

REPORT
OF THE
Twentieth Annual Convention
OF THE
Kentucky Equal Rights Association

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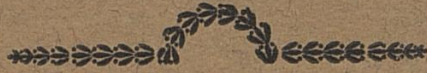
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The Executive Committee met Thursday morning, November 11, at 9:30 at the Assembly Room of the Public Library, where all of the business sessions were held.

President, Miss Laura Clay, in the chair.

It was voted to recommend: That we present to the Legislature a bill providing for mothers the co-guardianship of minor children equal with fathers.

That we ask the Legislature to so amend the State Constitution as to give the full right of suffrage to all women of Kentucky on the same terms as men.

That we endeavor to have women placed on the boards of all educational, charitable and punitive institutions of the State.

That we leave the work for school suffrage in the hands of the Woman's Club.

That we continue to make increase of membership our principal work.

Committee rose.

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MORNING SESSION.

Convention called to order at 10 o'clock.

Devotional exercises by the President.

Voted that the program be made the order of business.

Recording Secretary gave verbal report of business done by the Executive Committee since last annual session.

The following committees were appointed by the chair:

Credentials—Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard.

Publication—Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck.

Resolutions—Mrs. Alice White, Mrs. Mary C. Cramer, Mrs. S. C. Bennett.

Courtesies—Miss Emma Hast.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

First Vice President Mrs. Mary B. Clay was not present, but sent greetings and an offering of five dollars.

Second Vice President Mrs. M. C. Cramer told of the Seattle convention and the many courtesies extended to the delegates all along the route to Seattle.

Third Vice President Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin, not present.

Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Mary C. Roark, at present Acting President of the Normal School of Eastern Kentucky, was not able to attend, but sent greetings and the suggestion that this association offer prizes for the best essays on woman's suffrage at the principal schools of the State.

Recording Secretary Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck related her unsuccessful endeavors to have the different labor unions in her vicinity pass resolutions endorsing woman's suffrage.

Treasurer Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard reported a steady improvement in the finances of the association.

State Historian Mrs. M. B. Reynolds not present and sent no report, but it was voted that a very interesting paper on woman's suffrage, written by Miss Perte Penfield, and sent by the Historian be read by the Secretary.

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REPORTS OF LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS.

Ashland report read by Miss Laura White.

Campbell County report read by Mrs. Rebecca Winkless.

Louisville report read by Mrs. John D. White.

Kenton County verbal report by Mrs. I. H. Shepard.

Madison County report read by Mrs. S. C. Bennett.

Fayette County report read by Mrs. M. C. Cramer.

Committee on Credentials gave partial report.

Voted to accept the recommendations of the Plan of Work Committee to leave the Legislative work for school suffrage in the hands of the Woman's Club.

Voted that we beseech the Legislature to submit to the voters of Kentucky an amendment to the State Constitution giving all women of the State full suffrage.

Voted that we endeavor to obtain for mothers the co-guardianship of minor children equal with fathers.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention resumed at 2:30.

Scriptural reading and prayer by Prof. W. S. Giltner.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Voted that we continue our efforts to have women placed on the boards of all educational, charitable and punitive institutions.

Report of the Covington Equal Rights Association was read.

Mrs. Mary E. Giltner, member of the National Executive Committee, read a most comprehensive report of the Seattle convention.

A most cordial welcome was extended to the convention from the Outdoor Art League of Louisville, by Mrs. John B. Castleman.

Mrs. Lucy A. Nield gave most heartfelt greetings from the Reverend Anna Shaw, the Louisville E. R. A. and from the future workers in the cause, the professional women, who are not at present members of the Equal Rights Association.

Our President responded by thanking the Louisville members



for their most sincere addresses of welcome and then proceeded to give her always interesting annual report.

The convention adjourned to attend a most delightful reception at the Woman's Club.

FRIDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 12.

Convention called to order at 10 o'clock.

Devotional exercises by the President.

Minutes of preceding session read and approved.

Voted that the program continue to be the order of business.

Mrs. I. H. Shepard, Treasurer, gave her report.

Voted that the Treasurer's report be received and placed in the hands of the Auditing Committee.

The Chairman appointed as Auditors Miss Laura White and Mrs. Mary E. Giltner.

Miss Laura Clay, Chairman of Committee on Church Work, reported good work done in that department. One of the most important things done was the endeavor to obtain for women the full rights and privileges of the laity in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, by the Woman's Home Mission Society.

