and pay their own expenses shall form a part of this committee.

6th. That the Frankfort committee devise means to have a resolution brought into the Constitutional Convention, asking for an open clause in the new Constitution, empowering the Legislature to extend the right of suffrage without submitting it to the people.

7th. That the movement to obtain School Suffrage for women be urgently pursued during the Constitutional Convention and a special committee be appointed for that work.

8th. That we continue to push the Property Rights work, and we ask some special member of the Constitutional Convention to champion this measure.

9th. That the Executive Committee shall decide whether the State or National Association shall control Rev. Anna Shaw's lecture tour through the State.

10th. That an attempt be made to open the colleges in the State to women, and the following committees were appointed for the same. For the Kentucky Wesleyan College, Mrs. S. H. Sawyer and Miss Sue A. Bennett, For the Medical School of Louisville, the Louisville Local Association. For Center College, Danville, the Louisville Local Association. For Central University, the Richmond Local Association.

The Executive Committee apportioned ten dollars to the Frankfort Committee Fund.

MINUTES OF THE THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE KENTUCKY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.

FIRST DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

Richmond, Ky., December 3, 1890.

After the reading of Scripture and Prayer by Mrs. M. A. Watts, the President, Miss Laura Clay, called the Convention to order.

At the roll-call, there were present of general officers, the President, First and Third Vice-Presidents, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, with four Superintendents and the State Organizer.

The minutes of the Plan of Work Committee were read and approved.

The following committees were appointed by the President,

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Mrs. E. B. Farmer,

Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard,

Mrs. S. H. Sawyer.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

Miss M. E. Light, Mrs. E. B. Farmer, Mrs. Josephine K. Henry.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Mrs. S. H. Sawyer, Mrs. I. H. Shepard, Mrs. J. K. Henry.
Mrs. T. M. Goodknight, Mrs. M. A. Watts, Mrs. R. Burnam.

On motion by Mrs. Sawyer that the Free Lecture Bureau be retained on the same terms as last year, and in order to make it more effective a secretary be appointed whose duty shall be to write to different places and make engagements for the members of the Bureau.

The name of Mrs. M. A. Watts was added to the Free Lecture Bureau.

The report of the Executive Committee was read by Mrs. Farmer and accepted.

Mrs. Shepard, Treasurer, read report of financial condition of the Association. Referred to the Auditing Committee.

Mrs. Farmer, the Corresponding Secretary, read her report which was accepted, ordered condensed and spread upon the minutes.

Mrs. James Bennett, the Kentucky member of the Executive Committee of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, read her report, which was accepted, ordered condensed and spread upon the minutes.

The following resolution was adopted:

That we tender the thanks of this Convention to Mr. Henry Blackwell for his offer to give a public address before the Constitutional Convention and also for valuable literature mailed to each member of the Convention.

Mrs. Mary B. Clay moved that Hon. W. B. Smith be tendered a vote of thanks for championing and securing a law giving the wages of women to themselves independent of the husband. Also a vote of thanks to Judge Lindsay and all members of our last Legislature who in any way helped to bring the cause to ultimate success.

Mrs. M. A. Watts moved that the "Witness" published at Frankfort, Ky. in connection with the "Woman's Journal" be made our state organ and that we use our efforts to increase its circulation. Mrs. Shepard was elected to report the convention for the "Witness" to Dr. Smith of Frankfort.

The President called a meeting of the Plan of Work Committee to be held immediately after the adjournment of the afternoon session.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention was called to order by the President. Scripture reading and prayer by Mrs. Sawyer.

Minutes of the morning session read and adopted. The President's Annual Address showed great strength and power, and a full knowledge of the laws of Kentucky. By an unanimous vote the address was ordered published.

Miss Mary Light read a paper upon "The meaning of Woman's Rights," the Convention voted to have it published.

Mrs. M. A. Watts read a paper, "Questions Unanswered" discussion followed.

