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OF
The Kentucky Equal Rights Association

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PLAN OF WORK COMMITTEE, Met Nov. 21, at 9 o'clock.

The Committee decided to recommend to the convention the following plan of work :

That we endeavor to obtain school suffrage for all women of the state, who can read and write the English language.

That we continue our efforts to obtain for mothers the co-guardianship of minor children.

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

That we continue our efforts to have a Dean of Women at the state college.

That we continue to make increase of membership our principle work for next year.

That the Executive Committee be empowered to employ a Field Secretary.

MORNING SESSION.

Convention opened at ten o'clock with Scriptural reading and prayer by the state president, Miss Laura Clay.

Voted that the program be made the order of business.

The chair appointed the following committees :

Credentials—Mrs. Alice Carpenter, Lexington; Mrs. Mary Light Ogle, Covington.

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Finance—Mrs. Isabel Shepard, Covington; Mrs. Mary Spencer, Covington.

Publications—Mrs. Emma Roebuck, Newport; Mrs. Mary B. Clay, Richmond.

Resolutions—Mrs. Hannah Spring, Newport; Mrs. Desha Breckenridge, Lexington; Prof. Wm. Giltner, Covington.

Courtesies—Mrs. S. T. Bagly, Ashland; Mrs. A. L. Eba, Cleveland.

Auditing—Miss Laura White, Ashland; Mrs. Mary Giltner, Ashland.

Report of Committee on Credentials read and accepted.

REPORT OF GENERAL OFFICERS.

President, Miss Laura Clay thanked the members of the convention of 1905 for the resolution approving of her remaining in Oregon and assisting in their campaign.

Voted that the convention as a body tender Miss Clay a vote of thanks for work done in Oregon.

1st Vice-President, Mrs. Mary B. Clay, told of work done at the last legislature.

Moved that the privilege of the floor be extended to all members of the Ashland Equal Rights Association and of any neighboring association, there present.

Report of Committee on Revision of Constitution, Miss Laura Clay, chairman.

Moved by Mrs. Isabel H. Shepard and seconded by Mrs. S. T. Bagly that the Treasurer be required to give bond. After discussion this motion was withdrawn.

Voted that the fiscal year terminate January 1st.

Voted that the report of the Revision Committee be accepted.

Voted that when the new state constitution is published, there be also published a proposed constitution for local association.

Voted that the Committee on Publications be empowered to make any verbal changes necessary.

Convention adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention resumed at 2 o'clock with Scriptural reading by the President and prayer by Mrs. T. H. Bullington, Ashland.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Mrs. A. M. Glenn welcomed the convention on behalf of the Ashland Equal Rights Association.

Mrs. T. H. Bullington gave an address of welcome from the local W. C. T. U

President, Miss Laura Clay, responded to the addresses of welcome and then gave her annual address.

The convention enjoyed a very pleasing recitation by Mrs. Robert Dicken of Ashland.

Mrs. Desha Breckenridge held the attention of the convention with a very interesting talk on school suffrage for women.

General discussion of school suffrage.

Voted that the chairman appoint a committee to promote interest in school suffrage for Kentucky women.

Voted that the suggestions of the Plan of Work Committee be considered seriatim.

Voted that we continue our effort to secure for mothers the co-guardianship of minor children.

Voted that we endeavor to have women appointed on the boards of all punitive, educational and charitable institutions.

Voted that we continue our efforts to secure a Dean of Women for the state college.

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

Voted to accept the recommendation, that the Executive Committee be empowered to employ a Field Secretary.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING, Nov. 22.

Plan of Work Committee met at 9 o'clock. Committee suggests the following:

That we resolve to keep the expenses of the Ky. E. R. A. within \$125.00, not including the free will offerings.

That the Press Superintendent be paid a salary of \$60.00, provided there are sufficient free will offerings.

Committee rose.

Convention called to order at 10 o'clock. Scriptural reading and prayer by the President.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

President appointed on the School Suffrage Committee: Mrs. Desha Breckenridge of Lexington; Miss Laura White, Ashland; Mrs. John Little, Louisville.

