



VI. Add

We regret that these institutions have been since placed under the control of the Prison Commission, on which there are no women, and because the intention of the original bill was to leave no prison stigma upon the future lives of these juvenile delinquents.

VII. Unchanged.

VIII. Put University for College.

IX. After many years of toil in circulating petitions and sending delegations to the legislature, at last without our direct appeal the General Assembly of 1906 passed the bill raising the "age of consent" for girls from 12 to 16 years. We had asked to have it raised to 18 years.

X. From the General Assembly of 1910 we obtained a just Guardian and Ward law, whereby married mothers with their husbands have joint custody, nurture and education of minor children; and equitable provisions are made, respecting the rights of both mother and father, for appointing guardians in case of the disability or death of one or both parents.

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A Meeting of the Board of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association was held at the residence of Mrs. E. L. Hutchenson, Lexington, Ky. May 22nd at 10:30 A.M.

The members of the board present were Mrs. Breckenridge, Miss Clay, Mrs. Firth, Mrs. Judah, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Hutchenson and the secretary. Mrs. Leech and Mrs. Hodges as guests.

The first business was the reading of a letter by the President from Miss Gordon concerning the magazine "Southern Citizen".

Mrs. Smith moved that the magazine and literature be sent to all members of the Kentucky Legislature as requested in Mrs. Gordon's letter.

Carried-

The President designated Mrs. Smith a committee to draft a letter to be signed by the president to all Ministerial Associations asking them to indorse Equal Suffrage. She also appointed Mrs. Firth to present this letter to the Northern Methodist of the State, Miss Clay to the Diocese of Lexington, Episcopal, Mrs. A.M. Harrison, Christian Church, Mrs. McDowell the diocese of Kentucky the Baptist, and the Roman Catholic, Mrs. Judah German Evangelical and the Jewish Church. Mrs. Smith Southern Methodist, Mrs. Hutchenson Northern Presbyterians, Mrs. Leech Southern Presbyterians, Mrs. McDowell to ask Mrs. Castleman for the Christian Science. Mrs. Firth suggested that we ask some leading minister in each denomination to write a sample letter as a suggestion to other ministers.

Mrs. Firth gave her report of the Moving picture "Your girl and mine". She reported 11 chairman

appointed and 4 <sup>Kenne</sup> times had the play. 102 circular letters written and gave the following financial report.

Receipts	\$17.59
Disbursements	8.90
Balance	<u>\$ 8.69</u>

The report was received and filed. It was the sense of the meeting that Mrs. Firth continue as chairman of this committee as the work is worth while.

The President reported the appointment of Dr. Irene T. Myers as chairman of Prize Committee and Mrs. Oden Hodges Chairman of Education.

Mrs. Hodges reported she had written all principals of High Schools asking them to allow suffrage debates and offering prizes.

This informat report was received.

Miss Clay moved and Mrs. McDowell seconded the motion that Mrs. Murray Hubbard be chairman to look after presenting the resolution passed by the Federation to the political parties.

Carried-

The president reported that Dr. Myers was appointed too late to do much work and only one college received a prize.

Miss Clay moved that the plan of the Tax prize committee be adopted in regard to Kentucky Equal Rights Association prizes without displacing the existing committee on High Schools and colleges but adding grade schools, dividing the money into prizes of \$50.00, \$25.00, \$15.00 and \$10.00.

Carried-

Miss Clay moved and Mrs. Firth seconded the motion that Article 5 of the Constitution be amended by adding "A Chairman of Campaign"- after the word "Auditor" and before the word "and".

Carried-

Miss Clay offered the following resolution for adoption. Resolved that the Kentucky Equal Rights Association recommend to all clubs so far as possible that they include in their programs the study of vital international problems and to ally themselves whether as individuals or as clubs with the Womans Peace party and thus definitely promote the organized effort of American women to do their part in this unprecedented crisis.

Carried-

Mrs. Smith moved that the next annual Convention be held in Frankfort in November- 1915. Mrs. Hutchenson moved that the motion be amended by striking out the word Frankfort and inserting the word Lexington. Mrs. Firth offered to amend the amendment by substituting Covington instead of Lexington.

A vote being taken the amendment offered by Mrs. Firth was defeated upon a further vote the amendment offered by Mrs. Hutchenson carried. Whereupon the original motion as amended was adopted to read- That the next annual Convention be held in Lexington in November 1915.

Miss Clay moved that the convention be held between Election and Thanksgiving, but not too close to Thanksgiving.

Carried-

Mrs. Smith moved that the tickets for the banquet for the Press and speakers be paid.

Carried-

Mrs. Judah moved that all other legitimate expenses of the banquet be paid.

Carried-

The president appointed Mrs. Smith Chairman of program committee with Mrs. Breckenridge and Mrs. Judah on the committee and Mrs. Judah financial chairman and member

of the banquet committee.

Mrs. McDowell moved seconded by the President that the question of engaging Miss Van Pelt for the year be left to Mrs. Smith to arrange.

Carried-

The president appointed Mrs. Firth as organizer.

Mrs. McDowell moved to add to Mrs. Hodges duties the carrying out of the plan of the tax committee to cover all schools.

Carried-

The President appointed Miss Clay State Chairman of Womans Journal.

Upon the announcement that the National Committeeman Mrs. Smith could not attend the meeting of the Executive Council to be held in Chicago June 6th, the president with the consent of Mrs. Smith appointed Miss Clay as proxy.

Mrs. Judah treasurer offered the following report,

\$ 272.08	Nov. Cash balance
1907.15	Receipts
<u>\$2179.23</u>	
1286.25	Expenditures
<u>\$ 892.98</u>	Cash Balance May 22nd.

The report was accepted.

Miss Clay reported that in July the interest on the Bruce fund will be paid.

Miss Clay moved that Mrs. McDowell be allowed as much as \$75.00 to carry on the work at the State Fair Tent in September.

Carried-

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary.

[ Jan 24, 1917 ]

M I N U T E S  
of the  
MEETING  
of  
STATE PRESS COMMITTEE

At an informal meeting of the State Press Committee held in Louisville on January 10th, Mrs. James Leech, the Chairman, outlined the plan of that Committee for the year.

There were present: Mrs. South, Mrs. Leech, Mrs. McDowell, Mrs. Whiteside, Mrs. Judah and Mrs. Mengel.

The plan included sending of official suffrage news to all newspapers in the State and following the recommendation of the National to endeavor to secure a suffrage page or suffrage supplement in one paper in each county for some day during the last week in February.

Mrs. Leech asked that she be allowed necessary funds for carrying on the press work in a most economical way, expense being for paper, envelopes, postage and stenographer. Upon recommendation of the Treasurer bills for this work will be paid.