Mrs. Mary B. Clay gave a paper on "Farming as a business for women," to be published in the "Woman's Journal."

Mrs. Shepard was appointed to write a letter of thanks to Dr. Smith, editor of the "Witness" for the liberal contribution of his paper which was distributed in the Convention.

Meeting adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

At half past seven at the Court House, the meeting opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hageman. Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard and Mrs. Josephine K. Henry addressed a large audience in behalf of woman.

SECOND DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

December 4, 1890.

Convention called to order by the President. Reading of the Scriptures and prayer by Mrs. M. A. Watts. Minutes of the preceding afternoon read and approved.

Mrs. Farmer read her report as State Organizer, she wished to resign her position but the Convention prevailed on her to re-consider. Miss Clay read a letter from Mrs. Sarah R. Boreing enclosing ten dollars to the Convention, it was voted to be used as part of the fund for the Frankfort Committee.

Mrs. Mary B. Clay read a paper prepared by Mrs. M. F. Rodgers upon "Educational opportunities for women."

Mrs. Boreing's paper upon "Hygiene and Dress Improvement" was read by Mrs. Henry.

The election of officers was the next order of business; the result was as follows:

	<i>President,</i>	Miss Laura B. Clay.
<i>First Vice President,</i>	- - - - -	Mrs. Mary B. Clay.
<i>Second Vice President,</i>	- - - - -	Hon. W. R. Ramsey.
<i>Third Vice President,</i>	- - - - -	Mrs. Mary H. Johnson.
<i>Corresponding Secretary,</i>	- - - - -	Mrs. Eugenia B. Farmer.
<i>Recording Secretary,</i>	- - - - -	Miss Mary E. Light.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	- - - - -	Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard.

Mrs. Josephine K. Henry was elected the member of the Executive Committee of the National American Woman Suffrage Association. Three delegates also were elected.

<i>First Delegate,</i>	- - - - -	Mrs. Eugenia B. Farmer.
<i>Second Delegate,</i>	- - - - -	Mrs. M. A. Watts.
<i>Third Delegate,</i>	- - - - -	Mrs. Mary B. Clay.

Mrs. S. H. Sawyer was elected first alternate of the three delegates, also the fourth delegate if entitled to another. The following five alternates were elected. Mrs. Shepard, Mrs. Bennett, Miss Light, Mrs. Huber, Mrs. Beauchamp.

Mrs. Sawyer moved that in case the delegation should not be full in Washington, the regularly elected delegates be empowered to fill the delegation by members of the State Association present who are in good standing.

The Plan of Work and Frankfort Committees were directed to meet at Mrs. Bennetts at nine o'clock Friday morning. An informal discussion followed upon the importance of the work required of the Frankfort Committee before going and while in Frankfort.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention called to order by the President; Scripture reading and Prayer by Mrs. S. H. Sawyer

Minutes of the Morning Session read and approved.

Concluding report of the Committee on Plan of Work submitted. The nominated list of Superintendents of departments was read and approved by the Convention. Mrs. Bennett resigned as Superintendent of National Enrollment and Mrs. William Arnold was elected for that department. Mrs. May R. Patterson sent her paper on "School Suffrage for Women," read by Mrs. Shepard.

The Honorable W. B. Smith was invited to address the Convention; his remarks were enjoyed by all present. Mrs. Sawyer read the report of the Committee on Resolutions. Mrs. Josephine K. Henry read her report, "Legislative and Petition Work" of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association. Mrs. Mary B. Clay called the attention of the Convention to the life size picture of Susan B. Anthony, draped with the United States flag, and photograph of Mrs. Lucy Stone placed conspicuously on the table. Mrs. Henry came forward and paid a most glowing and beautiful tribute to Miss Anthony, the originator and leader of American Woman Suffrage. Dr. J. M. Foster read an excellent paper on "Women in the Medical Profession." Mrs. Sara E. Randall Boreing gave a paper on "Will an educational qualification for women be an advantage to the Suffrage work in Kentucky?"