Moved that Miss Laura Clay, Lexington, and Mrs. Mary C. Roark, Richmond, be added to the committee.

Voted that the expenses of the Ky. E. R. A. be kept within \$125.00, not including the free will offerings

Voted that the Press Superintendent be paid a salary of \$60.00, provided there are sufficient free will offerings.

REPORTS OF LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Alice D. Carpenter, read reports from Fayette County E. R. A., Cambell County E. R. A., a letter from Mrs. Martha Hennen of the Hawesville E. R. A., also one from Mrs. Avery of Frankfort E. R. A.

Mrs. Bagly read report of the Ashland E. R. A.

Mrs. Agnes L. Eifert told the convention how the Ashtand E. R. A. secured the celebration of Peace Day by the public schools of Ashland.

Mrs. Isabel H. Shepard reported from Kenton Co. E. R. A.

Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin gave a verbal report from the 20th Century Club of Covington.

Mrs. Mary B. Clay read report of Madison County E. R. A.

The report of Treasurer, Mrs. Isabel H. Shepard was read and books placed in the hands of the auditing committee.

The convention then proceeded with the election of officers.

Voted that the Chair appoint Tellers.

Tellers appointed were: Mrs. Alice Bronston Oldham and Mrs. Drue Thomas.

The election resulted as follows:

President Miss Laura Clay, Lexington.

1st Vice-President, Mrs. Mary B. Clay, Richmond.

2nd Vice President, Mrs. Mary C. Cramer, Lexington.

Voted that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mrs. Mary C. Cramer, regretting her illness and consequent absence from the convention.

3rd Vice-President, Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin Covington.

Cor. Secretary, Mrs. Mary C. Roark, Richmond.

Rec. Secretary, Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck, Newport.

Treasurer, Mrs. Isabel H. Shepard, Covington.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Executive Committee met at 1.30 o'clock and decided to recommend:

The nomination of Mrs. Mary Light Ogle as Historian and of Mrs. Lida Calvert Obenchain for Press Superintendent.

Voted that the Executive Committee waive their privilege to select the place of the next annual meeting and submit the vote to the convention.

Committee rose.

Convention called to order at 2 o'clock. Scriptural reading by the President; prayer by Mrs. A. E. Colgrove.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Chair declared that nominations for delegates to the National Convention were then in order.

Mrs. Mary E. Giltner was nominated and elected member of the National Ex. Committee.

Delegates nominated were:

Miss Laura White.....	Ashland
Mrs. Mary L. Ogle.....	Covington
Mrs. Sarah Charles.....	Newport
Mrs. Mary B. Clay.....	Richmond
Miss Sophronisba Breckenridge.....	Lexington
Mrs. Isabell H. Shepard.....	Covington
Mrs. Agnes L. Eifert.....	Ashland
Mrs. Mary Spencer.....	Covington
Mrs. S. N. McLaughlin.....	Covington
Mrs. Alice B. Oldham	Lexington

Delegates elected:

Miss Laura White.....	Ashland
Mrs. Mary L. Ogle.....	Covington
Mrs. Sarah Charles.....	Newport
Mrs. Mary B. Clay	Richmond
Mrs. Sophronisba Breckenridge.....	Lexington
Mrs. Isabel H. Shepard.....	Covington

Voted that the remainder of those nominated as delegates go as alternates.

Alternates elected were:

Mrs. Agnes L. Eifert.....	Ashland
Mrs. May Spencer.....	Covington
Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin.....	Covington

Mrs. Alice B. Oldham.....Lexington
 Mrs. Emma M. RoebuckNewport
 Mrs. Alice B. Carpenter.....Lexington

Voted that the 1st alternate fill the first vacancy, the 2nd alternate the second vacancy, etc.

Voted that if, when the delegates arrive in Chicago, there is a vacancy, they be empowered to fill that vacancy with some member of the Ky. E. R. A. there present

Rev. Anna Shaw, our National President, announced to the convention that the people of Chicago will entertain all delegates to the National convention.