Believing that Mrs. Glossop, who is in charge of Louisville Headquarters, will have time for the clerical work, it was agreed the Louisville Association being willing to allow her the time, that the State Association pay \$5.00 per month to the Louisville Association for Mrs. Glossop's services. Also, should the work prove heavier than at present anticipated and the Louisville Association being willing to allow Mrs. Glossop further time for State work, the Chairman of the Press Committee shall report the fact to the President, and she, together with the Treasurer, shall decide upon the proper remuneration.

It was also decided that Louisville shall be official Headquarters for State Press work.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 29th, 1917.

The Board of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association met in the Seelbach Hotel, Louisville, October 29th, 1917, at 11:30 A. M., the President presiding.

Those present were: Mrs. South, Mrs. McDowell, Mrs. Leech, Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Judah, Mrs. Post, Miss Clay, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Hemming.

The President announced that Mrs. Hays, the Recording Secretary, had resigned and she appointed Mrs. McDowell to act as Secretary pro tem.

The Secretary read Mrs. Hays's letter of resignation to the Board. On motion of Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Hays was asked to allow her name to stand as her term of office was up this month and she need not serve at the Convention if she did not wish, as the President could appoint some one to serve then. Carried.

The minutes of the last Board meeting were read and after corrections were approved.

Mrs. Judah reported as Treasurer:

Collections	\$4924.26
Expenditures	<u>4672.96</u>
Cash on hand	\$ 251.30
Time Deposit	1000.00
Pledge of \$1000.00 to National paid.	

Treasurer's report was accepted.

Mrs. Henning reported as Congressional Chairman that the success had been very good, some full petitions sent in from some communities and partial ones from most all. She announced the National was to send an organizer to Kentucky to be used in the most hopeful communities. She further reported that six Kentucky Congressmen had



had voted for the creation of a Suffrage Committee in the House of Representatives.

Mrs. McDowell moved that letters of thanks be written to the following Congressmen who voted for the Committee: Cantrill, Thomas, Johnson, Fields, Langley and Barkley. Carried.

Mrs. Post moved that telegrams be sent to President Wilson and Secretary McAdoo thanking them for their stand on suffrage to the New York women. Carried.

Contract of Jeannette Rankin was read. Mrs. Judah moves that contract be signed. Carried.

Mrs. Hutchinson announced the plans of the Fayette County League to entertain the delegates to the Convention to be - Friday noon Penny Lunch - Friday afternoon reception at Y. W. C. A., Luncheon Saturday noon at Hotel, Reception at Woman's Club in afternoon. Mrs. Hutchinson also announced a speaker from the Suffrage Convention was wanted for the Teachers Convention Friday night. It was voted to carry out these plans except the reception at Woman's Club because of the afternoon business session. The rest of the tentative program was approved, and other speakers suggested were discussed, but no action taken.

On motion the meeting adjourned till after lunch.

Board of K. E. R. A. met at 2 o'clock, the same members present excepting Mrs. Henning.

First business was further discussion of speakers and Convention program.

Mrs. Leech moved that the President, First Vice President and Chairman of Lexington Committee (Mrs. Hutchinson) be empowered to act in regard to speakers. Carried.

Mrs. Judah moved that the Saturday evening meeting be held in the Opera House. Carried

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The Board approved the CALL as submitted by the President.

Mrs. Leech moved that the Nominating Committee be the President, Treasurer, Secretary and Campaign Chairman to consider recommendations to submit to the Board. Carried.

The tentative plan of work for the Convention as outlined was - Board Meeting, Friday morning - afternoon Business session Evening Teachers' Convention. Saturday morning, Business election, etc.- - afternoon, business - evening, Opera House meeting, Jeannette Rankin, speaker - Sunday morning, Board Meeting - afternoon, Patriotic meeting.

Mrs. Leech suggested a symposium of suffragists patriotic work to occupy one hour the first day.

It was also suggested that local leagues be urged to report only their patriotic work at this meeting and the rest of their report to be printed.

Mrs. Leech moved that Miss Clay report Church work. Carried.

President appointed Mrs. Leech, Mrs. Hutchinson and Miss Clay, a Committee on platform. Mrs. Judah suggested that printed credentials would be necessary.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

[Nov. 1908]

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DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE  
WELCOME PROSPECTIVE WOMEN VOTERS.

The Kentucky Equal Rights Association convened in Richmond on Nov. 17th and 18th. Through the courtesy of the Elks, the business sessions were held in the Elks' Lodge.

The chairman of Press Work, Mrs. Lida C. Obenchain, famous as the author of "Aunt Jane of Kentucky", reported that the state newspapers are giving a generous hearing to the cause of equal suffrage.

An instructive address on the "School Improvement League" was made by Mrs. Ben. L. Banks. The League is infusing a spirit of interest in ~~the~~ education among the people which is lifting the schools to a new and higher plane of efficiency.

Mrs. Lucy A. Nield outlined the provisions of Kentucky's Child Labor Law, which she characterized as one of the best in any state.

In discussing "Peace and Arbitration" Miss Laura R. White related the progress made in the settlement of quarrels between nations by international courts and treaties; and urged the cultivation of the peace spirit as deserving the best efforts of women.

Mrs. F. E. Beauchamp described the part women had taken in local opinion contests in Kentucky; and said that multitudes had come to the conclusion that it was easier, more dignified and more womanly to cast a ballot into a box themselves than to try to influence voters by processions through the streets, lunches at polling places and pathetic appeals to men. She stated that the Prohibition party advocates votes for women.

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Mrs. Mary C. Roark related what the Legislative Committee of the Federation of Woman's Clubs had done to obtain school suffrage for women as a means to help to lift the state out of its humiliating condition of illiteracy; but the bill failed of passage.

A delicious luncheon was served both days by the members of the Madison Equal Rights Association in honor of the speakers and delegates, affording a delightful opportunity for the visitors to spend a social hour with their entertainers.

The officers of last year were re-elected: president, Miss Laura Clay; vice-presidents, Mrs. Mary B. Clay, Mrs. M. C. Cramer, Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin; Secretaries, Mrs. Mary C. Roark, Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck; Treasurer, Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard.

An invitation from the Covington R.R.A. to hold the next annual meeting in that city was accepted.

Mrs. M. E. Giltner was elected as state member of the N. A. W. S. A. Executive Committee; Miss Laura R. White as committee on Peace and Arbitration; Mrs. Obenchain as Press Committee; Mrs. Mattie Bruce as State Historian; Mrs. Lucy A. Nield as Committee on Industrial Problems Affecting Women and Children; Miss Laura Clay as Committee on Church Work;

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The Court House was filled to overflowing to hear the speeches in the evenings, many men who could not get seats standing through the entire time. On Tuesday evening, after prayer by Rev. Wren Grinstead, Mr. Green Clay, the first speaker, said in part: "I have been requested and instructed by the Madison County Democratic Committee to extend a cordial greeting to the Kentucky Equal Rights Association on behalf of the Democratic party of Madison County. In doing so we are making a concession, for heretofore it has not generally been admitted by men that the matter of equal suffrage for women is a political issue in Kentucky..... What the Democratic party stands most in need of just now is votes! A casual perusal of the returns from the late lamented National election will prove the truth of this statement. It seems to me that I can see unmistakable signs of the approach of these women as voters in the very near future. By stepping forth first to greet them and lending a helping hand, it is more than probable that the party will secure the gratitude and support of those women, at least, who do want the ballot!"