A communication was received from the Louisville Typographical Union, No. 10, asking that we pass resolutions endorsing the work of the union, the stand they have taken with regard to women and pledge ourselves to have none but union men do our printing.

After much discussion it was voted that the Secretary be instructed to write a letter to the Louisville Typographical Union, No. 10, expressing the appreciation of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association for any work it may do in behalf of woman's suffrage, but stating that it is not the policy of this association to pledge itself to any other organization.

Miss Laura White, Chairman of the Committee on Peace and Arbitration, gave a most full and interesting report on the progress of the peace movement.

It was voted that Miss Laura White be requested to condense her report and an effort be made to have it published in the local press.

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Final report of Credentials Committee was read and accepted.

Voted that the Secretary prepare a resolution on the death of Miss Anna B. Morgan, of Newport.

The report of the Auditing Committee was read and accepted. Convention then proceeded with election of officers.

Chair appointed as tellers Miss Emma Hast and Mrs. John D. White.

Officers elected were :

President—Miss Laura Clay, Lexington.

First Vice President—Mrs. Mary B. Clay, Richmond.

Second Vice President—Mrs. Mary C. Cramer, Lexington.

Third 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.

The newly elected officers were declared the officers of the corporation of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association for the next three years.

Voted that Mrs. Mary E. Giltner be re-elected State member of the National Executive Committee.

The following were elected as delegates to the National convention :

Mrs. S. C. Bennett, Miss Laura White, Mrs. James A. Leech, Miss Emma Hast, Mrs. Desha Breckinridge, Prof. W. S. Giltner, Miss Virginia P. Robinson.

Alternates—Mrs. Mary C. Cramer, Mrs. John D. White, Mrs. Alma D. Borgman, Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck, Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard, Mrs. C. B. Robinson, Mrs. Letcher Riker, Mrs. Mary B. Clay, Mrs. S. M. Hubbard, Mrs. Lucy A. Nield.

Voted that the alternates fill the vacancies in the order in which they were elected.

Voted that the members of the delegation to the National convention be empowered to fill any vacancies from members of the Kentucky E. R. A. there present.

Voted that a resolution on the death of Mr. Henry Blackwell be draw up and passed by this convention.

Adjourned.



AFTERNOON SESSION.

Executive Committee met at 2 o'clock, Miss Clay presiding.

It was decided to recommend the election of Mrs. Lucy A. Nield as State Historian and Miss Emma Dolfinger as Superintendent of Press Work.

Committee rose.

Convention resumed at 2:30 o'clock.

Scriptural reading and prayer by Prof. W. S. Giltner.

Minutes of morning session read, corrected and approved.

Voted that the nominations of the Executive Committee for Mrs. Lucy A. Nield as State Historian and Miss Emma Dolfinger as Press Superintendent be confirmed.

Voted that the selection of the Advisory Board to the Executive Committee be left until a later time.

Report of Press Superintendent read and accepted.

The convention passed the following resolution, presented by Prof. W. S. Giltner, on the death of Rev. Henry Blackwell: "That in his death the cause of Woman's Suffrage has lost one of its ablest advocates. From his earliest manhood to his latest breath, in times of bitterest hostility, he ever stood calmly and firmly as the advocate of equal rights of woman to all the privileges and honors of full citizenship. That this convention tender to his daughter its tenderest condolences."

Rev. Anna Shaw addressed the convention and recited an incident of her last meeting with Rev. Henry Blackwell, showing his unimpaired energy to the last, and that he was old only in years.

Mrs. Lucy A. Nield, Chairman of the Committee on Industrial Problems affecting Women and Children, gave a very interesting report of the methods used in effecting reforms along this line.

Voted that the appointment of chairman of the special committees be left to the Executive Committee.

The chair announced that the Woman's Club would give a reception to the Rev. Anna Shaw this afternoon from 5 to 6 o'clock at the club rooms and that all members of the convention were invited.

Miss Virginia P. Robinson, who was to have spoken on the

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Seattle convention, asked to speak instead on the Collegiate Suffrage Association. Her talk was much enjoyed and the convention gratified to learn of the interest being taken in Woman's Suffrage by collegiate women.

A most brilliant paper on the "Religious Duty of Women to Ask for the Ballot" was read by Mrs. S. C. Bennett, of Richmond.