On motion of Mrs. Farmer the following resolution was passed by an unanimous vote of the Convention. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Convention that the Presidents of the State Associations should be the Vice-Presidents of the National American Woman Suffrage Association. Convention adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

The evening meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. J. O. A. Vaughn, after which the Rev. J. G. Fee gave an excellent address on Woman Suffrage.

MINUTES OF THE PLAN OF WORK AND EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Friday, 9 A. M., December 5, 1890.

Plan of Work and Executive Committees met in joint session to complete arrangements for the ensuing year's work, at the residence of Mrs. James Bennett. After prayer, the Executive Committee made the following appropriations; two dollars for printing programmes, three dollars to the department of Bible Study and three dollars to the department of Legislative and Petition Work.

To the Free Lecture Bureau was appropriated what might be left in the treasury after the necessary expenses were paid. Mrs. Shepard was appointed to convey the thanks of the Association to Rev. J. G. Fee for his able address and to offer to defray his expenses to and from the Convention, but Mr. Fee added to his liberality in giving his services to the Association by declining to receive re-imbusement.

Mrs. Watts extended an invitation from the Louisville Association to hold the next annual meeting in Louisville in November, 1891, which was accepted.

On motion of Mrs. Mary B. Clay, it was decided to continue the efforts of the Association to secure women on the state boards of public institutions and to secure women physicians in the asylums for the insane.

Mrs. Sawyer moved that a tract on co-education be published to insist in opening the colleges to women, this was carried and Mrs. Sawyer was requested to prepare the tract.

The treasurer announced that fifty-five dollars had been placed in the Frankfort fund. Mrs. Watts said she would try and raise an additional sum in Louisville.

It was decided that the Frankfort Committee should proceed to Frankfort on Tuesday, December 9.

Mrs. Farmer was appointed Secretary of the Free Lecture Bureau. The committee arose.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The first work accomplished after the close of the Convention of 1889, was the circulation throughout the state of the Property Rights petitions. A committee of eight women went to Frankfort to present the Property Rights of Women and Women's Physician Bill. Through this committee a petition signed with nine thousand names was sent to the Legislature; of this number Mrs. Hubbard of Hickman, Ky. sent in a splendid list of two thousand two hundred and forty names.

Hon. W. B. Smith of Richmond, Ky. drew up and presented the following bill, which passed both Houses and was signed by Governor Buckner and is now a law.

House Bill 151. "Enabling married women of the Commonwealth of Kentucky to sue for and collect in their own name whatever may be due them for work and labor done by them."

Senator Lindsay presented the Property Rights Bill which passed the Senate by a vote of twenty-four to eleven, but the House defeated the passage of it by the members leaving the House and breaking the quorum.

Hon. W. B. Smith, Mr. Stephenson, Mr. Thomas and others bravely supported this property bill and Governor Buckner signified his willingness to sign it, if it had passed both houses.

On October 7th, 1890, the following committee made an appeal to the Constitutional Convention to secure the Rights of Women in the new constitution, Mrs. James Bennett, Miss Laura Clay, Mrs. Eugenia B. Farmer, Mrs. I. H. Shepard and Mrs. Josephine K. Henry.

On the evening of October 9th, the Hall of Representatives was filled with an attentive audience which was addressed by Miss Laura Clay, Mrs. Shepard and Mrs. Bennett in the interest of Rights of Women and School Suffrage.

Mrs. Henry was given a hearing before the committee on Woman's Rights, in the interest of Property Rights.

Mrs. Mary B. Clay, Miss Laura Clay and Mrs. Eugenia B. Farmer, members of the Executive Committee, attended the Convention of the Farmer's Alliance of Kentucky, in Lexington, October 14th. Two suffrage resolutions were sent in and one thousand pages of Suffrage Literature was distributed.

The past year has shown an immense amount of work accomplished throughout the state. 1891 is expected to be a memorable year in the advancement of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association.