Miss May Costelloe, a young lady from England, spoke pleasingly on "Some Aspects of the Suffrage Movement in England".

Rev. Anna H. Shaw, president of the National Woman Suffrage Association, then gave one of those magnificent addresses which have won for her the reputation of being the queen of the American platform.

On the second evening, after prayer by Prof. R. S. Roark, Mr. G. C. Wallace, chairman of Madison County Republican Committee, was introduced. He said that while he had not consulted with other members of his Committee he was happy to extend a hearty welcome to this body of prospective voters in behalf of the Republicans of the county. He called attention to the fact that women had full suffrage in some foreign countries and in four

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states of our country, with school or bond suffrage in more than half of the rest. He recounted some of the most frequently urged objections to women's voting; but said that experience had made it certain that no harm, at least, had come from their use of the ballot anywhere, and that in the states where they had school suffrage the educational interests had been greatly benefitted by their voting. He said the Republican party had always shown readiness to consider fairly every issue before the people and ability to deal wisely with questions concerning their rights. For himself, he declared his readiness to have suffrage extended to women whenever a majority or even a large minority should indicate their desire for the privilege.

His remarks, as well as those of the Democratic representative of the preceding evening, were listened to with close attention by the voters in the audience.

Mr. Wallace was followed by Miss Eleanor Rendell, of England, who described charmingly "An English Suffrage Meeting".

Miss Shaw followed with another very brilliant address, in which she mentioned some incidents of the Buffalo Suffrage convention which made it notable; - the organization of the ~~Watts~~ College National Equal Suffrage League; the affiliation of the Self-Supporting Women's League of New York, numbering nineteen thousand members; the formation of a Men's Equal Suffrage League in New York, including many leading men; and lastly, since these movements require the munitions of war, the donation of ten thousand dollars to the suffrage cause by Mrs. George Howard Lewis, of Buffalo.

FRANKFORT, KY.,

Richmond,

July 20, 1916.

MR. W. B. HARRIS, BOARD  
Louisville

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING AT LEXINGTON, JULY 14, 1916.

The Kentucky Equal Rights Association met in the Phoenix Hotel at Lexington, July 14, at 11 A. M.

The President, Mrs. Thos. J. Smith, in the chair and the following members present: Miss Clay, Mrs. McDowell, Mrs. Lillard, Mrs. Breckinridge, Mrs. Judah and Mrs. Rothier.

The special objects of the meeting were: To appoint delegates to the National Convention which meets in Atlantic City September 6th-10th; to fix time and place of State Convention; to hear report from State organizers and speakers; and, to discuss finances and policies of the Association.

Owing to illness in her family the Secretary was unable to attend, and Mrs. Rothier was asked to serve as Secretary.

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The minutes of ~~the~~ previous meeting were read and after some correction approved.

The President announced that she had moved her residence to Richmond, Kentucky, where Suffrage Headquarters are established in rooms donated by Mrs. James Bennett.

On motion of Miss Clay the resignation of the Corresponding Secretary, Miss Pepper, due to her removal to the country, was accepted with regret, and on motion of Mrs. Breckinridge, Mrs. Christine Bradley South was unanimously appointed to succeed her.

The President gave the following report of the State organizers and speakers during the first six months as President:

Senator Helen Ring Robinson. February 27-March 5th, 1916.  
8 counties visited. 10 meetings. Gave her services in speaking before the Legislature at Frankfort, February, 29, as her contribution to the cause and no charge for addressing the students at State University.

Miss L. Lola Walker. February 1-March 1, 1916.  
18 counties visited. 43 meetings. House-to-house canvassing in some districts and arranged for canvassing in others. 2 counties organized. 4 counties re-organized.

Mrs. Harry R. Whiteside of Louisville re-organized a splendid league in Hodgenville, Larue County. Addresses a meeting there April 13, 1916.

Mr. Walter J. Millard (under direction of Mrs. Breckinridge). April 12-May 13, 1916.  
16 counties visited. 56 talks. 300 members added.

Mr. Millard (under direction of Mrs. Firth). March 2-March 6th.  
5 counties visited. 5 lectures.

Mr. Millard (under direction of Mrs. Breckinridge). May 19-29.  
7 counties visited. 1 speech. 10 meetings. 1 short talk.  
\$8.85 collections. \$3.00 literature sales.

Miss Lizzie Hunt Chinn at LaGrange. March 20th, splendid meeting.  
Mrs. Arch Pool speaker.



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Miss Rebecca Averill. May 8-9. 1 county organized. 1 county re-organized. Mrs. Pool and Mr. Millard speakers also.

May 26-27. 2 counties re-organized. Mr. Millard speaker. Four meetings.

Miss Averill at Bridgeport. 10 cards signed. February 1916.

Miss Florence Wattles. Federation Meeting at Maysville, May 19, 1916.

Mrs. Henry S. Jaffray. May 1-June 1, 1916.

8 counties visited. 1 new league organized. 4 leagues re-organized. 14 meetings. 4 meetings at Parent Teachers' Clubs.

Miss Margaret Foley. June 18-<sup>June</sup>~~July~~ 29, 1916. 5 counties visited. 19 meetings.

Mrs. Arch Pool of Frankfort. Addressed a meeting at the Teachers' Club in Covington in school building, April 27. Spoke in two counties May 8 & 9. Expects to start out organizing some time this month. Spoke before the Red Men May 10th, in Frankfort.

Miss Alice Lloyd of Maysville, engaged for this month as organizer.

Total.

11 organizers in the field.

77 counties visited.

169 speeches. 5 lectures. (Mr. Millard at \$15.00 each)

4 new leagues organized (Mrs. Jaffray 1, Miss Walker 2, Miss Averill 1).

12 leagues re-organized.

Mrs. Chas Firth makes a five-minute speech before the National American Association of Freight Agents at Convention in Cincinnati, June 20-24. Endorsed Woman Suffrage.

The President made the following speeches: Danville at Mrs. Lowndes' luncheon, March 4th; Princess Theatre to Chicago Assembly during Republican Convention, June 7th; May Day Celebration, Richmond, May 2nd, banquet for Gov. Black; Democratic State Convention at Lexington, May 24th; Frankfort, before the Red Men May 10th; Frankfort, with Miss Foley.

On motion of Miss Clay, seconded by Mrs. McDowell, Miss Lloyd of Maysville and Mrs. Arch Pool of Frankfort will be engaged for to speak and organize for one month or longer at the discretion of the President.

Mrs. Starr of Lexington appeared before the Board and suggested some plans for suffrage poster, but no official action was taken.

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On motion of Mrs. Rothier the State Convention will be held in Louisville November 15-16-17<sup>th</sup>, provided the Louisville Association can make certain arrangements to that end.