Voted that Mrs. Lida Calvert Obenchain be elected Press Superintendent for the following year.

Voted that Mrs. Mary Light Ogle be elected State Historian.

The convention received two invitations for the annual meeting next year. One from the Madisonville E. R. A. and one from the Madison County E. R. A.

Voted that we accept the invitation of the Madisonville E. R. A. Report of the Auditing Committee read and accepted.

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

Rev. Anna Shaw told the convention of the brilliant celebration of College Night at the National Convention at Baltimore, which was arranged by President M. Thomas of Bryn Mawr College.

Report of the Frankfort or Legislative Committee read by Mrs. Mary B. Clay and accepted.

Report of Press Superintendent, Mrs. Lida Calvert Obenchain read and accepted.

Report of Superintendent among Young People, Miss Anna B. Morgan, read and accepted.

Mrs. Mary Spencer of Covington made an appeal for Free Will offerings.

The Free Will offerings were:

Miss Belle Bennet	\$ 5 00
Mrs Sarah Bennett	30 00
“ Mary B. Clay.....	10 00
“ Mary E Giltner.....	5 00
“ Desha Breckenridge.....	5 00
Fayette Co. E R. A	5 00

Campbell Co. E. R. A.....	10 00
20th Century of Covington.....	5 00
Mrs Alice D. Carpenter	1 00
“ Alice B. Oldham	1 00
“ Mary Spencer	1 00
“ N. S. McLaughlin	1 00
Ashland E. R. A	2 00
Miss Laura White	1 00
Mrs. Lawrence	50

Total..... \$82 50

The convention enjoyed a very pleasing recitation by Mrs. Lydia Sersian

General discussion of the recommendation of the National Ex. Committee on Presidential Suffrage.

Leaflets on Church work were then distributed

Rev. Anna Shaw delivered an address to the convention on Peace and Arbitration.

Mrs. Margaret Sommers entertained the convention with a very amusing recitation.

An interesting paper on Child Labor, written by Mrs. A. M. Harrison and read by Mrs. Alice B. Oldham, aroused general discussion of the subject.

Report of Committee on Resolutions read and accepted.

Voted that the resolutions be read at the close of this evening's entertainment.

Voted that we approve of the acceptance by the National association of the badge shown.

Convention adjourned.

Executive Committee met immediately after the convention and made the following appropriations:

Officers traveling expenses.....	\$38 25
Rev. Anna Shaw's salary.....	58 00
Printing Programs.....	2 50
Printing of Minutes.....	25 00
Postage for Rec. Secretary.....	2 00
Postage for Cor. Secretary	2 00
Postage and Stationery for Press. Sup t.....	25 00
Salary of Press Sup't	50 00

Committee rose, EMMA M. ROEBUCK, Rec. Secretary.

EVENING SESSION, Wednesday Eve., Nov. 21, 1906.

The evening session was opened with a prayer by Rev. Wm. Dunn Ryan, this was followed by music, under the direction of Mrs. F. B. Poteet.

Judge W. J. Hampton gave an address of welcome in behalf of the city, which was full of good will and hospitality.

Mrs. John McElmurray read an address of welcome from the Kings' Daughters.

Rev. Anna Shaw then gave the address of the evening, which was a great treat, particularly so, as many of the Ashland people had never heard her before. Her sound arguments, interspersed with keen wit, kept her audience amused and entertained, while she instructed them.

After the lecture, members of the Ky. E. R. A., solicited names for membership in the Ashland association.

Thursday Eve., Nov. 22nd.

Rev. J. I. Wean opened this evening session with an invocation.

Mrs. W. A. Manning delighted the audience with a beautiful vocal solo and Prof. J. G. Crabbe followed with an encouraging address to the members of the Ky. E. R. A.

Rev. Anna Shaw delivered her most popular lecture, "The Fate of Republics." The audience was intensely interested and at the close one old gentleman, sitting away up in front, became very enthusiastic and striking his knee with his fist, remarked: "True, true, every word of it."

EMMA M. ROEBUCK, Rec. Sec.

ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER OF KENTUCKY E. R. ASSOCIATION JANUARY 1, 1906—JANUARY 2, 1907

To Balance, January 1, 1906.....		\$136 63
Free Will Offerings—1906—Mrs. Giltner	\$ 5 00	
Miss Clay	10 00	
Fayette Co. Ass'n.....	10 00	
Newport Ass'n.....	10 00	
Madison Co.....	10 00	
Miss Rugg	1 00	
Dr. Roebuck	1 00	
Miss Smith.....	1 00	
Dr. Southgate	1 00	
Mrs. Shepard	1 00	
	50 00	
Free Will Offerings—1907—Mrs. Bennett.....	\$30 00	
Miss B. Bennett.....	5 00	
Mrs. Eifert	1 00	
Ashland E. R. Ass'n.....	2 00	

Miss White.....	1 00
Miss Lawrence.....	50
Mrs. Spencer.....	1 00
Mrs. Breckenridge.....	5 00
Mrs. Carpenter.....	1 00
Mrs. McLaughlin.....	1 00
Mrs. Shepard.....	1 00
Miss L. Clay.....	10 00

63 50

Donations—

Jan. 1, 1906—Dec. 31, 1906—Mrs. M. B. Clay.....	\$4 60
Miss L. Clay.....	7 00
Frankfort E. R. Ass'n	75
Hickman “	25
Bowling Green “	20

12 80

Frankfort Committee returned.....	8 00
Miss Clay paid for Programs.....	2 50

Annual Dues from

Local E. R. Associations—Ashland.....(31).....	\$10 85
Bowling Green..(8).....	2 80
Frankfort.....(5).....	1 75
Hawesville.....(4).....	1 40
Kenton Co.....(4).....	1 40
Lexington.....(130).....	45 50
Newport.....(60).....	21 00
Richmond.....(69).....	24 15
20th Century...(86).....	30 10
Hickman.....(5).....	1 75

140 70

Total..... \$414 13

BY FOLLOWING DISBURSEMENTS

Frankfort Committee.....	\$ 25 00
Printing Minutes.....	20 00
Postage—Secretary (1906).....	2 00
Press Work.....	45 00
Salary (Free Will Offerings) Supt. Press Work.....	60 00
Miss Shaw—Lecture at Ashland.....	\$45 00
One half Traveling Expenses.....	13 00

58 00

Traveling Expenses of Officers—Miss Clay.....	\$7 00
Mrs. M. B. Clay.....	7 60
Mrs. Carpenter.....	7 00
Mrs. McLaughlin.....	5 55
Mrs. Roebuck.....	5 55
Mrs. Shepard..	5 55

38 25

Postage—Secretary.....	2 00
Printing Programs.....	2 50
Annual Dues of Kentucky E. R. Ass'n to National Ass'n.....	40 20

292 95

Balance January 2, 1907..... 121 18

Total..... \$414 13

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PRESS WORK.

I think no one can read the newspaper of this state without realizing that public sentiment is everywhere moving in the direction of "Equal Rights for All; Special Privileges for None." The resolutions adopted by the Kentucky Grange at its recent meeting in Lexington are a striking proof of this, and yet more striking is an editorial utterance of the Courier Journal, within the last month, recommending that the sphere of woman's influence be extended in order that she may have some supervision over our factories, our public schools, our insane asylums, and all other charitable and eleemosynary institutions--just what the Ky. E. R. A. has been striving for these many years.

I have now one hundred papers on my list. One third of these are edited by men who are in favor of Equal Rights or who are willing to hear both sides of a question, and gladly give place to our literature. From the other two thirds I have courteous promises to print an occasional article, but having no local press workers in the towns where these papers are published, I cannot tell whether their promises are always kept.

Last spring one of my editors wrote to me for information concerning the representative women of America. A young lady friend of his wanted the information for her commencement essay. I sent biographical sketches of Lucy Stone, Miss Anthony and other leaders of the suffrage cause, and I think one Kentucky girl must have had a good strong-minded essay.