EUGENIA B. FARMER, Cor. Secy.

Covington, Ky.

Kentucky Equal Rights Association.

REPORT OF THE MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL AMERICAN
WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

The Kentucky Equal Rights Association voted to become auxiliary to the National American Woman Suffrage Association at its second annual meeting in Lexington, November 21, 1889.

Until recently the suffragists in the United States have been divided into two great branches, the National and the American Woman Suffrage Associations; the National working principally to obtain suffrage through the United States Congress, while the American directed its efforts chiefly to securing this result through the state Legislatures, but in 1889 these two branches united into one organization called the National American Woman Suffrage Association. The first convention of the united societies met in Washington city in February, 1890, where the following general officers were elected.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton, New York - - - *President.*
 Susan B. Anthony, Rochester, N. Y. - - - *Vice-Pres. at large.*
 Lucy Stone, 3 Park St. Boston Mass. - *Chairman Ex. Com.*
 Jane H. Spofford, Riggs House, Washington, D. C. *Treasurer.*
 Alice Stone Blackwell, 3 Park St., Boston, Mass. *Cor. Secretary.*
 Rachel Foster Avery, 748 N. Nineteenth St. Phila. *Rec. Secretary.*
 Eliza Titus Ward and Rev. F. A. Hinckley, - *Auditors.*
 Rev. Anna H. Shaw, 748 N. Nineteenth St. Phila. *Nat. Lecturer.*

The president of each auxiliary state association is *ex-officio* vice-president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association. About forty honorary vice-presidents were also elected. The basis of representation is three delegates from each auxiliary state association with one additional delegate for each one hundred paying members. Each auxiliary is also entitled to elect one member of the Executive Committee of the National American Woman Suffrage Association. The state dues to the National American Woman Suffrage Association are ten cents for each member.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JAMES BENNETT.

OFFICERS, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING, ETC. OF LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS.

LEXINGTON.

President: MISS LAURA CLAY. *Cor. Sec'y:* MRS. H. B. CHENAULT.

Meets weekly in the City Library; have regular Bible Readings nineteen regular members, one honorary. Held one public meeting this year. Five dollars subscribed for suffrage papers. Ten dollars raised for all purposes since the last annual meeting. The members do not generally wear the yellow ribbon.

COVINGTON.

President: MRS. E. B. FARMER. *Secretary:* MRS. I. H. SHEPARD.

Meets twice a month at private houses; have fifteen regular members; no honorary. Have held one public meeting this year. Subscribed for twelve copies of the Woman's Column. Paid five dollars and twenty-five cents to the state treasurer. Have taken up the department of school suffrage. Our members generally wear the yellow ribbon.

LONDON.

President: MR. W. R. RAMSEY.

Cor. Sec'y: MRS. SARAH E. RANDALL BOREING.

Meets monthly; have no headquarters. Nine members. Three dollars and fifteen cents paid to state treasurer. The members do not wear the yellow ribbon.

LOUISVILLE.

President: MRS. M. A. WATTS.

Cor. Sec'y: MRS. M. W. HUBER.

Meet monthly at private houses; fifteen members, no honorary. The Bible always read in the meetings. Have taken up the department of municipal government. Three dollars and eighty-five cents paid to the state treasurer. One public meeting held this year. Twelve copies of the Woman's Journal and Woman's Column have been taken. The yellow ribbon is not generally worn.

RICHMOND.

President: MRS. JAMES BENNETT. *Cor. Sec'y*: MRS. HUGH L. WHITE.

Meets once a month at headquarters; twenty-four regular members; no honorary. The Bible is read at the meetings. Have taken up the department of Educational Legislation and National Enrollment. Twenty-four dollars raised for all purposes since the last annual meeting. Five dollars paid to the State Treasurer. One public meeting held. Five copies of the different Suffrage Papers taken. Do not generally wear the yellow ribbon.

REPORT OF TREASURER KY. EQUAL RIGHTS ASSC'N.
1889-90.

