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OF THE

Nineteenth Annual Convention

OF THE

Kentucky Equal Rights Association

HELD AT

RICHMOND, KY.

November 17th and 18th 1908.

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MINUTES
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Executive Committee met Monday evening, November 16, 1908, Miss Clay presiding.

The President explained many of the plans of work of the National Association for the good of the cause this year.

Discussion of an amendment to the constitution on the question of the representation and position of enrolled members.

Discussion of an amendment to the constitution to receive state bodies organized for other than suffrage purposes as members of the state association.

Adjourned.

Plan of Work Committee met at 9 o'clock November 17.

It was decided to recommend that Article III. of the state constitution be amended by the addition: “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.”

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That Article VI. of the state constitution shall be amended by making it read: "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."

President read a letter from Miss Anna Gordon, asking that the state associations write to President Roosevelt, requesting him to recommend woman's suffrage in his message to Congress.

Voted that we comply with Miss Gordon's request and recommend that the locals do the same.

As to the plan of work, it was decided that we recommend:

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

That we continue our efforts to obtain school suffrage for all women in Kentucky.

That we ask to have women appointed on the boards of all state punitive and educational institutions.

That we ask for the submission of a constitutional amendment, giving full suffrage to women.

That we make increase of membership our principal work for next year.

Adjourned.

MORNING SESSION.

Convention opened at 10 o'clock, Miss Clay in the chair.

Scriptural reading and prayer by the President.

Voted that the programme be made the order of business.

Minutes of the Executive Committee read and approved.

Voted that the chair appoint all committees.

Committees appointed:

Credentials—Mrs. I. H. Shepard.

Publication—Mrs. E. M. Roebuck, Mrs. Hattie Buchanan.

Auditing—Miss Anna Warfuel, Mrs. Sam Parks.

Courtesies—Mrs. Kate Rose Wiggins.

Resolutions—Mrs. F. E. Beauchamp, Mrs. Rawlins Burnham

and Mrs. J. B. Stouffer.

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The officers present each gave interesting reports of work done in their different departments.

Voted that the Secretary write a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Mary C. Cramer, regretting her absence from the convention.

Report of Mrs. Mary E. Giltner, member of the National Executive Committee, read and accepted.

REPORTS OF LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS.

Kenton County report read by Mrs. I. H. Shephard.

Ashland report read by Miss Laura White.

Covington Equal Rights Association, verbal report by Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin.

Campbell County report read by Miss Warfuel.

Fayette County report read by Secretary.

Louisville report read by Mrs. Alice White.

Madison County report read by Mrs. Kate R. Wiggins.

Voted that the Secretary be instructed to write a letter of sympathy to Mrs. S. C. Bennett.

Voted that suffrage literature be sent to the public libraries.

Chair appointed Mrs. I. H. Shepard as committee to attend to the placing of suffrage literature in the public libraries.

First report of Credentials Committee read and accepted.

Voted that article III. of the constitution be amended as read and recommended by Plan of Work Committee.

Voted that Article VI. of the constitution be amended as read and recommended by Plan of Work Committee.

Voted that we adopt the suggestion of Miss Gordon to write to President Roosevelt, asking him to recommend woman's suffrage in his annual message.

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

Voted that we continue our efforts to get school suffrage for all women in Kentucky.

Voted that we strive to have women appointed on boards of all punitive and educational institutions.

Voted that we ask for the submission of a constitutional amendment giving full suffrage to the women of Kentucky.

Voted that we make increase of membership our principal work for next year.

Miss Clay, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, gave report of work done by that committee.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention resumed at 2:15 with Scriptural reading and prayer.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Voted that the wording of the amendments to the constitution be left to the Committee on Publication.

Mrs. F. E. Beauchamp, of Lexington, President of the Kentucky W. C. T. U.; Mrs. Lucy A. Nield and Mrs. Alice White, of Louisville, were introduced to the convention.

Report of State Historian, Mrs. M. B. Reynolds, read and accepted.

Mrs. Lucy A. Nield, chairman of the civic department of the Woman's Club, told of work done by women in having Kentucky's very excellent child labor law passed.