Carried-

The President appointed the Vice Presidents; Mrs. McDowell, Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. Rothier a Committee to arrange the program for the State Convention. This Committee to be assisted by the President in any way possible.

Mrs. Breckinridge, as Campaign Chairman, then gave her report. It was accepted. The report follows:

Mrs. Ed. G. O'Rear of Frankfort, was appointed Chairman of the Republican Committee to work up the details of the State and National Conventions. Mrs. Richard Tasker Lowndes, of Danville was appointed Chairman of the Democratic Committee to arrange details of the State and National Conventions. Mrs. Edmund M. Post of Paducah, the Congressional Chairman, was General Chairman of Arrangements for the Conventions.

At invitation of the Board, Mr. Stewart of the Lexington Herald, appeared before the Board and supplemented the Herald's former proposition, with an offer to send out, at the cost of the Herald, a letter prepared and signed by the Kentucky Equal Rights Association to the officers of the local leagues setting before them the plan of a woman's page in the Monday farmer edition, news, for two columns of this to be supplied by the Kentucky Equal Rights Association.

It was moved and carried that the proposition be accepted.

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The following are the names of those appointed delegates to the National Convention:

Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Lebus, Mrs. McDowell, Mrs. Post, Mrs. Maury, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Tachau and Mrs. Willis.

On motion of Mrs. Rothier the meeting adjourned to meet on call.

Respectfully submitted,

Lura Baker Rothier  
Secretary pro tem.

*Elise Bennett Smith.*  
*(Mrs. Thos. J.)*  
President.

Note- The Campaign Chairman arranged for Mr. Millard and gave great assistance in arranging for the other organizers.

c July 20, 1916

EXPENSES  
of the  
KENTUCKY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION  
for  
June, 1916.

June 1, 1916 - Receipts to date \$5016.74

June Receipts

Supplies,	Frankfort	.85
"	Maysville	8.98
"	Lexington	<u>7.60</u>

Receipts to date, June 30, 1916. \$ 5034.17

June 1, 1916 - Expenditure to date \$ 3587.95

June Expenditure

Organizing,	Mrs. Henry Jaffrey	60.60
"	Miss Averill and Mrs. Pool	15.39*
"	Walter Millard	60.73
"	Mrs. Arch Pool	50.00
"	Miss Margaret Foley	100.00
State Federation,	Mr. T. M. Russell	50.00
"	Miss Alice Lloyd	43.79
President's Office, (Incidentals)		4.11*
"	I. Mattern	40.00
"	Henry Clay Fire Insurance Co.	12.50
"	Cumberland Telephone Co.	10.68
"	Underwood Typewriter Co.	3.40
"	Postage	10.00
Supplies, Nat'l Woman Suffrage Publishing Co.		2.76
"	Roberts Printing Co.	1.25
Treasurer's Expense, Mrs. Judah		1.00
Campaign Headquarters - McClelland Estate		5.00
"	Stella Martin	40.00
"	Mrs. Breckinridge (Incidentals)	38.87
Eighth District Conference - Phoenix Hotel Co.		<u>12.65</u>

Expenditure to date, June 30, 1916. \$4150.68

Cash on hand 883.49

Receipts to date, June 30, 1916. \$5034.17

\*Page 3, Itemized account of the office expenses paid by Mrs. Smith.

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OFFICE EXPENSE  
of  
Mrs. Thos. J. Smith  
for  
May, 1916.

March 21,	Telephone to Carter, Versailles	.16
May 8,	Porter	.25
6,	Lunch at Lexington (Eighth District Meeting)	.55
9,	Mrs. Pool & Miss Averill, Organizing (Eminence \$2.60, New Castle \$2.00, two dinners \$1.00, Baggage, service, etc., .40)	6.00
11,	Express on Maysville Pkg., .51, Box .05	.56
16,	New Southern Citizen	.50
	Survey Map	.98
25,	Advanced to Miss Averill ( Organizing, expenses to Beattyville and Irvine)	9.39
	Second Sheets .35, Pen Points .05	.40
	Paste .05, Pins .05	.10
	Post Cards .10, Express on Canvassing Cards .51	.61
		<hr/> \$ 19.50

# Kentucky Equal Rights Association

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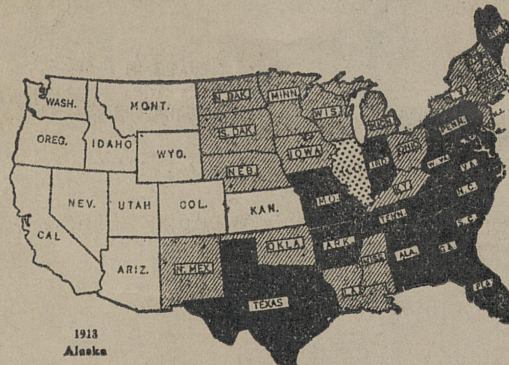
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MISS LAURA CLAY  
189 N. Mill Street, Lexington

**Chairman of Congressional Work**

MRS. EDMUND M. POST, Paducah



White States, Full Suffrage; Shaded States, Partial Suffrage; Dotted State, Presidential, Municipal and Partial County Suffrage; Dark States, No Suffrage.

**Vice Chairman of Campaign**

MRS. MURRAY HUBBARD, Fort Thomas

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Louisville

FRANKFORT, KY., April 14, 1916.

There was a Board meeting of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association at the Seelbach Hotel, at 10 o'clock A. M., March 29th.

The following members of the Board and co-workers were present: Mesdames Smith, McDowell, Rothier, Alderson, Judah, Clay, Breckinridge, Post, Hays, Leech, Bennett, Averill, Obenchain, White (Maysville), Whiteside, Mengel, East, Verhoeff, Buhr, and Mr. Walter J. Millard of Cincinnati.

Moved, Gift from Mrs. Maury be accepted and vote of thanks sent her. Design to be slightly changed. Carried.

Mrs. Post moved that proceedings of Convention be prepared for circulation. Carried.

Mrs. Post appoints on her committee Mrs. Breckinridge, Mrs. J. G. Crabbe and Mrs. Bayard.

Miss Clay moved that treasurer be requested to make monthly reports. Carried.

Treasurer then made the following report:

Pledges and cash received during the Convention, about six hundred dollars.

Cash on hand, November 1915,	----	\$ 382.98
Collected	-----	<u>3793.09</u>
Total	----	4176.07
Expended	-----	<u>2476.39</u>
Balance April 1st	----	\$ 1699.68

Miss Averill, Chairman of Finance, reported annual dues paid to the National.

Miss Clay moved that we adopt at once, Mrs. Catt's suggestions for raising budget. Carried.

Miss Clay suggests that we get Miss Walker, if possible, as an organizer.

Chairman asks consent of Board to pay railroad expenses of Miss Chinn and Miss Mattern out of Association funds. Moved and carried.

