



MINUTES

OF THE

Sixteenth Annual Convention

OF THE

KENTUCKY
EQUAL RIGHTS
ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT THE

Spiritual Temple, Newport, Kentucky,

NOVEMBER 10, 1905.

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PLAN OF WORK COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, at its meeting on November 14, 1957, at the Spiritual Temple, Newport, Kentucky, considered the report of the Plan of Work Committee. The report was presented by Mrs. Mary T. [Name] and was as follows: The committee has obtained a list of all churches in the state and has contacted with the ministers of the same. It has also obtained a list of all schools in the state and has contacted with the principals of the same. It has also obtained a list of all public officials in the state and has contacted with the same. It has also obtained a list of all members of the state bar and has contacted with the same. It has also obtained a list of all members of the state legislature and has contacted with the same. It has also obtained a list of all members of the state judiciary and has contacted with the same. It has also obtained a list of all members of the state executive branch and has contacted with the same. It has also obtained a list of all members of the state legislative branch and has contacted with the same. It has also obtained a list of all members of the state judicial branch and has contacted with the same. It has also obtained a list of all members of the state executive branch and has contacted with the same. It has also obtained a list of all members of the state legislative branch and has contacted with the same. It has also obtained a list of all members of the state judicial branch and has contacted with the same.

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PLAN OF WORK COMMITTEE, 9 A. M.

Vice-President Mrs. Mary B. Clay in the chair.

The committee recommends the following plan of work to the convention.

That we endeavor to obtain school suffrage for all women of the state, who can read the constitution of the United States.

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

That we ask for Presidential suffrage for women.

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

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That we continue our effort to secure a Dean of women and the establishment of a department of Domestic Science at the State College.

That the officers of the Executive committee be appointed the Frankfort committee.

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

Committee arose.

MORNING SESSION.

Convention called to order at 10 o'clock by the Vice-President, Mrs. Mary B. Clay.

Prayer by the entire convention.

Moved that the program be made the order of business.

The Chair appointed the following committees:

Auditing—Mrs. Laura Spinks, Prof. W. S. Giltner.

Credentials—Dr. Louise Southgate, Mrs. F. C. Getz.

Courtesies—Mrs. Mary Giltner, Mrs. Sarah Charles.

Finance—Mrs. Mary C. Cramer, Mrs. Alice Carpenter.

Resolutions—Mrs. Mary B. Clay, Mary Giltner, Mary C. Cramer, H. L. Spring, Agnes L. Eifort.

Publication—Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck.

Work done by Executive committee the past year was reported and accepted.

Dr. Louise Southgate introduced the State Commander of the Lady Maccabees, Mrs. Thirzah Nelson, to the convention.

The courtesies of the floor were extended to Mrs. Nelson, and she addressed the convention.

REPORTS OF STATE OFFICERS.

President Miss Laura Clay, being absent working for the cause in Portland, Oregon, her report was read by the Vice-President, Mrs. Mary B. Clay.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

PORTLAND, OREGON, Nov. 2nd, 1905.

To Members and Delegates of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association in Convention Assembled, Greeting:

Though I am so far from you my heart is with you on this Convention day. I trust and believe that your deliberations will bear fruit in wise planning for the good of our cause during the coming year. I feel that in many details



our state work would have advanced more had she whom you chose as your chief officer spent the greater part of the year in the state. But Mrs. Upton, on whom the chief care of the National headquarters devolved, found it was more than she could well bear by herself, and it seemed expedient for the welfare of the work for me to go to Warren shortly after our last state convention, and I remained there till some time in April. Again, after the National convention in Portland, the demands of the campaign here were such that it seemed I could do my best service to our cause by remaining in this field. Always, however, I have had in my thoughts how to learn something to benefit our work in my own Kentucky; and I believe I have learned some things valuable enough to submit to you.