Miss Laura Clay gave her annual address and told of the work done in the past year. She dwelt particularly on the recommendations of the National Association to the State Associations. There are likely to be campaigns for woman's suffrage in five States this year. The National recommends: That each State assist Mrs. Catt with her monster petition of 1,000,000 names to Congress; that we do more work among the churches; that good speakers be sent, who are thoroughly acquainted with the Bible, and that we ask our ministers to preach one sermon a year on woman's suffrage; that we use the posters on all proper occasions.

Voted that we adopt the recommendations of the National Association to assist with the petition, do more church work and use the posters for propaganda upon all suitable occasions.

Mrs. Samuel Banks, President of the Richmond Woman's

Club, gave a most interesting talk on the work done by the School Improvement League and of how they were hampered for doing better work by poor equipment and small attendance, but have made it possible for 100,000 children in cities and 500,000 in rural districts to enjoy school privileges.

Mrs. Mary C. Roark, in her talk of work by the School Improvement League, stated that the mountain counties were much in favor of school suffrage for women.

Report of Superintendent of Press Work read by Corresponding Secretary and accepted.

Voted that the method of approaching patriotic and other societies be left to the discretion of the President.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered Miss Clay for the great work she has done in the past and hoping she will continue to lead us.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 18.

Plan of Work Committee met at 9 o'clock.

Discussion of Susan B. Anthony memorial fund.

Voted that we recommend that the Executive Committee be made the Memorial Fund Committee.

Voted that we recommend that the President be authorized to act in regard to engaging Miss Penfield as an organizer in Kentucky.

Voted that we refrain from asking for free will offerings.

Adjourned.

Morning session opened at 10 o'clock.

Scriptural reading and prayer by the President.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Report of Treasurer read, received and books placed in hands of Auditing Committee.

Final report of Credentials Committee read and accepted.

Voted that we proceed to the election of officers. Chair appointed Mrs. K. R. Wiggins and Miss Anna Warfuel as dis-

tributing tellers, Mrs. F. E. Beauchamp and Mrs. Alice White as counting tellers.

The election resulted as follows:

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. Isabel H. Shepard, Covington.

Delegates nominated to the National Convention were:

Mrs. F. E. Beauchamp, Lexington.

Mrs. S. C. Bennett, Richmond.

Mrs. M. B. Reynolds, Covington.

Mrs. M. B. Clay, Richmond.

Mrs. Lucy A. Nield, Louisville.

Mrs. I. H. Shepard, Covington.

Alternates nominated were:

Mrs. Mary Trimble, Covington.

Mrs. Hattie Buchanan, Richmond.

Mrs. Caroline A. Leech, Louisville.

Mrs. Alma VonD. Bergman, Louisville.

Miss Laura White, Ashland.

Mrs. Kate Parks, Richmond.

Mrs. K. R. Wiggins, Richmond.

Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin, Covington.

Voted that first alternate fill the first vacancy, the second alternate the second vacancy, etc.

Voted that if there is a vacancy in the delegation at the Seattle convention, the delegates there present be empowered to fill such vacancy with any member of the Kentucky E. R. A. there present.

Mrs. Mary E. Giltner was elected member of the National Executive Committee.

Voted that the Executive Committee be made the Committee of the Susan B. Anthony memorial fund.

Voted that the Executive Committee be empowered to em-

ploy Miss Penfield as organizer, as they see fit to arrange with the National Association.

Hon. John D. White was introduced to the convention.

Voted that the Executive Committee be empowered to revise and publish a new edition of the leaflet, "What the Kentucky Equal Rights Association Has Done."

The Covington Equal Rights Association invited the State Association to hold the convention of 1909 in Covington.

Voted that the invitation be received and referred to the Executive Committee.

Miss Laura White, of Ashland, announced that "The Association of Collegiate Alumnae" would hold their annual meeting at Cincinnati in the fall of 1909 and suggested that if possible it would be well to have our convention at the same time.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention resumed at 2 o'clock.

Scriptural reading and prayer by Dean Virginia D. Spencer, of the Normal School of Eastern Kentucky.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

The Equal Rights Association of Kentucky expresses sympathy and condolence to Mrs. Sarah C. Bennett esteemed President of the Madison County Association, in her recent bereavement, the death of her husband, James C. Bennett, an honored citizen of Richmond.

Voted that Mrs. Lida Calvert Obenchain be elected Superintendent of Press Work and Mrs. M. B. Reynolds as State Historian.

A most interesting report of the National Convention at Buffalo was given by Miss Laura Clay.