Mrs. Alderson reported a prize of ten dollars offered in each college for the best essay in favor of Woman Suffrage, by the Kentucky Equal Rights Association.

The following schools will hold contests: Eastern Normal, Richmond, Ky.; Western State Normal, Bowling Green, Ky.; Mrs. Obenchain in charge; Winchester, Mrs. Beckner in charge; Georgetown College, Mrs. W. H. Coffman in charge.

The following schools interested: Kentucky Wesleyan and University of Louisville, Dean John L. Patterson.

Chairman appoints Miss Hast, Chairman of Art Department of State Kentucky Equal Rights Association.

Motion to offer prize through Mrs. Zembrode for Art Department of State Federation. Carried.

Reported, a prize of ten dollars was offered to High School girls, competing on prize post-card. There were eleven contestants.

Mrs. Obenchain, of the Third Congressional District, suggests that the district chairmen take advantage of the ready-made audiences on County Court Day, County Fairs and other occasions for outdoor speaking.

Mr. Millard suggests that publicity be given through the Lyceum, using Chautauquas. Bring strong influence to bear on their program making, and to put on the feature of "Woman Suffrage." American Society of Equity has endorsed the movement and United Mine workers strove for it. Use their organization and their publicity organ.

Report of Committee on Finance: Estimate of funds needed to December. Campaign Expense.

Campaign Expense.

Presidents.

8 months at \$75.00	-- \$600.00	8 months, \$75.00	-- \$600.00
5 lectures, Millard	-- 125.00	3 Plate Pages	-- 300.00
7 months, Miss Walker	-- 875.00	3 Nat'l Conventions	<u>300.00</u>
7 months, another organizer	-- <u>875.00</u>		\$1200.00
	2475.00		
	1200.00		
Annual State Convention	500.00		
Incidentals	<u>825.00</u>		
Total	\$5000.00		



Moved, Chairman of Finance to raise \$2000.00 of this sum, if District Chairmen raise \$3000.00. Carried.

Motion to send speaker, all expenses paid to Kentucky State Federation at Maysville. Carried. Selection of speaker left to Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Bartlett.

Mrs. Breckinridge suggests gift to Mrs. Murray J. Hubbard.

Mrs. Breckinridge presents the following newspaper plan:

Moved to accept and carried:

*patristic* That the Herald should publish once a week, probably Monday, a special woman's page, of which two columns should be devoted to the work of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association and two to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. It was suggested by a member of one of the societies, that they should take the remaining column, but it would probably be safer to hold it. The copy is to be furnished the Herald, by someone appointed for that purpose, in each organization. The weekly issue will be furnished for \$1.00 a year, or \$2.00 for three years. Each organization being asked to get two thousand new subscribers for the weekly edition, in six months. This is the approximate plan.

Mrs. Judah's press report as follows:

Mrs. J. B. Judah, Chairman of the Press Committee for the Louisville Association reported hearty cooperation on the part of the Louisville Press. Especially, the Louisville Herald, which gave a full page to Louisville Suffragists and their distinguished guests, on Sunday March 26th, containing pictures and personal interviews of distinguished guests, also of Senator Combs and Representative Hobbs, on the subject of Suffrage in Kentucky.

Pictures and notices ran continuously for two weeks in the Herald, Post and Times, in Club Columns, Society Columns,

General News Columns and in the Herald, in the Church Column, where a picture of Miss Belle Bennett was shown, together with an expression from her, on: "Woman and Church Suffrage." But one notice; the program for the conference was sent to the Courier Journal, because of the fact that that paper, on the day it published the program, published a scurrilous editorial on suffrage. However, the Courier Journal asked for notices and fully reported the two days of the Conference.

Miss Clay moves we defer magazine matter, to May Federation.  
Carried.

Secretary instructed to write to Mrs. Bartlett to that effect, and ask for particulars.

Mrs. Glossop reports two hundred and seventy-seven served at the delightful luncheon at the Seelbach

Mrs. Bennett suggests petitions to next legislature.

Mrs. Breckinridge, beginning now to work on school prizes for next year.

Meeting adjourned.

A meeting of the Board of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association was held at the Seelbach Hotel, Sunday afternoon, November 8th, 1914, at 2 o'clock.

Those present were Mrs. Desha Breckinridge, Miss Clay, Mrs. Firth, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Hutchinson and the Secretary.

The minutes of July 18th and November 5th were read and approved after corrections.

The first business was a motion by Mrs. Hutchinson that Stella Martin's salary be raised to \$40.00 a month beginning the 1st of November. Carried.

Mrs. McDowell moved that Mrs. Judah be authorized to deposit the funds of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association in the German Insurance bank. Carried.

Mrs. Smith moved that the Secretary be instructed to write Mrs. Warfield Bennett, former treasurer of Kentucky Equal Rights Association, to send to Mrs. J. B. Judah, treasurer, a check for the balance of Kentucky Equal Rights Association funds now in her hands and that she turn over her bank books etc., to Mrs. Judah. Carried.

Miss Clay moved that the president be empowered to incur such expenses as she considers advisable. Carried.

Miss Clay moved that \$10.00 be appropriated for the expense of Mrs. Firth, chairman of the Motion Picture Play Committee, "Your Girl and Mine". Carried.

After discussion of the Shafroth Amendment it was decided to be the sense of this board that no action be taken pending action by the National American Woman Suffrage Association.

Miss Clay moved that Mrs. Harrison be appointed chairman of church work. Carried.

Miss Clay moved that the board request Miss Laura White to be chairman of Peace and Arbitration Committee, and that the secretary write her a letter calling her attention to the importance of that committee at this time, requesting her to appoint a full committee and offering her

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the assistance of the board in any way. Carried.

Mrs. Smith moved that Mrs. John Graham be appointed State Press Chairman. Carried.

Miss Clay moved that Mrs. McDowell be chairman of State Fair Tent next September. Carried.

Miss Clay moved that the chair be empowered to appoint a chairman of Education Committee with Prize Committee as a sub-committee in time for the minutes to be published. Carried.

Mrs. Smith moved that Miss Frances Ingram be a committee of one to take up the resolution passed by the State Convention with reference to factory inspectors - with Mrs. J. W. Newman. Carried.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

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Secretary.

Oct 5, 1918

The Board of the K. E. R. A. met October 5th, 1918, at 10:30 A.M., in the parlor of the Seelbach, the President presiding.

Those present were Mrs. South, Mrs. Leech, Miss Clay, Mrs. Breckinridge, Mrs. Judah, Mrs. Henning, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. McDowell.

Mrs. McDowell moved that in view of so much business all discussion be limited to three minutes. Carried.

Mrs. Leech moved that nothing be done in regard to the editorial in the Courier Journal signed "H. W." on October 3rd. Carried.

Mrs. McDowell moved that the Board of the K. E. R. A. write an open letter to Senator Beckham voicing our regret and protest at his recent vote on the Federal Suffrage Amendment, and expressing its earnest hope that when the Amendment is again brought before the Senate he will see his way clear to follow the request of the President to vote for justice to American women. Carried.