PROGRAMS FOR CLUBS. My observations in other states strengthen my conviction that we have adopted the right policy in our state by making organization very simple and by making increase of membership the principal object and duty of local clubs, leaving propaganda to be more effectively and widely accomplished by the press and the platform. It ought not to be necessary to convince Americans of the soundness of the fundamental principles of our government; and whatever may have been true twenty or even ten years ago, it is certain that now a large and intelligent class of our people are ready to admit that the evolution of society has reached the stage where the application of these principles should not be limited by sex. Our method assumes that to gather up and organize these persons is to wield a more powerful educative influence on public opinion than can be brought to bear by any other means at the command of a local club. Therefore we should adhere firmly to the policy which has been approved by several of our conventions that the sole obligation of membership shall be giving the name and paying the dues; and that attendance at meetings and other club work shall not be made a test of loyalty or usefulness. Nevertheless, it is true that club meetings are one of the elements of the intellectual life of the day and a desirable method of diffusing intelligence upon our movement; and where there is sufficient of this club spirit to do the necessary work without weariness, program meetings are much to be commended. Where clubs wish to have meetings, therefore, I wish to recommend the method and program of the Suffrage Club in Warren, which appears to me better adapted to our purposes than any I have seen elsewhere. It may be modified to suit circumstances, but in substance it is this:

A sufficient number of vice-presidents are elected to allow one for each one or two program meetings; it is the duty of each to select subjects for the program of her meeting, and to find persons who will prepare a five minutes' address on each topic. To ensure liveliness, no written paper is allowed, but each participant is obliged to speak without such aid. The vice-presidents preside in turn, each one at the meeting whose program she has prepared. The feature I particularly commend is that the topics are chosen from the topics of the day as reported in the newspapers and magazines and are intended to be a review of the principal happenings in the world from one meeting to another. A subject of continuous interest, like the Russo-Japanese war, would be allotted five minutes in each meeting; and then there would be four or five little



speeches on other subjects. After the program, any business in hand is transacted, and new members are reported by a standing committee on Membership, which includes, some time during the year, practically all the members; a new number being appointed each month. Nothing distinguishes the program from that of a Current Events club except that it is required at each meeting that something shall be said about woman suffrage. The latest news from the Oregon campaign, for instance, would be a fitting topic; or the announcement of the coming National convention in Baltimore. No one can belong to the club without subscribing to its woman suffrage principles and paying its annual dues; but visitors are freely invited and an invitation is extended to join the club. It will be seen that to listen to such a program well prepared would be a profitable afternoon for the busiest woman, who thereby could keep in touch with the topics of the day with less labor and expenditure of time than by reading at home; and there is constant opportunity for increasing membership among visitors attracted by the program.

REVISION OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION. The minutes of 1895, which is the only one which contains the constitution, are about exhausted; and I recommend that the constitution be revised before it is printed again, incorporating such changes as our experience approves. For this purpose, I suggest that the convention appoint a Revision committee, instructed to prepare a revision to be submitted at the next annual convention for acceptance, rejection or amendment.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION HELD AT PORTLAND. I trust the suggestions of the National convention will receive your careful attention; and that you will take appropriate action upon such portions of them as were referred to the state conventions. Kentucky was fortunate in having its delegation almost full at Portland, and I hope all those delegates are present with you, to report what was done and to convey the admirable spirit and enthusiasm which pervaded it. I rejoice that you have with you our beloved National President, and that you will be aided by her counsel in your decisions.

OREGON CAMPAIGN. I would not say all that is in my heart if I did not speak particularly of this campaign, which is the reason I am not present with you. We are filled with hope that here we shall win a great victory for the political freedom of women. All suffragists are personally interested in its success, as victory here presages swift victory elsewhere. Therefore we should be of one mind to do all we can to help. Mrs. Upton and Mrs. Catt will after awhile solicit financial aid from all the states; and I hope Kentucky suffragists will respond to their appeal with the generosity that has characterized our Association. And I myself beg that you will continually carry the thought of the campaign on your hearts and in your prayers, invoking the blessing of the God of liberty, who holds in his hand the purposes of all men and without whom no victory can be won.