Mrs. Lucy A. Nield, of Louisville, led the discussion on "The Industrial Problems Affecting Women and Children."

The discussion on "Peace and Arbitration" was most ably lead by Miss Laura White.

Mrs. F. E. Beauchamp, President of Kentucky W. C. T. U.

and National Committeeman of the Prohibition party, gave a most interesting talk on the difficulties encountered in the campaign for temperance in Kentucky.

In the unavoidable absence of Mrs. Letcher Riker, Mrs. Mary C. Roark told of the work done by the Federation of Woman's Clubs for school suffrage.

Rev. Anna Shaw, President of the N. A. W. S. A., addressed the convention and spoke of the absolute necessity of the ballot for women in every walk and for every improvement of life.

A resolution of thanks voted to Rev. Anna Shaw for her addresses.

Report of Committee on Resolutions read and accepted.

Voted that Miss Laura White be appointed chairman of Committee on Peace and Arbitration.

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

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

Voted that the suggestion of the Executive Committee be accepted, that the individuals and clubs usually giving free-will offerings, endeavor to get sufficient enrolled members, whose dues they may pay, so that about the same amount of money would go to the state treasury.

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

Adjourned.

Executive Committee met Thursday morning.

Report of Auditing Committee received and accepted.

President read a letter of greeting from Mrs. Eugenia B. Farmer, formerly of the Kentucky E. R. A., but at present Press Superintendent of the Minnesota E. R. A. She says in part: "I am always with you in spirit if not in body." We hope that Mrs. Farmer may again be present in body at one of our conventions.

Minutes of the last session read and approved.

Appropriations were made as follows:

Officers' traveling expenses	\$19 35
Hotel bill officers and speakers	23 00
Printing programs	2 00
Printing 1,000 revised leaflets	8 00
Stationery and press work	60 00
Recording Secretary postage and stationery.....	2 00
Enrollment cards	5 00
Printing minutes	20 00
Literature library leaflets	5 00

Total\$144 35

Voted that the State Association furnish enrollment cards to the local association free of charge.

Voted that Miss Laura Clay be chairman of committee to arrange Miss Penfield's route and other business.

Voted that the Advisory Committee be continued the same as last year.

Voted that if the President ascertain from the locals that the dues of some of the members are not paid, she be empowered to authorize the Treasurer to pay the National dues of such members if the condition of the State Treasury admits.

Committee rose.

EMMA M. ROEBUCK,
Recording Secretary.

EVENING SESSIONS.

The evening meetings were held at the Courthouse in the Circuit Court room. Rev. Wren Grimstead opened the first evening's exercises with prayer. Mr. Green Clay, representing the Madison County Democratic Committee, addressed the meeting and spoke of the absolute necessity of the women's vote to the Democratic party. Miss May Costelloe, of England, who has been traveling over the States to observe American women's suffrage methods, told most interestingly of the two women's suffrage parties in England—the more quiet and persuasive party, the Suffragists, of whom she is one, and the Militant or Suffragette party.

Rev. Anna H. Shaw was the principal speaker of the evening and answered many the arguments advanced against woman's suffrage. Her bright manner engaged the attention of the audience and soon convinced the majority that her point of view was the correct one.

On Wednesday evening a larger audience if possible than the one of the night before was again crowded into the courtroom. Prof. R. N. Roark, President of the Eastern Kentucky Normal School, made the invocation. Mr. C. C. Wallace, a representative of the Madison County Republican Committee, told how, in his opinion, the Republican party would grant suffrage to women just as soon as they desired it. Miss Eleanor Rendell, of England, related most entertainingly, how she, with Miss Costelloe and three companions, traveled all of last summer over England in a large wagon, making suffrage speeches. The main address of the evening was again made by the Rev. Anna H. Shaw. She asserted that the woman of the present, to whom all sources of higher education are open, is just as capable of using the ballot intelligently as man, and certainly the evidence she gave should persuade the most skeptical.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF KENTUCKY E. R. ASS'N.