Miss Clay voted "No".

Mrs. Leech moved that the K. E. R. A. ask Gov. Stanley to publicly state his present attitude on the impending suffrage question in the U. S. Senate. Carried.

Miss Clay voted "No".

Mrs. South instructed the Secretary to write to the National asking if they are to have a convention, and when Mrs. South announced Louisville had invited the K. E. R. A. to hold this year's convention in Louisville, Miss Clay moved that Louisville's invitation be accepted. Carried.

Mrs. Judah moved that we continue the practice of having a luncheon during the convention, but to avoid confusion, the toasts follow the serving of the luncheon not during the meal. Carried.

The Board recessed to meet at 2:30.

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The Board met again at 2:30 P.M., same members being present.

Miss Clay moved that a vote of thanks be extended to the Louisville Association for its fine work in raising double Kentucky's quota for the Woman's Overseas Hospital.

Minutes of previous meeting read and with one exception, same approved as read.

Mrs. Judah moved that if no answer is received from Gov. Stanley in reply to the letter, his silence be interpreted to mean a negative vote and the E. E. R. A. openly protest against the election of Gov. Stanley. Carried.

Miss Clay voted "No".

Mrs. Henning moved that a letter be sent to the Tenth District endorsing the candidacy of Mr. Langley because of his services for many years on behalf of woman suffrage. Carried.

Miss Clay did not vote, and made the following announcement:

Madam President: I want to explain my not voting on this measure. After the vote about Gov. Stanley, I feel that I cannot vote for the motion without partisanship.

Mrs. McDowell moved that a vote of thanks from the E. E. R. A. be sent by telegram to Senator Martin in appreciation of his vote for the Federal Amendment. Carried.

There being no other business, the meeting stood adjourned.

MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD MEETING, February 15, 1917.

A meeting of the Board of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association was held February 15, at 11:30 o'clock at Suffrage Headquarters, Louisville.

Those present were: Mrs. South, Mrs. Leech, Miss Clay, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Whiteside, Mrs. Henning, Mrs. Judah and Mrs. McDowell.

The President appointed Mrs. McDowell Secretary pro tem.

The minutes of the last meeting were omitted owing to the absence of the Secretary.

The Treasurer reported:

Cash on hand - Jan. 1, 1917 .....	\$1424.49
Receipts added to cash on hand .....	2322.74
Expenditures including the \$1000.00 in Savings deposit .....	1430.14

Mrs. Henning moved the Treasurer's report be adopted.

Carried -

The Secretary read a letter the President had received from Judge E. C. O'Rear of Frankfort, giving an opinion on presidential suffrage.

Mrs. Leech moved the Secretary send a letter to the President of the Ohio Association.

Carried -

Mrs. Whiteside moved that <sup>the</sup> Secretary write a letter to Judge O'Rear thanking him for his kindness.

Carried -

Mrs. Henning moved that the next business to be taken up be the Call of the National and Kentucky's report.

Carried -

Mrs. Leech moved that the policy of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association be non-committal to any plan of action, but that to be arranged by the executive council to be held in Washington next week to which we pledge our co-operation.

Carried -

The President brought the invitation of Mrs. Rothier to the Board to hold the next convention in Covington, asking for an immediate answer. It was the sense of the Board that it was too early to decide and Covington's invitation would have to be declined as they had to have an immediate answer.

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The Treasurer read a letter from Mrs. Post full of interesting items, among which was the fact that President Wilson had written a letter to Dr. Shaw congratulating her on her birthday, February 14th, and that Mrs. Catt had dined with the President on February 5th, and that Irvin Cobb was a guest at the same time.

Mrs. Henning read a letter from Mrs. Lindsey of Los Angeles, California, offering to come to speak in Kentucky if it could be arranged. The President announced she would take the matter up with the leagues as to who wanted Mrs. Lindsey.

Mrs. Henning brought up the coffee proposition, whereby, the Mengel Bros, of Louisville, were willing to name a special grade of coffee for the Louisville Suffrage Association; in return to give a per cent on each pound sold. Mrs. Henning suggested that the Kentucky Equal Rights Association take it up and back it and use a State name and endorse it and share the profits. Mrs. McDowell moved the Kentucky Equal Rights Association endorse the coffee and that the division of the profits be half to the State and half to the Louisville League.

Carried -

Mrs. Henning brought the offer of a moving picture man to produce a picture for the Association. Mrs. Henning moved that the Kentucky Equal Rights Association not consider having the picture made.

Carried -

Mrs. McDowell moved to adjourn until after lunch.

Carried -

The Board met again at two o'clock. The first business was the President's announcing a request for a speaker to be sent to address the Rural Life and Rural School Conference at Bowling Green, February 19th. Mrs. Whiteside was appointed by the President to go to Bowling Green. Mrs. McDowell moved that Mrs. Whiteside be engaged as an organizer with her expenses paid and including incidentals not to exceed three dollars a day.

Carried -

The Treasurer brought a financial scheme used by the National and she will get more information from Tennessee where it has been used.

Mrs. Leech reports her press work had resulted in several papers using plate pages: Somerset, Hawesville, Owensboro, Henderson, Marion, Shelbyville, Lexington, Frankfort and Louisville.

Mrs. Leech reports she had sent out about 1000 reports and communications to newspapers. She asked if she might employ a stenographer for half time at twenty dollars to continue the work. Mrs. Judah moved that Mrs. Leech be allowed the stenographer at twenty dollars, for one month and that she continue her press work as she had been doing.

Carried -



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Mrs. South asked that all the Board send her their pictures at once to be used in The Special Edition of the Frankfort Journal.

Mrs. South directed Mrs. McDowell as Chairman of Suffrage of the Federated Clubs of Kentucky to ask for some special time on their convention program, or a banquet.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia A. McDowell,

Secretary pro tem

January, 1914

# Kentucky Equal Rights Association

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MRS. THOS. J. SMITH  
State Headquarters,  
403 McClure Bldg., Frankfort

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MISS ELIZABETH S. PEPPER  
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## Recording Secretary

MRS. J. D. HAYS, Owensboro

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MRS. J. B. JUDAH  
2115 Murray Avenue, Louisville

## Auditor

MRS. W. F. LILLARD, Lawrenceburg

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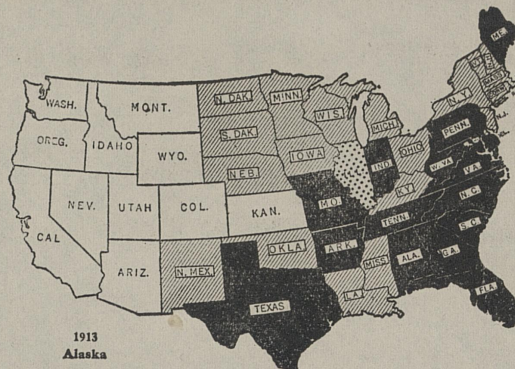
MRS. DESHA BRECKINRIDGE  
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## State Member Executive Committee

MISS LAURA CLAY  
189 N. Mill Street, Lexington

## Chairman of Congressional Work

MRS. EDMUND M. POST, Paducah



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Alaska  
WHITE STATES, FULL SUFFRAGE; SHADED STATES, PARTIAL SUFFRAGE; DOTTED STATE, PRESIDENTIAL, MUNICIPAL AND PARTIAL COUNTY SUFFRAGE; DARK STATES, NO SUFFRAGE.