The Secretary explained to the convention that the regular dues paid from the local clubs sufficed for the immediate expenses of the association, but that money was needed for propaganda, and that those who wished to do so could now make free will offerings for the cause.

Those who gave offerings were:

Mrs. Mary B. Clay.....	\$ 5 00
Mrs. Mary E. Giltner.....	5 00
Mrs. Rebecca Winkless.....	5 00
Miss Laura Clay.....	10 00
(To be used for national dues.)	
Campbell County E. R. A.....	5 00
Mrs. Lucy A. Nield.....	10 00
(To be used for national dues.)	
Mrs. Lucy A. Nield.....	10 00
Miss Laura Clay.....	10 00
Louisville E. R. A.....	5 00
Miss Margaret Weisinger.....	5 00
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Total	\$70 00

It was voted that Mrs. Mary C. Roark's suggestion as to offering a money prize for the best essay on Woman's Suffrage to the different prominent colleges of Kentucky be adopted, and the disposition be left to the Executive Committee.

A pledge of \$10.00 was offered by Miss Virginia P. Robinson, from the Educational Equal Suffrage League, toward the prize essay on condition that a certain lecture given under the League's auspices proved successful.

The following resolution on the death of Miss Anna B. Morgan, of Newport, was presented and passed:

That in the death of Miss Anna B. Morgan the Kentucky

Equal Rights Association has lost one of its most faithful advocates and earnest workers. She stood ready, at all times, to render such assistance as was most efficacious to the cause of Woman's Suffrage. That this convention express to her niece its most painful sense of loss and extend to her its most sincere and heartfelt sympathy.

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Rev. Anna Shaw spoke briefly on the importance of working earnestly and securing signatures for our great petition to Congress.

The Resolutions Committee presented the following resolutions, which were considered and adopted singly :

RESOLVED, That the Kentucky Equal Rights Association thank the Board of Directors of the Louisville Public Library for allowing the use of the Assembly Room for our business meetings and their unfailing courtesy to the convention.

RESOLVED, That we extend, also, our sincere thanks for the free use of the lecture room of the Temple Adath Israel.

RESOLVED, That we express our appreciation of the courtesy extended to our National President, Rev. Anna Shaw, by the Woman's Club.

RESOLVED, That we thank the Louisville press for the full and impartial reports of our meetings.

RESOLVED, That we express our sincere gratitude to the Louisville E. R. A. and Educational Equal Suffrage League for the delightful reception given us on Thursday; to the speakers who have appeared on our platform for their words of encouragement; to the public for their enthusiastic greeting of Rev. Anna Shaw, and finally to all those who in any manner contributed to the success of our convention.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ALICE H. WHITE,

MRS. C. CRAMER,

MRS. S. C. BENNETT.

Convention adjourned.

Executive Committee met Saturday morning, November 13, 1909, at 9 o'clock, Miss Clay presiding.

Voted that the Fayette County E. R. A. have entire charge of bill to have women on the boards of all State educational, charitable and punitive institutions.

Voted that the propagation of the other legislative work be left to the Frankfort committee.

Voted that Miss Laura White be Chairman of the Peace Committee.

Voted that Mrs. Lucy A. Nield be Chairman of Committee on Industrial Problems Affecting Women and Children.

Voted that Miss Laura Clay be Chairman of the Committee on Church Work.

Appropriations were made as follows:

Printing of programs.....	\$ 20 00
Expenses of Rev. Anna Shaw.....	45 00
Hotel bills.....	22 15
R. R. fare of officers.....	16 00
Stationery and postage for Press Supt.....	30 00
Printing minutes.....	20 00
Printing enrollment cards.....	5 00
Postage for Recording Secretary.....	2 00
Postage for Treasurer.....	2 00
For legislative work.....	75 00
For prizes.....	30 00
For Organizer (from pledges).....	50 00
Total	\$317 15

Committee rose.

EMMA M. ROEBUCK,
Recording Secretary.

EVENING SESSIONS.

At the evening sessions no business was transacted, they being entirely given up to addresses and lectures. On Thursday evening the meeting was held in the commodious lecture room of the Temple Adath Israel. After the opening of the meeting with prayer, Mrs. Chas. P. Weaver, of the National Educational Association, gave a short talk on the deplorable condition found in

some of the rural school districts of Kentucky, and the real necessity of school suffrage for women to better these conditions. Judge George DuRelle spoke encouragingly of the growing sentiment for Woman's Suffrage. Rev. Anna Shaw then delivered her address on "Social Heredity." She was, as always, incomparable and kept her audience intently interested and delighted.