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Balance January 1, 1908.....	142 48
Pledges—Mrs. Spring.....	1 00
Mrs. McLaughlin.....	1 00
Mrs. Charles.....	1 00
Miss Rolling.....	1 00
Newport E. R. Ass'n....	10 00
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	14 00
Donation of Salary, Mrs. Oberchain.....	25 00
Donations for State Work:	
Mrs. McCann.....	5 00
Mrs. Bennett.....	20 00
Miss B. Bennett.....	5 00
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	30 00
Annual Dues from Local Societies:	
Ashland.....(20)	7 00
B. Green.....(10)	3 50
Kenton Co. E. R. Ass'n....(10)	3 50
Lancaster.....(1)	1 00

Lexington.....	(75)	26	25	
.....	(50)	5	00	
Louisville.....	(29)	10	15	
Twentieth Century Club.....	(78)	27	30	
Newport	(50)	17	50	
Richmond.....	(198)	69	30	
				170 50
Enrolled members:				
Newport	(54)	5	40	
Kenton Co. Ass'n	(10)	1	00	
				6 40
Total				\$388 38

DISBURSEMENTS.

Press Work	15	00
Salary Work.....	25	00
Printing Minutes	17	00
Postage and Secretary	2	00
Miss Shaw, Lectures	25	00
Hotel Expenses	23	00
Traveling Expenses	19	35
Printing Programs.....	2	00
Annual Dues to National Association.....	58	60
		186 85
Balance.....	201	53
		\$388 38

REPORT OF SUPT. OF PRESS WORK.

Owing to the Presidential election this has been an "off" year for press work, and for weeks before the election the National Press Bureau suspended work, as the papers were so full of campaign matter that it was useless to send suffrage articles.

The chief difficulty in my work has always been my inability to find out what papers are publishing our articles and of late I have been sending "Progress" and other suffrage literature only to the papers that I am sure of, and the rest of the copies to individuals throughout the State, prominent men and women,

who are not friendly to our cause. Ministers, lawyers and club women are good subjects for this kind of press work, and I believe that a suffrage paper sent them may often do as much good as when sent to a newspaper. In sending Progress to friendly papers I often write a personal card to the editor, asking him to read the papers, pass it on to some friend who will do the same, thus making a sort of endless chain of suffrage literature.

Last spring Mrs. Upton wrote me that she had one set of the "History of Woman Suffrage" to be given to some college of my selection. I selected Potter College, a school for young women, and the gift was gratefully received and acknowledged by the President. I have also selected the W. C. T. U. Settlement School at Hindman, Ky., as a field for suffrage work. Miss Katherine Pettit, one of the teachers, is in sympathy with our cause and assures me that she can make use of all the Woman's Journals, copies of Progress and leaflets that I send her, so that these mountain girls and boys can hear the gospel of equal rights while they are growing up and will need no conversion in later life. I have also sent to this school the peace literature sent me by the Superintendent of this branch of work.

In my own town I have, for the first time, a paper whose editor is in favor of woman suffrage. He prefers original articles, however, to the syndicated ones, and unfortunately, I am not able to write many of these. I have written two for the Woman's Journal during the past year, one of which has been used as a leaflet, and three or four for some Kentucky papers. Respectfully submitted,

LIDA CALVERT OBENCHAIN,
Supt. Press Work Ky. E. R. A.

REPORT OF MEMBER NATIONAL EXECUTICE COM.

Buffalo, N. Y., October 15, 1908.

The Fortieth Annual Convention of the National American Woman's Suffrage Association and the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Society:

The sessions were held in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. Building.

The meeting was called to order by our National President, Rev. Anna H. Shaw, at 2:30 p.m. The selection of seats for each State delegation was followed by an executive and a miscellaneous business meeting. Prayer was offered by Rev. Antonette Brown Blackwell, the first woman minister ever ordained. Many prominent women of Buffalo took part in extending a hearty welcome to their city, as well as different clubs and societies. Mrs. Van Miller Horton, President of the Buffalo City Federation, spoke in their behalf. Then came the fraternal greetings and responses.

At the evening meeting an audience gathered that filled every inch of space. Mayor Adams spoke of the rich years of tireless effort of the suffragists, and the full years of promise ahead, extending them a welcome in behalf of the city.

Before the immense audience, the Rev. Anna Howard Shaw again demonstrated her right to the title her admirers have conferred upon her. She is the greatest woman orator of the present day.