With my best wishes for the lasting success of your consultations and for a prosperous and happy convention year, I am,

Your faithful and attached co-laborer,

LAURA CLAY.

Vice-Presidents Mrs. Mary B. Clay, Mrs. Mary C. Cramer and Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin each gave a short verbal report of work done in their locality.

Cor. Sec. Mrs. Mary C. Roark not present, having left the state.

Rec. Sec. Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck reported having heard from the associations of Fayette county, Madison county, Twentieth Century of Covington; Campbell county, Bowling Green, Frankfort, Louisville, Ashland, Hickman, Lancaster, Madisonville and Hawesville.

Treasurer Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard not being present sent a request, asking that as the books were always kept open until January 1st, the auditors appointed at the convention be instructed to audit the books the first week in January and their report attached to the Treasurer's report, and so appear in the printed minutes.

Report of committee on Credentials received and accepted.

Mrs. Graves and Miss Oliphant were introduced to the convention and the courtesies of the floor were extended to them.

Voted that the Treasurer's request as to the auditing of the books be granted.

Report of Mrs. Mary E. Giltner as member of the Executive committee of N. A. W. S. A. read and accepted.

Discussion of plan of work.

Voted that we continue our efforts to obtain from the legislature, school suffrage for all women of Kentucky who can read the constitution of the United States.

Voted that we petition the General Assembly to pass a bill for the co-guardianship of father and mother of minor children.

Voted that the members of the local E. R. A.'s write to the legislators of their counties and ask them to vote for the co-guardianship bill.

Voted that we ask the legislature for Presidential suffrage for women.

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

Voted that we continue our efforts to secure a Dean of Women and a department of Domestic Science at the State College.

Voted that the members of the Executive committee be appointed the Frankfort committee.

Voted that we make Increase of Membership the principal work for next year.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Plan of Work committee met at 1.30 o'clock, and decided to recommend that the Constitution of the State Association be revised and that the convention appoint a Revision committee.

That Miss Laura Clay, our state president, be chairman of Revision committee.

Committee rose.

Convention called to order at 2.30 o'clock.

Devotional exercises led by Miss Anna B. Morgan.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Mrs. Harriet Stanton was introduced to the convention, and courtesies of the floor extended to her.

The following local associations sent in reports of work done the past year.

Fayette County E. R. A.

Madison County E. R. A.

Campbell County E. R. A.

Louisville E. R. A.

Madisonville E. R. A.

Ashland E. R. A.

Twentieth Century Club.

Bowling Green E. R. A.

REPORTS OF SUPERINTENDENTS.

Report of Press Superintendent Mrs. Lida C. Obenchain read and accepted.

Report of Superintendent of Advancement of Women's Work, Miss Anna B. Morgan, read and accepted.

Letter was read from Mrs. Susan Look Avery, Superintendent of Literature.

Rev. Anna H. Shaw greeted by the convention.

Voted that Rev. Anna H. Shaw be made a member of the convention.

Voted that we proceed with the election of officers.

Miss Anna B. Morgan and Mrs. F. C. Getz were appointed distributing tellers.

Mrs. Agnes L. Eifort and Dr. Louise Southgate were appointed counting tellers.

The election resulted as follows :

President, Miss Laura Clay.

First Vice-President, Mrs. Mary B. Clay.

Second Vice-President, Mrs. Mary C. Cramer.

Third Vice-President, Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Alice Carpenter.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck.

Treasurer, Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard.

Voted that we nominate our delegates to the National convention by acclamation.

Member of the Executive committee of N. A. W. S. A., Mrs. Mary E. Giltner.