To balance, Nov. 21, 1889.....	27.25	By Expenses, Nov. 9,	
Donation, Mrs. Henry.....	10.00	(Miss Dean).....	11.85
“ Mrs. M. B. Clay	12.00	“ “ of one member ..	2.15
“ Miss Clay.....	5.00	“ Dept.work (Mrs.Sawyer,'89)	3.00
“ Friend	2.00	“ National Dues	25.25
Collections, Nov. 19-20	8.88	“ Printing (Commonwealth)	2.50
Amt. paid extra by locals.....	10.25	“ Dept.work (Mrs.Sawyer,'90)	3.00
Members of State Association	3.00	“ Legislative work (Mrs. H.)	3.00
Miss Clay (Woman's Journal)	20.00		
Dues paid by locals:—			50.75
London	3.15	Balance, Dec. 5, 1890	71.88
Louisville	3.85		
Covington	4.25		
Lexington	4.25		
Richmond	8.75		
	<u>\$122.63</u>		<u>\$122.63</u>

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF BIBLE STUDY.

The great advancement made in the ecclesiastical emancipation of women in the past year is a source of thanksgiving. The discussion on the admission of women as delegates to the General Conferences of the M. E. Church has greatly advanced the work.

The arguments advanced by the opposition are such as will help on instead of retard the measure. We believe that Rev. J. W. Bashford's leaflet "Shall Women be Admitted to the General Conference" has been an incalculable benefit in securing the majority vote in favor of the admission of women. We have distributed one thousand of these in Kentucky and believe that five hundred more at least have been distributed by other members of the Association.

The Free Methodist General Conference passed a resolution at their recent meeting that no one otherwise qualified should be refused ordination on account of sex, race or condition.

At the Cleveland Conference of the Congregational Church, held at Strongville, Ohio, October 21st and 22nd, Miss Juanita Breckenridge, a graduate of Oberlin Seminary applied for ordination; a majority of the committee to whom her case was referred were in favor of ordaining her and the Conference sustained the report by a vote of thirty-three to fifteen.

At a convention of the Christian Church held lately at Marion, Indiana, women were delegates with equal recognition, and at the

Missouri State meeting of that Church the women were given a whole day and evening in the middle of the session for presenting their work instead of as is usual, an hour at the most inopportune time.

The Massachusetts Convention of Universalists passed resolutions to the effect that it is unjust to exclude women from direct representation in a government they are taxed to support.

We have also cause for thankfulness for the advancement of this department in Kentucky. God is using the few Morris's and Deerings to bring the ministerial ranks to our side and to show the women of the Church what an ignoble position they occupy so far as the church law is concerned.

I know of more than one convert to Equal Rights made so by Rev. Deering's article, and I have failed to find a woman prominent in church work, who has not denounced the article.

In pursuance with the authority given at the last Convention, I have obtained testimonials in favor of Equal Rights from five Kentucky clergymen and when more are obtained will publish them in leaflet form.

Have had several ministers who have held very extreme views to say that the Bible would uphold women in praying, exhorting and teaching in public congregations. This is a step in advance.

Received as donations for department work:

From individuals,	- - - - -	\$4 80
From State Treasurer	- - - - -	3 00
Expended for literature and postage,	- - - - -	10 80
Distributed leaflets,	- - - - -	5838 pages.
Dr. Bashford's "Bible and Women,"	- - - - -	12 copies.
Dr. Fitch's "At the Temple Gate,"	- - - - -	8 copies.

In addition to the literature recommended last year, would advise the circulation of "At the Temple Gate or the Rights of Women to the Gospel Ministry" by Rev. H. P. Fitch, pastor, Baptist Church of Hastings, Nebraska. Mrs. Wallace's tract, "A Whole Humanity," "Let Your Women Keep Silence in the Churches" and, "Does the Bible teach the Subordination of Women." The last three can be obtained of the W. T. P. A., 161 La Salle St., Chicago, Illinois, the former of the author, or I will take orders for it.