The suffrage question was fully discussed, and points were brought out by Miss Laura Clay, State President of Kentucky, and that Kentucky has just made the county the educational unit, and at the county school election last August in many places not a man voted, so they had to appoint school trustees, as none had been elected. The suffragists had lately attracted much attention at the San Antonio fair with two big posters with the inscriptions: "Give Texas Mothers a Right to Their Own Children," and, "We Have City Fathers, Why Not City Mothers?"

Mrs. Rachel Avery gave an interesting report of the International Convention, held in Amsterdam, Holland. Thirty-five leading organizations have officially endorsed woman suffrage.

The report of Miss Elizabeth Houser, the chairman of the press, was heard with great interest. There are State chairmen of press work in twenty-four States, and subs in eight others.

Mr. Henry B. Blackwell, who is one of the most interesting old gentlemen at the convention, presented a most excellent report on Presidential suffrage, closing with a recommendation to

the National Society that each State Association arrange to have a hearing on the suffrage question before its Legislature within the next two years, if possible.

Miss Kate M. Gordon presented her report as Corresponding Secretary, which was of special interest, that part devoted to the press. Miss Coons makes a point of becoming friendly with the editors. Mrs. Mathilda Orr Hays, of Pittsburg, told of her tactics with the Pittsburg dailies.

Mrs. Kate Trimble Wolsey, of Covington, our State, spoke, her subject being "Has Democracy Benefited Womanhood?"

Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton announced that the pledge made on Monday outside of the ten thousand dollar gift amounted to three thousand five hundred and fifty dollars, and it was increased to fifty dollars more.

From a legal standpoint almost an entire afternoon was devoted to a remarkable paper by Mrs. Harriette M. Johnson Wood, attorney of New York, whose subject was: "Some Legal Phases of the Disfranchisement of Women." So important was this address that it was ordered printed for future reference, as touching upon some most important legislation, and as authority upon many subjects connected with the establishment of woman suffrage throughout the country.

As the crowning event, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt gave an address on "The Battle to the Strong." Rabbi Stephen S. Wise spoke on "Woman's Rights."

The final address was delivered by the Rev. Anna Howard Shaw, which no doubt came up to the full standard.

The Next National American Suffrage Convention goes to Seattle next year. Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. GILTNER.

REPORT OF STATE HISTORIAN.

Madame President, Executive Officers and Members of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, in Convention Assembled:

I consider it an honor and privilege to be able to stand before you and heartily endorse all the grand work you are try-

ing to accomplish for the women of this country following those pioneer women who opened the way for us. All the signs of the times are pointing to the ultimate success of the great movement of placing woman where she rightfully belongs—equal with man as a freeborn American citizen.

Women at last realize they can do more than “rock the cradle” to make good American citizens. Associations are growing in numbers also, therefore in strength. More aggressive methods have been their policy. Which is better, to be in the world, but not of it, or of the world and yet not one with it. That is the question which has been agitating the educated feminine mind since the higher plane of cultivation has been reached, and by her individual efforts woman has aimed at a sphere of advancement where she can proudly lift her head above the num-drum position formerly accorded her, and while she can, and still does, reign supreme over domestic affairs, still she can also take her rightful position in the discussion and solving of the many questions of material and problematical subjects.

An interest in public affairs and political matters on the part of woman is too often condemned as a hysterical desire for notoriety and excitement by a scoffing world. For the very sake of her children, woman ought to develop the best that is in her. Who is better qualified than the mother to instill a spirit of good citizenship into the children of the race? Respectfully submitted,

MATTIE BRUCE REYNOLDS.

REPORTS OF LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS.

Fayette County E. R. A.

The year 1908 has been one full of interest to those who have read the papers and magazines about the wonderful progress made in woman's movements all over the country. Here in Central Kentucky we have not been idle. A Dean of Women was appointed at State University by the efforts of the different women's clubs of Lexington in June, 1908.

Posters were put up at the different voting places on the third day of November. We have lost by death four of our

most valued members, Mrs. Celestine Logan, Mr. T. B. Hay, Mrs. Helen Carrick and Prof. John H Neville, all of whom were most faithful to our cause.

To us opens a new year full of hope and interest, and a belief that God is with us.

MRS. WELLINGTON PAYNE,
Secretary E. R. A. Central Kentucky.

Madison County E. R. A.