Delegates—Mrs. Mary C. Cramer, Lexington ; Mrs. Sarah Charles, Newport ; Mrs. Agnes Eifort, Ashland ; Mrs. John Burke, Newport ; Mrs. E. B. Johnson, Covington.

Alternates—Miss Sallie Daly, Lexington ; Mrs. Laura Spinks, Newport ; Mrs. E. M. Roebuck, Newport ; Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin, Covington ; Mrs. Mary T. Muggeridge, Newport.

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

Voted that if, when the delegates arrive at the National convention at Baltimore, there should be a vacancy among the delegates, they be empowered to fill such vacancy with some member of the Kentucky E. R. A. there present.

Rev. Anna H. Shaw addressed the convention and told of the good work being done in Oregon, and the very important part our state president Miss Laura Clay was taking in that work.

The free-will offerings made were :

Madison County E. R. A.....	\$10 00
Fayette County E. R. A.....	10 00
Twentieth Century Club.....	10 00
Campbell County E. R. A.....	5 00
Mrs. M. E. Giltner.....	5 00
Mrs. M. B. Clay.....	3 00
Mrs. Harriet Stanton.....	1 00
Mrs. Agnes Eifort.....	1 00
Dr. Louise Southgate.....	1 00
Dr. Katherine Roebuck.....	1 00
Mrs. M. C. Cramer.....	1 00
Mrs. Mary Smith.....	1 00
Miss Jennie Rugg.....	1 00

Total, - - - - \$50 00

Letter from Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton, the National Treasurer, was read urging all to work for a great increase of membership.

Voted that the constitution of the state association be revised.

Voted that Miss Laura Clay be appointed chairman of Revision committee, and that the selection of members be left to her.

Voted that the Revision committee report at the next annual convention.

Rev. Anna H. Shaw explained to the convention the different methods of voting for officers being considered by the National association.

Voted that the delegates from Kentucky to National convention go instructed to vote for a full representation.

Report of Resolutions committee read and accepted.

Minutes of afternoon session read and approved.

Adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

The evening meeting was opened with a prayer and an address by Rev. J. P. Whitehead. After two very delightful vocal solos by Miss Muggeridge and Miss Brookbank, Mrs. Mary B. Clay introduced Rev. Anna H. Shaw, President of National American Woman's Suffrage Association. Rev. Shaw is a most eloquent

speaker with a very pleasing personality. The subject of her lecture was *The New Man*, which was enjoyed by a large and enthusiastic audience. After the lecture, and during the rendition of two more musical numbers, three members of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association passed through the audience and fifteen names were obtained as new members of the Campbell County E. R. A.

**MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
SATURDAY, NOV. 11, 1905.**

It was decided to make the following appropriations:

Rev. Anna Shaw's salary.....	\$45 00
Stationery, stamps and typewriting for Press Superintendent.	50 00
Printing of Minutes.....	20 00
Officers' traveling expenses.....	11 70
Frankfort committee.....	25 00
	\$151 70

Voted that if \$25.00 is not sufficient for the Frankfort committee, they be allowed what is needed.

Voted that the Frankfort committee be allowed discretion as to which bill be urged most when before the legislature.

Committee adjourned.

EMMA M. ROEBUCK.