The meeting on Friday evening was held at the Auditorium of the Woman's Club, which was crowded to the doors. Mrs. James A. Leech, President of the Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs, gave a most cordial address of greeting. Mr. Thurston Ballard spoke of "Women's Influence in Bettering Industrial Conditions." Mrs. C. B. Robinson told of the necessity of the Woman's Club and Suffrage Association working hand in hand, and of the advantage it would be to both. Rev. Anna Shaw was again the principal speaker of the evening. Her lecture was on Woman Democracy. She engaged the attention of this large audience, which never seemed to lose interest in her talk, and kept them fully entertained while instructing them.

This concluded the sessions of this very successful convention of 1909, and added a large number of converts to the Louisville Equal Rights Association.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF KENTUCKY E. R. A.

Annual Dues from Local Associations—

To Balance January 1, 1909.....	\$201 53
Ashland—State—(30).....	\$10 50
Ashland, Enrolled (15).....	1 50
Campbell County (50).....	17 50
Covington E. R. Association (90).....	31 50
Harrodsburg (1).....	1 00
Kenton County Association (10).....	3 50
Lancaster (1).....	1 00
Lexington—State (110).....	38 50
Lexington, Enrolled (106).....	10 60
Louisville—State (60).....	21 00
Richmond—State (205).....	71 75

Richmond, Enrolled (53).....	5 30--	213 65
Miss Laura White.....		10 00
Louisville E. R. Association, for Program.....		10 00
Mrs. Avery (State work).....		100 00
Richmond—Mrs. J. Philps.....	\$5 00	
Mrs. Bennett	5 00	
Mrs. McCann	5 00	
Mrs. Wiggins	1 00--	16 00
Returned by Dr. Louise Southgate.....		6 10
Donation		95
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Feb. 3—Printing cards	\$ 4 25	
Printing minutes	20 60	
Postage to Secretary	2 00	
Circulars	5 25	
Stationery, etc.; press work.....	10 00	
Rev. Anna Shaw, two lectures.....	45 00	
Programs	20 00	
Cards	4 25	
Traveling and hotel expenses.....	38 15	
Annual dues to National Association.....	90 10	
State	557	
Enrolled	344—901	
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Total		\$239 60
Cash Balance January 1, 1910.....		318 63
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REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PRESS WORK.

I took charge of the Press Work for the Kentucky E. R. A. in June, 1909. I have found some difficulty in getting material to send to the papers.

During the National convention I received no communication from Warren, nor during the removal of headquarters to New York.

I have sent suffrage matter to forty Kentucky papers. Some of the editors have been kind enough to send me a marked copy of newspapers containing suffrage paragraphs.

To date I have sent out—

Leaflets on suffrage.....	60
Typewritten current events.....	72
Progress (marked copies).....	36
Letters written	8

I have purchased—

Envelopes and paper.....	\$ 55
Postage stamps	2 35

Total	\$3 90
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Received from Treasurer, Mrs. I. H. Shepard—

Material purchased.....	3 90
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\$ 6 10

Leaving a balance on hand of \$6.10 to the credit of the Association.

Very truly yours,

LOUISE SOUTHGATE,

Supt. of Press Work.

REPORT OF MEMBER OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE 41ST ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE N. A. W. S. A.

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The 41st annual convention of the N. A. W. S. A. opened in Plymouth Church, Seattle, Wash., on the afternoon of July 1st, Rev. Anna H. Shaw presiding.

The address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. Margaret Platt, of the West Washington W. C. T. U.

Mrs. B. B. Lord gave the address of welcome of the grange report.

Mrs. DeVoe, the State President, emphasized the need of educating the public on the question and hoped the National con-

vention would be a great help to them. She also spoke of the beautiful evergreen badges with letters in gold, "Votes for Women." These pins were given free to all the delegates.

The evening meeting was presided over by Mrs. Rachael Foster Avery. The invocation was delivered by A. Norman Ward, pastor of the Methodist Church. Miss Goodner sang a solo. The address of welcome from the city of Seattle to the suffragists was delivered by Mayor John F. Miller. He said the women here have all the rights of the men except the ballot, but if the ballot were in the hands of the women, and it would eliminate corruption and stand for honesty in public office, I would stand strongly for woman suffrage.