Our Association has held but few meetings during the past year, but wonderful interest has been manifested among many of our members in the progress of this great work, "Suffrage for Women," as it is being manifested in all parts of the world. Great activity has been shown in the circulation of the membership cards. Many names have been added to our list, now numbering one hundred and sixty-five (165). Liberal donations have been made, and many have become interested in the cause who were seriously opposed to it. We have a number of subscribers for the Progress.

We have lost by death one of our charter members and one of whom we have been justly proud. Mr. James Bennett, husband of our honored President, Mrs. Sarah Bennett, was called to his eternal home October 31st, 1908. He for many years had been an invalid and death to him was a happy release. I know you will all join us in the expressions of the deepest sympathy for this great loss to family, community and association.

Your presence among us last year was a great benefit to our body. The meetings and lectures made a most favorable impression on the public, and the information that you would be among us again this year was good news to many, so I am gratified in being able to give you a most hearty welcome, not only in the name of the Association, but the community at large, many of whom wish us a God speed in our just cause.

Ashland E. R. A.

This year's work of the Ashland E. R. A. has been retarded in a degree by the absence of one of our best workers and the

serious sickness and death in the home of another of our most worthy members; however, the association has held during the year a memorial meeting in memory of our lamented Susan B. Anthony; a program meeting in our city's beautiful Central Park, at which Rev. William Dun Ryan spoke and showed much interest in the cause advanced by the Association, and four business meetings with the following results:

Several new subscribers to Progress.

Ten dollars sent to the Anthony memorial fund.

Local ranks increased by two paid members and ten non-paying members.

One delegate elected to the National Convention, who, at the last moment, was unable to attend.

One delegate to the State Convention.

Posters placed at all polling stations day before election with most gratifying results, only favorable comments heard, and no expense in placing them, as local members and their friends did the work.

Our year's work closed with a paid membership of nineteen.
Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. W. KING, President.

ANNA T. HORD, Secretary.

Campbell County E. R. A.

The Campbell County Equal Rights Association held ten meetings during 1908, three of which were social in character.

We held an echo meeting, where the report of the State Convention was read in full.

Peace literature was sent to the principals of the different schools, and also to our ministers of the Gospel. Letters were written to the President of the School Board and to the Superintendent of the Public Schools, asking that peace day be observed. We were promised that it should be done next year.

We lost one member by death during this year, Mrs. S. G. Danks. We have lost several members by removal and other causes, but have also gained new ones. Just before election day we had 100 of the yellow posters put up about the town.

We have distributed suffrage literature at every opportunity and most of our members subscribe for Progress.

We close this year with fifty paid and fifty-four enrolled members. Respectfully submitted,

HANNAH L. SPRING, Secretary.

Louisville E. R. A.

There have been few meetings of the Louisville Association, but there seems to be a gratifyingly increasing interest in woman suffrage, and a number of new names have been added to our roll.

The following officers have been elected:

Mrs. Charles S. Nield, First Vice President, who has consented to act as President only until that officer is chosen; Mrs. Alma Von D. Bergman, Second Vice President; Mrs. John D. White, Secretary and Treasurer.

At the last meeting it was decided to change the former name, Louisville Equal Rights Association, to that of the Woman's Suffrage Association of Louisville, as expressing more nearly and definitely its object, and also as being in conformity with the name of the National Association.

Three delegates were appointed to the State Convention, to be held November 17 and 18 at Richmond.

I have to report a roll of twenty-nine members, the dues for same having been forwarded to the State Treasurer last week. Respectfully submitted,

ALICE HARRIS WHITE,

Secretary and Treasurer.

Other locals sent dues but no reports.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Madison County is entitled to seventeen delegates. Mrs. A. R. Burnam, Miss Lucia Burnam, Mrs. Ellen Gibson, Mrs. McCann, Mrs. K. R. Wiggins, Mrs. Hugh White, Mrs. Ella Parks, Mrs. Hattie Buchanan, Mrs. Nannie McBroom, Mrs. Tom Smith, Mrs. Hugh McClellan, Mrs. Robert Burnam, Mrs. George Simmons, Mrs. Florence Bales, Mrs. Amanda Million, Mrs. A. C. Tague, Mrs. J. B. Stouffer.

Fayette County is entitled to six delegates. Three present, Mrs. F. E. Beauchamp, Miss Lena Yankey, Mrs. C. D. Chenault.

Ashland entitled to three delegates. One present, Miss Laura White.