Whenever a paper prints our articles with any regularity, I am pretty sure to hear from the opposition and this year I have had three nice little controversies in the Winchester *Sun-Sentinel*, the *Hart County News*, and the *Pikeville Republican*. I have kept no record of the special articles I have written, but I can recall from memory twelve, besides the articles written for the National Bureau. I also send to the National Press Department all items of Kentucky news, that have a bearing on suffrage.

Last winter, when our Co-Guardianship Bill was pending in the legislature I wrote to four editors asking them to say a word editorially in behalf of the bill and send a copy of the paper to their representatives. They did this, and whenever we are working for the passage of a measure, I believe the help of the press should be relied on and called out in this way.

The financial report is as follows :

Cash on hand at the close of last year.....	\$15 00
From Mrs. Shepard, May 1906.....	10 00
" " " July 1906.....	5 00
" " " September 1906.....	10 00
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Total.....	\$40 00
Expended for Stamps.....	\$25 00
" for Printing	1 50
" for Envelopes	10 00
" for Postal cards	3 50
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Total.....	\$40 00

Respectfully submitted, L. C. OBENCHAIN,
Supt. Press Work, Ky. E. R. A.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF ADVANCEMENT OF WOMAN'S WORK

Woman's work continues to advance in all walks of life. An Ohio woman, Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey, has achieved honorable distinction in the District of Columbia, by receiving the unanimous appointment as a member of the Board of Education from the justices of the District Supreme Court.

After 157 years the University of Pennsylvania has finally placed women on the same standing as men.

Mrs. Workman with her husband Dr. Workman, has gained fame as a mountain climber. They climbed Nun Kun, one of the secondary peaks of the Himalayas, reaching an altitude 23,000 feet.

These are but a few of the many ways in which women are excelling.

Respectfully submitted, ANNA B. MORGAN.

REPORT OF THE STATE MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF N. A. W. S. A.

The 38th Annual Convention of the National Womans Suffrage Association convened in Baltimore, February 3rd, 1906, in the Lyric Theatre. The first meeting was held by the Executive Committee at 9 A. M., and at 11 o'clock a council of State presidents. Mrs. Harriet Upton Taylor presiding.

The afternoon session was presided over by our National president Rev. Anna H. Shaw and Mrs. Emma Maddux Funk, president of the Maryland Suffrage Association, and who made the address of welcome. The response was followed by Dr. Annie Jeffreys of Portland, Oregon.

The reports of the corresponding secretary, Miss Kate M. Gordon, and of the headquarters secretary Miss Kate M. Hauser, so the preliminary business of the Convention was dispatched.

Then came the Governor of Maryland, Edwin Warfield with Mrs. Julia Ward Howe leaning on his arm, an enthusiastic applause broke from the large audience. Next came our beloved President Anna H. Shaw, and the world renowned Miss Clara Barton, the applause became tumultuous as each distinguished person was seated. But when our beloved and greatest of all women, dear Susan B. Anthony was reported in the city, and very ill, a gloom was cast over the entire convention. During the evening many were the tributes paid to the absent leader.

The response to the greetings were to have been made by dear Miss Anthony, and in speaking of her absence Dr. Shaw said "no one can take her place, for in all the world there is only one Miss Anthony, one Mrs. Howe and one Miss Barton." Miss Barton was introduced and was greeted with enthusiastic applause; her voice was very weak as was also Mrs. Howe's who followed, there was almost an intense silence to hear their feeble voices. Mrs. Howe said, "I am not going to preach, but give you a text: 'What came you into the wilderness to see,' not to see a reed shaken by the wind, but as the people who went to see John the Baptist you came to see the prophets. There are great changes from the past to the present. Mrs. Livermore, Lucy Stone and myself were held up as three old crows on a placard in a small town years ago. Mrs. Howe exhorted her hearers to follow straight on to the end; it will be a sweet one, not a bitter one, she said, and I hope it will come before I am gone."

In the afternoon addresses were made by many of the ladies of Maryland and by many others of different societies, who favor our cause and are doing a grand work.