Mrs. Henry Villard, always surrounded by friends who worship her for her sweetness and womanly charms, gave a response from the National Association.

One of the most popular speakers of the evening was Mrs. Harriett Taylor Upton.

At the conclusion of Mrs. Upton's address, Mrs. Rachael Foster Avery introduced Rev. Anna Howard Shaw, our beloved National President, and as this little gray-haired woman stepped into place at the foot of the platform, the church rang out with a storm of applause that gave hearty evidence of what that audience thought of their great suffragist leader.

Miss Shaw spoke long and eloquently on the cause to which she is devoting her life and money. Two ladies who had recently returned from London, where they attended several suffrage meetings, arose and proposed that the assembly give three cheers for Miss Shaw, which were long and loud.

Miss Shaw said that at the recent meeting of the International Women Suffrage Alliance in London, Mrs. Catt presided in such a masterly way and with such power and dignity as to command universal respect. Of the militant women of England, Miss Shaw said: "We may not accept every method they use, but we all have reason to be grateful to them, for this is a world-wide movement, not for women suffrage only, but for human freedom."

Reports showed a great increase and interest in the work. In no previous presidential campaign in the United States were the

views of candidates and the enfranchisement of women ever so generally commented upon by the press.

The legislative work of our members in the various States was marked by earnestness, determination and careful planing for the future. There were many endorsements. To summarize, 29 National Associations have endorsed women suffrage, 14 others have taken action on some phase of the question, 20 State Federations of Labor, 16 State Granges and 7 State Letter-carriers' Associations have endorsed it.

The second day of the convention opened with the Auditor's report, given by Miss Laura Clay, and the Treasurer's report by Mrs. Harriett Taylor Upton.

Reports were then given from the three States where suffrage amendments are pending. Mrs. Duniway spoke for Oregon, Mrs. Everett Johnson for South Dakota, and Mrs. DeVoe for Washington.

Industrial reports were reported by Mrs. Florence Kelly as to relations affecting women and children. Since the Buffalo convention fourteen States have considered bills to shorten the hours for woman labor, five have passed bills making more or less improvements. In spite of all our efforts the number of child laborers in the United States is constantly growing. It means the sacrifice of thousands of young lives.

One of the most brilliant meetings of the convention was the college evening, Miss Shaw presiding.

Mrs. Lexow, of New York, reported the great growth in the colleges. The National League now has twenty-four branches in seventeen States, and twenty-five chapters in twenty-five colleges now have a total membership of between two and three thousand.

Our National petitions were taken up and discussed as to how to get the most signatures. The delegate from Utah said that State would send 20,000 names. Extracts were read from a letter from Mrs. Catt, in which she laid stress upon the importance of rolling up a very large petition.

As usual, our Treasurer, Mrs. Upton, took the floor, and in about twenty minutes raised \$3,000. Like everything else, it takes money to run things, and Mrs. Upton is one that can get it.

The final mass meeting packed the Plymouth Church to the doors and thus closed this great convention. The following day all the representative women attended the Alaska-Yukon Pacific Exposition, where an elaborate program was given. Rev. Anna Shaw presided at the auditorium. Prayer by Dr. Sidney Strong was followed by welcome from J. E. Chilberg, the President of the exposition. Many other speakers took part. Wagner's band rendered selections at intervals.

Dinner was served at 6:30 o'clock at "The Firs" Y. M. C. A. buildings on the grounds. The seating was so arranged so that the delegates of the several States occupied the same tables, and at each table there was one of the women of the Washington State Suffrage Association, and this function marked the farewell to the National convention.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. GILTNER.

REPORTS OF LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS.

ASHLAND E. R. A.

In the past year our little band has not accomplished what it would like to have, but did what it could, and is still active in the work for Woman's Rights.

Held six meetings during the year, with an average attendance of eight.

Lost by death two of our most worthy members, Mr. W. H. Bagley and Mrs. A. L. Eba.

Secured many names to the petition. The literature distributed was educational and won for the cause a number of substantial persons.

Had Miss Perle Penfield with us two or three days, and she lectured at Ashland, Catlettsburg, Greenup and Oakview.

Sent two delegates to the State convention at Louisville.

Close the year's work with a paid membership of twenty-four.

We appreciate the efforts of all co-workers everywhere, and may God hasten the cause for which we are laboring.