Louisville entitled to three delegates. All present, Mrs. Lucy A. Nield, Mrs. Alice White, Hon. John D. White.

Newport entitled to six delegates. Present one, Miss Anna Warfuel.

Covington entitled to eight delegates. None present, but represented by State officer from Covington.

Kenton County entitled to two. None present, but represented by State Treasurer.

Officers present: President, Miss Clay; Vice Presidents, Mrs. M. B. Clay and Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Mary C. Roark; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck; Treasurer, Mrs. Isabel H. Shepard; State Historian, Mrs. M. B. Reynolds.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Richmond, Ky., November 19, 1908.

We have examined the Treasurer's books and receipts and found them correct.

ANNA M. WARFUEL,
KATE PARKS.

RESOLUTIONS.

The Committee on Resolutions offered the following:

Resolved, That the Kentucky Equal Rights Association express its delight and thanks to the Judges of the Supreme Court of Iowa for the justice shown the women taxpayers of Des Moines in the injunction brought by them as a test case.

Resolved, That the Kentucky Equal Rights Association thank the Elks for the use of their clubroom and their unfailing courtesy to our convention, the Democratic and Republican County Committees, Mr. Green Clay and Mr. C. C. Wallace for their addresses, the County Judge for the use of the Courthouse for our evening meetings, our hostesses for the delightful luncheon served in the convention rooms, the newspapers for their excellent notices, the Profs. Grinstead and Roark for their graceful invocations and the public at large for the interest manifested, as evidenced by the large attendance at its sessions and evening meetings. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. B. STOUFFER, Chairman.

MRS. F. E. BEAUCHAMP.

MRS. RAWLINS BURNAM.

THE ENROLLED MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM AND THE USE OF ENROLLMENT CARDS.

The recommendation to receive members on the basis of signing an enrollment card is just another decisive step toward simplifying membership by dropping the payment of annual dues as an obligation. The card bears these words:

.....Ky.,, 19...
I believe in the right of suffrage for women and I hereby enroll myself as a member of the
(Local E. R. A.)
(Name)
(Post Office Address)
.....
Kentucky.

It does not commit the signer to anything except what is stated on it, that is, a belief in woman suffrage, and a willingness to stand for the principle publicly. The signer is a member until the name is withdrawn, whether he or she pays dues or not. The intention of the card is to emphasize the superior importance of "standing up and being counted" to any of the other usual duties of membership. The annual dues or a free will offering is desired, but it is not requisite. Just as before, the officers are free to ask for contributions or other aid for the work of the Association, but the signers of the cards are free to decline, with perfect loyalty to their obligations of membership.

In order that the signers may certainly understand that they are enrolling themselves as members, it is not allowable to sign for another person, even though that person gives permission.

Representation in the State and National Conventions remains as before, dependent upon the number of paid-up members. Hence, it should be the ambition of local clubs to pay dues for all their members either by free-will offerings or otherwise, and it is expected that the Treasurers will regularly once a year give every member an opportunity to contribute to these necessary expenses, taking pains to make it clear that such contributions are optional.

It is designed to keep all the names in the office of the State President; and either the originally signed cards or a careful copy of them should be sent to her, with the post-office addresses. In making a report to the State Treasurer the full number of enrolled members should be accurately given, whether dues are paid for all or not.

In order that the cards used shall be uniform in all the locals, the State E. R. A. furnishes them free, on application to Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck, 112 West Front street, Newport, Kentucky.

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 I—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 Rights 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 and a Treasurer. These General Officers shall constitute an Executive Committee to provide for and control the general interest of the 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, 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 shall 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 Lecture Bureau, and shall from time to 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, an 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.

ARTICLE V—COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. The following committees shall be appointed on the first morning of the Annual Meeting: On Credentials, on Publication, 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

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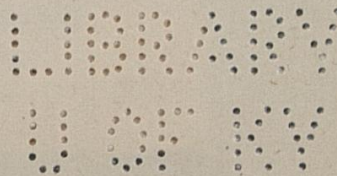
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a plan of work to be submitted to the said Annual Meeting, and shall hold another meeting at the close of these to complete arrangements for the ensuing year's work.

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 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 Association.

ON PUBLICATIONS,

SECTION 2. The Committee on Publications shall consist of two or more, shall solicit 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 Resolutions 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 Law.

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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