Dr. Shaw said that through organizations women have come to understand each other better, and that "whether we are progressive or conservative we are working according to our rights for the greatest good of humanity. I might quote from many others, but time forbids." The meeting closed by prayer by Rev. Guillmee.

In the morning were reports of Standing Committees. The most interesting report in the afternoon was made by Mrs. Florence Kelly on the industrial problems effecting women and children throughout the country, and very little had been done by this feeble method in Maryland.

Mrs. Ella Steward made an address on "Tame Falacies," "Our Privileges," which caused much merriment by her allusions to some arguments brought against woman suffragists, that it would ruin her complexion, etc.

Mrs. Craigie gave an interesting report of the liquor traffic which is arrayed against the cause. Mrs. Babcock, Chairman of Press Committee reported, never before had there been such a demand for advance matters relative to our conventions as this year.

Miss Jane Adams of Hull House, Chicago, made a very interesting argument, bringing forth the reasons why women should vote, reviewing the history of women since she was compelled to go in factories.

The evening session was devoted to the consideration of women in history, women in politics etc.

The peace and arbitration was taken up. Mrs. Meade said it was the greatest question of all and the greatest problem of the day. The election of officers comes next and this means nearing the close; I will not give the names as they are familiar to you all.

TRIBUTE TO BALTIMORE --

We shall return to our homes from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean, from Canada to the Gulf, with many happy and affectionate recollections of Baltimore and its hospitable people. Miss Shaw gave of her many brilliant speeches interspersed with humorous anecdotes, such as she can only give. Thus closed the Thirty Eighth Annual Convention of the N. A. W. S. A.

Respectfully submitted, MARY E. GILTNER.

The celebration of Miss Anthony's birthday in Washington, D. C., was said to be a brilliant affair, it was her eighty sixth anniversary, many prominent persons spoke on this occasion and beautiful souvenir programmes, containing Miss Anthony's picture, together with a facsimile of her handwriting was presented to every one. Rev. Anna Shaw presiding. Many letters of congratulation were read from our President and other distinguished men of our Nation.

This last birthday will remain long in the memory of those present.

REPORT OF LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS.

FAYETTE COUNTY E. R. A.

The Fayette E. R. A. has held three meetings during the past year. The roll call at the first meeting showed a membership of

almost two hundred. Among the encouraging indications of public opinion is the attitude of the press towards woman's suffrage.

At the second meeting delegates to the State Convention at Ashland were elected. Program meetings were discussed and arranged for the coming year.

On November 16th a memorial meeting was held to Miss Susan B. Anthony. Miss Laura Clay presided and spoke feelingly upon the life and character of this great leader of the suffrage work. Other members spoke briefly on the same subject.

Several new members had been added at these meetings.

We desire to thank most cordially our two daily papers, the „Herald” and the „Leader” for their kind interest and assistance.

MRS. WELLINGTON PAYNE, Secretary.

MADISON CO. E. R. A.

Madam President and Ladies : —

Only a few days after our return from our delightful meeting at Newport, we were called together to hold memorial services for our departed friend and co-laborer, Miss Anthony. Her loss was indeed a bitter loss to the whole land.

The Sewerage Bond Bill, as it was known in our town, was submitted to the vote of the people. Our association met and appointed Mr. D. Parrish to investigate the matter and see if the council could not give the women the privilege of voting on this bill. He did so, but found council was not vested with such power. A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Parrish. Many of our men approved and were in hopes, this privilege could be granted us. We have had many new members and we hope our locals throughout the state will hold meetings and take an interest in every public issue in their town. Best wishes for a successful meeting.

Yours Respectfully MRS. K. S. WIGGINS, Sec.

ASHLAND E. R. A.

The Ashland E. R. A. has had a year of good work. Had seven well attended meeting. There seems to be an awakening responsiveness in the members and a good foundation for the work has been laid.

One of our members attended the Baltimore convention and came home full of enthusiasm. Our association was instrumental in having Peace Day observed in the public schools.

Our memorial meeting on the death of Miss Anthony was especially interesting.