There are about seven hundred women preachers, pastors and evangelists in the United States. Four that I know of that do successful work in Kentucky.

Let us therefore thank God and take courage.

MRS. S. H. SAWYER,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LEGISLATIVE AND
PETITION WORK OF KENTUCKY EQUAL
RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.

This has been a busy year in this department as both the General Assembly and Constitutional Convention have been in session during the year. Every influence was brought to bear in the Legislature to secure Equal Property Rights and the protection of the wages of married women; also for the appointment of Assistant Women Physicians in female wards of our State Lunatic Asylums. The law to secure a married woman's wages was enacted and an equitable Property Rights law passed the Senate and was only defeated in the Lower House by political chicanery. Seven Property Rights Bills were presented to the General Assembly and much education and public sentiment has been enlisted in this just cause. The Bill for Women Physicians was brought in the Senate but was not acted upon. On January 10th, appeals were made in the Legislative Hall by President Laura Clay and Superintendent of legislative and petition work Josephine K. Henry. The press of the state with few exceptions espoused the property rights cause, and as the agitation proceeded, some who scoffed at the idea of women having equal property rights, on investigation of our code, "remained to pray" that this act of justice should be rendered the married women of the State. Pamphlets were freely disseminated and petitions were circulated in seventy-three counties and eight thousand names of petitioners were presented to the General Assembly. The suffrage question has been brought before the Constitutional Convention by keeping them regularly supplied with leaflets, tracts, papers and Congressional debates bearing on the subject. Thirty-nine hundred up to this time have been sent. Each of the one hundred members of the Convention have been supplied with two, three and four a week since the twelfth of September. A committee composed of President Laura Clay, Mrs. Eugenia B. Farmer, Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard, Mrs. Sarah Clay Bennett and Mrs. Josephine K. Henry visited Frankfort and got a hearing before the Convention, and Woman's Rights Committee Miss Laura Clay, Mrs. Shepard and Mrs. Bennett delivered able addresses on woman suffrage and school suffrage. Mrs. J. K. Henry made the appeal to the Woman's Rights Committee for property rights and suffrage. A tract has been prepared appealing for equal property rights and presented to the Convention by chairman of Woman's Rights Committee, Hon. J. C. Johnson, and read before the Convention and each member supplied with a copy, two hundred articles have been written for the State press on property rights and thirty-one on suffrage. This is the seed time for the work and if we faint not we shall reap in due time. Our efforts should be concentrated on the Constitutional Convention now in session and every woman of this organization should bring all the influence she has to bear on the members of the Convention and the press by writing to delegates or the press, such facts as will

influence them to give equal property rights to Kentucky married women; leave an open clause in the new constitution empowering the Legislature to extend the suffrage and to give school suffrage to women and protect the tax paying women of the State.

MRS. JOSEPHINE K. HENRY.

HYGIENE AND DRESS IMPROVEMENT.

The Superintendent has received no reports from the Associations in regard to what has been done in this department. She has done what she could to interest women on this subject and feels that a step in the right direction has been taken.

In our eagerness to impress the idea that women's wrongs must be righted, we have overlooked the fact that this department bears a legitimate relation to the political equality of women, thus showing that we do not fully comprehend the magnitude of the so-called Woman Question.

We must bear in mind that the weakness of women is urged as one of the objections to her taking part in political affairs. It is in our power to overcome this objection. I believe there is an undeveloped strength in woman, a force of which she has as yet no conception, and which an adherence to physical laws will unfold to her, thus enabling her to enlarge the borders of her activities and secure to the coming generations inherited strength and durability. The strong faith, hope and love that woman possesses have enabled her to accomplish much, but if in addition to these she had a strong body who can predict to what heights she might attain.

It is true that many persons can be made ill by being frequently told they look so; on the same principle the constant repetition of a falsehood will to many minds assume the aspects of truth. Women have been so often told that they are the weaker sex that many women believe that pains and aches are theirs by birthright.