## Advisory Board

- SENATOR JOHNSON N. CAMDEN, Versailles
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- Master Kentucky State Grange
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- MRS. MORRIS BARTLETT, Lawrenceburg
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- JUDGE H. S. BARKER, Lexington
- Pres. of State University of Kentucky.
- DEAN IRENE T. MYERS, Lexington
- Dean of Women Transylvania University.
- DEAN ANNA J. HAMILTON, Lexington
- Dean of Women State University of Kentucky.
- MR. HUSTON QUIN, Louisville
- Pres. Kentucky Child Labor Association.
- MISS LINDA NEVILLE, Lexington
- Sec. Society for Prevention of Blindness.
- MRS. A. M. HARRISON, Lexington.

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## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF THE KENTUCKY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.

A Meeting of the Board of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association was held at the State Headquarters, 403 McClure Bldg., Frankfort, Ky., January 13, at 10:30 A. M.

Another session of the Board was held at 2:30 o'clock at the parlors of the Capitol Hotel.

The Executive Committee and the Advisory Board and a number of guests, 35 in all, were entertained at luncheon at 12:30 at the Capitol Hotel by the President Mrs. Thos. J. Smith.

The members of the Board present were Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Breckinridge, Mrs. McDowell, Mrs. Lillard and Miss Pepper; Miss Clay, Mrs. Post, Mrs. Hays and Mrs. Alderson were out of the State, Mrs. Judah and Mrs. Rothoer were unavoidably absent.

Mrs. Mary Bates Miller, Mrs. Hanger, Mrs. Morris Bartlett, Mrs. Ripy, Miss Christine McEwan, Mrs. Sower and Miss Benton

as guests.

On account of the absence of the Recording Secretary the reading of the minutes were postponed until the next session and Miss Pepper was appointed Recording Secretary pro tem.

The special business of this meeting was the discussion of the Legislative campaign, but before hearing the report from the Campaign Chairman, short reports were made by the President, First Vice President, Recording Secretary and Auditor.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Judah, sent in the following report:

\$ 382.98	November Cash
1300.00	Receipts
<u>1682.98</u>	
1146.80	Expenditures
\$ 536.26	Cash on hand.

Mrs. McDowell moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Carried-

Moved, That the financial situation be left to a Committee of Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Judah and Mrs. Breckinridge.

Carried-

Mrs. Smith announced that Mrs. Alderson had accepted the chairmanship of the Prize Committee; Miss Rebecca Averill, chairmanship of the Finance Committee; Mrs. Sower, Chairmanship of the Ways and Means Committee; and Mrs. Harrison, chairmanship of the Church Committee.

An active campaign in the churches has been planned by this Committee; model sermons are to be sent out by this department and the Committee realizes that much active work can be done through the church societies. It was suggested that Mrs. Harrison appoint a chairman of the committee in each county organization. These chairmen are to name the members of their own Committee. Helpful suggestions were offered by members of the Board to the Chairmen of these Committees.

The Board voted to co-operate with a Southern Conference in regard to a suffrage edition of a newspaper to be published simultaneously in all the states undertaking it and the Secretary was instructed to write a letter to that effect.

Mrs. Lillard announced that Anderson county had given a farewell tea to their Representatives.

Miss Clay reported having sent to the Treasurer a check for \$2063.00, of which \$900.00 is to be placed to the fund of the chairman of the campaign, \$1063.00 to the fund voted for the President's headquarters, etc., and \$100.00 in payment of her Convention pledge.

Voted, That the Treasurer should be instructed to pay the National Convention dues.

Mrs. McDowell reported that the Louisville Association would entertain their Representatives Saturday January 15 at a luncheon at the Henry Watterson Hotel.

Mrs. Breckinridge reported that the Suffrage Amendment had been introduced in the Senate by Senator Combs of Fayette,

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in the House by Mr. Hobbs of Fayette. In the Senate it has been referred to a Committee on Suffrage and Elections, in the House to a Committee on Constitutional Amendment.

Mrs. Breckinridge will ask for a hearing at a joint session of the House and Senate to hear our distinguished suffrage lecturer, Mrs. Beatrice Forbes-Robinson Hale, January 18, at 12 o'clock A. M.

Mrs. Smith reported that 150 newspapers had been sent to the members of the Legislature with an account of the favorable report of the Senate Committee on Equal Suffrage in regard to the Susan B. Anthony Amendment.

The Suffrage poem written by Miss Ada May Cromwell, entitled "Kentucky's Fame" was sent to the members of the Legislature.

200 large desk blotters with suffrage maps have been ordered to be placed upon the desks of the members in the House and Senate.

Mrs. Smith reported that the office has been furnished, a typewriter bought and a stenographer engaged. Stationery has been ordered which will be sent to each member of the Board.

The annual reports are in the hands of the printer and will soon be sent to the officers and county Leagues.

500 pledge cards have been ordered and may be obtained by writing to Headquarters.

July 18, 1914

A meeting of the Board of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association was held at the Phoenix Hotel in Lexington at 11 o'clock, July 18, 1914. Those present were President Mrs. Desha Breckenridge, Miss Clay, Mrs. Judah, Mrs. Hutchinson and the secretary.

The minutes of the meeting of November 22, 1913, were read and approved. The minutes of February 10th, 1914, were read and approved after one correction.

The first business was a report by the President who reported:

First, that Mrs. Murray Hubbard had accepted the appointment as Congressional Chairman and an allowance of \$25.00 for her expenses was made.

Second, that the April meeting of the board was omitted by authority of the Emergency Committee, Mrs. Judah, Miss Clay and the President in conference.

Third, that she had sent as organizer throughout the State Miss Glenn, who was furnished by Mrs. McCormick, chairman of the National Congressional Committee, Mrs. McCormick paying railroad expenses and salary (in a few instances passes have been gotten by Kentucky people), Miss Glenn paying her own living expenses when not entertained. The Emergency Committee voted to pay Miss Glenn's expenses not connected with Congressional work, such as telephone, telegraph charges, etc.

Fourth, That a Finance Chairman has not been obtained as yet.

Miss Clay moved that the secretary write a note of thanks to Mrs. McCormick for sending Miss Glenn. The results have been most gratifying. Carried.

The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$363.93.

Miss Clay reported that she had \$308.73 interest on

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the "Bruce Fund" which can be turned over to the treasurer.

Miss Clay reported that the Kansas Equal Franchise Association had sent \$50.00 to her to be used in Kentucky Campaign .