Our appeal to our representatives in favor of the co-guardianship Bill was well received. We sent \$10.00 to the Oregon Fund.

We have taken the Woman's Journal and "Progress."

We trust our local ranks may be increased by the work of this convention and we feel that it is good to have you with us.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) W. H. BAGLEY, Pres.

(Mrs.) A. M. GLENN, Sec.

CAMPBELL CO E. R. A.

The Campbell Co. E. R. A. has held eight meetings this past year, one of which was a memorial in honor of the late Miss Susan B. Anthony. Many strangers and friends outside of the association attended this meeting.

Many of our members wrote to the representatives from this district in the legislature, urging them to support our bills.

We have distributed literature and asked for new members whenever possible.

Some of our members wrote to the candidates for Congress, asking if they were in favor of a 16th amendment to the constitution of the United States, allowing women to vote.

We continue adding new members, and have lost one by death and others by removal. Our membership is now 75 and we are sending six delegates to the state convention at Ashland and sent one representative to the National convention at Baltimore.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. A. J. STIMSON, Sec.

BOWLING GREEN, E. R. A.

Absolutely no work has been done except distribution of suffrage literature among the teachers of the public schools. They are very much interested and every paper sent is passed from hand to hand until every teacher has read it. They are anxious to have women on the schoolboard and the question of school suffrage for women interests them. Many of them knew nothing of the work of the E. R. A. in behalf of school suffrage and the leaflets sent were a revelation.

L. C. OBENCHAIN, Sec.

HICKMAN, E. R. A.

Mrs. Hubbard writes that they have held some meetings, but have done no other work. Sent dues for five members,

Many of the local associations sent dues, but no reports of work done.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Auditing Committee of the Ky. Equal Rights Association respectfully reports as follows:

Balance.....	\$136 63
Pledges.....	53 00
Dues received	123 00

	\$312 83
Disbursed	134 50

Balance for 1906	178 33
Pledges for 1907... ..	35 00

Total in Treasury	\$213 33

LAURA R. WHITE, Chairman,
MARY E. GILTNER.

The Committee on Resolutions offered the following:

Whereas, The House Joint Resolution 86 (now before the judiciary committee of Congress) which provides for the submitting to state legislatures an amendment to the constitution of the United States, giving women the right to vote, Therefore:

Resolved, That the Ky. E. R. A. urges upon the members of the judiciary committee, the duty of making a favorable report on joint resolution 86.

Resolved, That this convention request the delegates to use every opportunity to induce other organizations to send to President Roosevelt and members of the judiciary committee, resolutions and personal letters urging the passage of joint resolution 86.

Resolved, That the Ky. E. R. H. offer thanks to Secretary Bonaparte for the stand he has taken as to fair play towards women in civil service positions.

Resolved, That the Ky. E. R. A. thank the Ky. State Grange for the resolutions adopted at their state meeting indorsing full suffrage for women.

Resolved, That the Ky. E. R. A. thank the members of the last legislature for the passage of the bill raising the age of consent from 12 to 16 years.

Whereas, The Ky. E. R. A. believing it would be for the betterment of the moral and educational interest of the people, that the women have a voice in the government of the state, therefore be it

Resolved. That we ask the legislature of Kentucky at its next session to provide for the submission to the voters an amendment to the constitution, granting, with an educational qualification, full suffrage to women.

Resolved that the thanks of this Association be tendered to Judge William Hampton, Prof. J. C. Croake, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the King's Daughters for their words of kindly greeting and cordial welcome. Our thanks are especially due to Ashland E. R. A. for their generous hospitality and courteous entertainment and to all who so graciously contributed in any way to our pleasure and enjoyment.

Resolved, That this convention, as a body, express its deep regrets at the loss of our great leader, Miss Susan B. Anthony, who for so many years stood in the front for justice, right and liberty to all womankind.

Respectfully submitted,

HANNAH L. SPRINGS,
MADELEINE MCD. BRECKENRIDGE,
W. S. GILTNER.

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 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; ten 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 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 meet-

tings 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 or 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 cannot 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 thus 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.

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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 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 Associations.

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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