MRS. J. W. KING, *President.*

ANNA T. HORD, *Secretary.*

CAMPBELL COUNTY E. R. A.

The C. C. E. R. A. held ten business meetings during the past year, also several social meetings.

We had Miss Penfield, an organizer, who lectured for us in Bellevue to a large audience in the Calvary Methodist Church. Many signed the enrollment cards, but seemed not ready to form a club. She also gave parlor talks at Southgate and one in Newport, where we also got enrolled members and some donations.

Our members have worked very hard for the petition for an amendment to the National Constitution, which shall enable women to vote.

Our President sent a great deal of literature relating to Peace Day to the Superintendent of the Newport schools.

During the year we lost Anna B. Morgan, one of our most faithful members. Being frail and delicate for years, she could not hold any office or attend meeting held outside of her home, so our club would meet with her. We feel that we can never replace her bright mind and sweetness of disposition. If there was any work that she could do, she did it well. Would that there were more like her. She will always remain a sweet memory with us.

We close this year with a paid membership of fifty and send six delegates to the State convention to be held in Louisville, November 11th and 12th.

Respectfully submitted,

HANNAH L. SPRING, *Secretary.*

COVINGTON E. R. A.

The Covington Equal Rights Association can report the most interesting year of its existence.

Vice Presidents were elected to act as Chairmen at the monthly meetings, taking entire charge of the programme, inviting guests, and conducting the meeting from start to finish. In this way no one was overworked and a delightful meeting in each case was the result.

A girls' basket ball team was formed under the auspices of this Association called the Equal Rights Team. They did fine work and put \$43 into our treasury.

The Covington Equal Rights and the Susan B. Anthony Club

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of Cincinnati gave a banquet at the Havlin Hotel on Miss Anthony's birthday. It was a grand success.

Mrs. Kate Trimble Woolsey has been with us at two of our meetings.

Peace Day was observed in the public schools here. An elaborate programme, consisting of talks by ministers and others on the significance of the day, music, etc., was given.

Respectfully,

N. S. McLAUGHLIN, *Secretary.*

FAYETTE COUNTY E. R. A.

This has been a splendid year for our Association. We have had nine meetings, composed of reading, music and lectures; also sent to the Reform School different forms of entertainment.

Many new members have come to us; have now one hundred and ninety. Our Association has been the fashion in the United State and we will double our numbers next year. Many young people are joining our ranks.

Our new President is Miss Linda Neville.

No deaths or removals to report.

In the early dawn I see the day swiftly coming, when all women and men will have equal rights, not only before God, but before man also. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WELLINGTON PAYNE,
Secretary.

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION OF LOUISVILLE.

Our Association reports a year of active work and increased membership.

Persons who have especially contributed to our prosperity and to whom our gratitude is due are: Miss Hamilton, Mr. Yust, the Public Librarian; Miss Hast, our President; Mrs. Ethel Snowden, the charming English suffragette; Mrs. Maud Wood Park, of Boston, who organized the Equal Suffrage League of College Women, and finally the co-operation of the very efficient members of that League.

We have had six regular meetings; the one on February 15th being an Anthony memorial meeting. We have had three lectures here. One by Miss Perle Penfield, one by Mrs. Desha Breckin-

ridge, and another by Miss Mary McDowell, of Chicago.

The Collegiate Equal Suffrage League has worked with our Association; many of our meetings being joint meetings, and much of the success of the convention is due to them.

I have to report sixty-seven members as against a list of twenty-nine last year.

ALICE HARRIS WHITE.

MADISON COUNTY E. R. A.

We have in our Association 273 members, each of whom has become a life member by signing one of our enrollment cards. We have 70 men and 203 women, divided into two classes, accessible and inaccessible members. Accessible are those we ask if they desire to make a donation of money to our cause once a year, and only once. The inaccessible are those to whom we would have to write and from whom we do not expect a donation.

We have 199 accessible members and 74 inaccessible. From the 92 accessible members, who have been asked thus far this year, I have obtained \$77.05, which I have paid to the State treasurer. On my return to Richmond I shall ask the other accessible members to make their donations. We find the enrollment cards a most valuable adjunct in increasing membership.

SARAH CLAY BENNETT.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Auditing Committee has examined the Treasurer's books and receipts and found them correct. The books show a balance of \$371.78.

LAURA R. WHITE, *Chairman.*

MARY E. GILTNER.

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