The secretary reported that Mrs. Lacy, president Kentucky Federation of Womans Clubs offered the use of the Federation tent at the State Fair in September and Mrs. Chas. P. Weaver will take charge of suffrage work and have one big suffrage day.

Mrs. Judah moved that the secretary extend the thanks of the association to Mrs. Lacy and also to Mrs. Weaver. Carried.

Miss Clay moved that Mrs. Stanley McCormick, treasurer of National Womans Suffrage Association, be furnished and allowed to use names of Kentucky members of suffrage associations. Carried.

Miss Clay announced that she had written Miss Martha Stevenson of Harrodsburg, Ky., a letter of condolence on the death of her father to whose interest and help suffrage owed a great deal.

Mrs. Judah moved that the <sup>salary of</sup> Stella Mathews (stenographer at headquarters in Lexington) be raised to \$35.00 a month beginning July 1st. Carried.

After the president reported her expenses Mrs. Hutchinson moved that the president be authorized to incur whatever expenses she considered advisable. Carried.

Plans were discussed as to obtaining Mrs. Weaver, Miss Van Pelt, Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Firth, Miss Glenn and Mrs. Mitchell as organizers.

Mrs. Hutchinson moved that if Owensboro complies with the conditions imposed that the convention meet there in November. Carried.

Mrs. Judah moved that the president be authorized to

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send an organizer to Owensboro two weeks in advance of the convention if she thinks necessary. Carried.

Miss Clay moved that the president and Mrs. Hutchinson be made a committee to decide on a speaker for the convention. Carried.

Mrs. Judah moved that the dates of the convention be November 5, 6 and 7, 1914. Carried.

Moved that this board consider the idea of erecting "The Suffragist Arousing Her Sisters" at the Panama Exposition without assuming any expense. Carried.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary.



Quotation from Minutes of Ky. E. R. A. for 1888. Part of Report of  
Fayette Equal Rights Association. for year 1888.

"Three petitions have been circulated, -the first one for a married woman's property rights bill; second one for woman Physicians in the Lunatic Asylms in the state, another for opening the Kentucky University to women. The Association was much gratified by their success in securing so goodly a number of signatures to all of their petitions. The Committee on the College petition, consisting of Misses Laura Clay, Mary S. Hamilton and Anna M. Deane, with a bundle of petitions and hearts full of zeal for the upbuilding of humanity, visited the Curators of Kentucky University while they were in session (June, 1888) Miss Laura Clay being chairman of the Committee, presented the petitions with an address short, earnest and to the point. Eight months afterwards the glad news was received that at the opening of the fall term women would be admitted to the University with equal privileges with the men."

Copy of Newspaper item of May 17, 1889. Sentinel-Democrat, Mt. Sterling.

"At a called meeting of the Board of Curators of Kentucky University on April 27 it was decided to admit women students to all the advantages of the institution. This action was the result of a petition presented last June by the Fayette Equal Rights Association. In response to this, a committee was appointed to consider the advisability of opening the University to women. Pres. C. L. Loos, as chairman of that Committee, corresponded with the authorities of more than twenty of the principal colleges in the United States - Howard, Boston University, Columbia, Cornell, Ann Arbor, University of Mississippi, etc., and the testimony was so overwhelming in favor of co-education, the resolution to open Kentucky University to women was carried by a unanimous, even enthusiastic, vote. An immediate appropriation was made for improvements to the college buildings to ac-

Nov. 14 1916

The Kentucky Equal Rights Association held a board meeting at the Louisville Womans Suffrage headquarters at the Weissinger Gaulbert, at ten o'clock Nov. 14, Those present were the president Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Clay, Mrs. South, Mrs. Hays, Mrs. Judah, Mrs. Alderson, and Mrs. McDowell. Invited guests were Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Leich, Mrs. Post, and Mrs. Whiteside.

The chair requested Mrs. McDowell to act as secretary pro tem and present the recommendations of the executive committee to the convention.

The president announced that Mrs. Rothair the 3rd vice president had offered her resignation. Mrs. Clay suggested that her resignation be referred to the convention. Minutes of meeting of March 27 were read and approved as read.

Minutes of July meeting were not read. The president announced the reason for her resignation was, that the National Association required state president to resign their local position when they were elected to the National.

President reported all money she had raised during the year.

Treasurer Mrs. Judah, reported that the Ky. E. R. A. had spent over \$5,000 this year, that the new budget should be at least \$5,000 with the addition of the \$1,000 pledged to the National; making 1916-1917 budget \$6,000 and in her letters she had stated treasurer reported.

Receipts 6184.06

Expenditures 5101.24  
Bal 1082.82

Mrs. Graham chairman of new constitution committee read the proposed new constitution Mrs. Graham moved that the articles of Incorporation and by laws, take the plans of the constitution and by-laws carried.

Miss Clay moved that the board recommend to the committee that the campaign chairman congressional chairman, and state member of National, be left out of the Articles of Incorporation.

Carried.

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Miss Clay moved that the board recommend to the committee that 2 auditors be on the board instead of 1. Motion lost.

Miss Clay moved that the board recommend to the committee that all of 2nd clause of Article III be dropped. Carried.

Mrs. Judah moved that the board recommends that to section V in by-laws, be added the words "vouchers issued by the president and filed, and the treasurer shall give bond, amount to be decided by board of directors. Carried.

Miss Clay moved that the board recommend section XII of by-laws be changed to allow the convention to designate the duties of the campaign chairman. Carried.

Miss Clay moved that the board recommend to drop out last line of section VIII By-laws "or requested of her by the National chairman. Carried.

Miss Clay moved that the board recommend that in Article III section 1 to omit all about "each local organization paying 25¢ for each delegate. Carried.

Mrs. Judah moved that the board recommend that all about dues be taken out and that each organization send one delegate for each \$3.50 paid, and no league to send more than 25 delegates.

Miss Clay amended Mrs. Judah's motion by striking out "25 delegates". Amendment carried.

Motion as amended carried. Mrs. Judah moved to recommend that the election of officers be on the morning of the last day of the convention instead of the second day as stated. Carried.

Miss Clay announced receiving as trustee for the Ky. Equal Rights Association, a legacy from Mrs. Susan Look Avery of \$500.

Mrs. McDowell moved that it be left to the convention to designate how this \$500 should be spent. Carried.

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Mrs. Judah announced that she had sold the bale of cotton, for which the Ky. E. R. A. had paid \$50. for \$80.

Mrs. Hays moved that the badges be given to the delegates instead of selling them. Carried

Mrs. Judah announced that she had her report as treasurer printed for the delegates to ban when she read her report.

Mrs. McDowell moved that the board allow Mrs. Judah to buy a pool folio for her papers. Mrs. McDowell moved that the board authorize its officers to carry out any legal proceedings in regard to filing of articles of incorporation. Carried.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Virginia R. McDowell

Signed - Mrs. Thomas J. Smith, Pres.