We need a quickened moral sense that will enable us to deny ourselves that which undermines our health, I am glad to note the interest taken in physical culture in many of our schools. I trust the day is not far distant when no faculty will be complete without a teacher of physical culture. I regret that so many women are slow in adopting the healthful and beautiful costumes of Annie Jenness Miller. We have this matter of dress in our own hands. How much longer shall we endure the bondage that the customs of long ago have imposed?

The Superintendent urges that each association appoint a local superintendent, that meetings be held for the study of the subject and let each of us strive to live up to the light we have, thus fitting our bodies to be temples of the Holy Spirit.

SARA RANDALL BOREING.

FREE LECTURE BUREAU.

The following members of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association have consented to give lectures on the different aspects of the work of the Association, without pay for their services to parties making application through the Secretary of the Free Lecture Bureau.

Mrs. Josephine K. Henry, - - - Box 128, Versailles, Ky.
 Mrs. M. A. Watts, - - - 216 Second St., Louisville, Ky.
 Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard, 31 E. Twelfth St., Covington, Ky.
 Mrs. James Bennett, - - - - - Richmond, Ky.
 Mrs. Mary B. Clay, - - - White Hall, Madison, Co., Ky.
 Miss Laura Clay, - - - No. 78 N. Broadway, Lexington, Ky.
 Mrs. S. H. Sawyer, - - - - - London, Ky.

and perhaps others.

Terms: The person asking for one of the lecturers shall pay for the hall, advertising and entertainment of the speaker and shall take a collection at the lecture for the benefit of the State Association or shall pay the traveling expenses of the lecturer. In case a collection is taken up for the benefit of the State Association, the traveling expenses of the lecturer shall be paid from the State treasury.

MRS. EUGENIA B. FARMER,
 Russell Avenue, Covington, Ky.
Secretary Free Lecture Bureau.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, at its Third Annual Meeting, demands the ballot for women, not as a privilege or experiment, but as the inalienable right of every citizen, irrespective of sex, in a government based upon the consent of the governed, her enfranchisement being the right of every woman and its accomplishment the duty of every man.

2nd. That as the Constitutional Convention declares that its highest aim is to frame an organic law that will secure "equal rights to all, special privileges to none," that we turn our eyes with earnest solicitude to see them apply this fundamental principle of Democracy to the women of Kentucky.

3rd. That the gratitude of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association be extended to Hon. W. B. Smith, of Richmond, for securing a law, in our last General Assembly, that gives a married woman her wages, and to Hon. Wm. Lindsay for his masterly championship of the equal property rights cause, and to all members of that body, who so nobly defended this just measure.

4th. That it is with joy we note the evidence that the churches are fast coming to the gospel standard of the unity and equality of men and women, and declare that there should be no bar to the ecclesiastical emancipation of women.

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5th. That we express our sympathy for the women of South Dakota in the defeat of the Woman's Suffrage Amendment and beg them, as first efforts are seldom crowned with success, not to be discouraged.

6th. That we would encourage those who believe in co-education, and who have donations to make to education, to give to co-educational institutions or to so direct their donations as to help open colleges that are now closed to women.

7th. That we urge women to use their influence to secure an industrial department to schools supported by State funds, and that women help women.

8th. That we greet with joy the one true republic, Wyoming, that has been admitted to the sisterhood of States since our last Convention.

9th. That the thanks of this Association be extended to the members of the Constitutional Convention, who have introduced resolutions to extend suffrage to women.

10th. That we also most sincerely thank the members of the Constitutional Convention, who have introduced resolutions to protect married women in holding and willing property.

11th. That thanks be tendered to the citizens of Richmond for the kind hospitality extended to this Convention: to the clergyman, who have recognized the justice of our cause by their presence and prayers for us: to the press for favors shown: to Mr. H. C. Farmer for pencils and tablets: to railroads that granted reduced rates to delegates.

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