Recording Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1904-1905.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance last report.....	\$145 28
Pledges for 1905.—Mrs. Mary B. Clay.....	\$ 5 00
Mrs. Wellington Payne.....	5 00
Mrs. Roark.....	5 00
Mrs. Spinks.....	5 00
Mrs. Roebuck.....	1 00
Mrs. Stanton.....	1 00
Mrs. Shepard.....	1 00
Mrs. Charles.....	5 00
Mrs. Giltner.....	5 00
Mrs. Bennett.....	30 00
Miss Belle Bennett.....	5 00
	68 00
Donations.—Mrs. McLaughlin	\$ 80
Miss Laura Clay.....	25 00
Miss Laura Clay, donation for convention expenses, and redonated by Newport Ass'n for state work	25 00
	50 80
Pledges for 1906,—Mrs. Mary B. Clay.. . . .	\$ 3 00
Mrs. Stanton.. . . .	1 00
	4 00
Amount of Local Ass'n annual dues to State Ass'n.	
Ashland.....	17.....\$ 5 95
Bowling Green.....	7..... 2 45
Frankfort.....	5..... 1 75
Hawesville.....	3..... 1 05
Henderson.....	4..... 1 40
Catlettsburg.....	6..... 2 10
Kenton County Ass'n.....	3..... 1 05
Lancaster.....	5..... 1 75
Lexington.....	130..... 45 50
Hickman.....	6..... 2 10
Louisville.....	16..... 5 60
Ludlow.....	7..... 2 45
Newport.....	65..... 22 75
Nicholasville.....	4..... 1 40
Richmond.....	86..... 30 10
Twentieth Century Club, Covington.....	90..... 31 50
Madisonville.....	14..... 4 90
	—468 ——— 163 80
Amount overpaid by locals.....	2 05
Total.....	\$433 93

DISBURSEMENTS.

Miss Shaw, lectures at convention Nov. 1904.....	\$45 00
Programs for convention.....	2 50
Press Work.....	50 00
Salary (pledges) Supt. of Press Work.....	60 00
Salary, Corresponding Secretary.....	5 00
Delayed annual dues to National Association.....	70
Traveling expenses, 1904.....	10 60
Printing Minutes.....	20 00
Miss Shaw, lectures, November 1905.....	45 00
Traveling expenses, November 1905.....	11 70
Annual dues (1905) to National Ass'n.....	46 80
	————— \$297 30
Balance January 1, 1906.....	136 63
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Total.....	\$433 93

This report has been audited and found correct.

W. S. GILTNER, }
 E. M. ROEBUCK, } Auditing committee.
 (Acting for Mrs. Spinks.)

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PRESS WORK.

I have 90 papers now, 14 more than I had when I made my last report. I notice that in Mrs. Babcock's report at the convention in Portland, she recommends dropping a paper unless it publishes half the articles sent. If I were to do this my list would probably be considerably shortened. But it seems to me too exacting a measure at this stage of suffrage in Kentucky, and I continue to cling to any paper that once comes on my list unless the editor positively refuses to publish anything for me. It requires only two dozen cheap envelopes and 24 cents postage to send a paper two articles per month, and it seems to me it is worth this expense to get even three or four good suffrage articles in a paper during the course of a year. Moreover, I think an editor is very likely to read our literature even when he does not publish it, and a year's reading of such suffrage matter as we send must have its effect on the most prejudiced mind.

I have had two aims in view this year. One was to enlighten my editors as to the nature and purposes of the Kentucky E. R. A., the other was to make them feel that the Press Department is not a machine for sending out syndicated articles written by strangers, but that it has back of it a personality that watches every newspaper on the list, reads every newspaper that the editor sends, takes note of every suffrage article published, and is grateful for every courtesy an editor shows.

I found that many editors were wholly ignorant of the past work and future purposes of our association. I thought a perusal of the pamphlet, "What the Kentucky Equal Rights Association Has Done," would be advantageous, so

Miss Clay sent me a bundle of these pamphlets and I sent them to the editors with the request that they read them and write an editorial expression of their views as to the value of the work. I asked, too, if there was any part of the work they would like to see undone. Only four papers responded to my request, that is only four editors sent me papers containing the editorial I had requested. A few others may have written the editorial and failed to send me the paper containing it. This was rather disappointing, but as I have never seen any other editorial notices of the Kentucky E. R. A. than these four, I think it was worth while to send out the pamphlets. The *Hartford Herald* and the *Madisonville Graphic* expressed approval of our work and thought it would be better for the state if we concerned ourselves still more in public affairs. The *Graphic's* editorial was in large type and conspicuously placed. The *Jackson Hustler* devoted over a column to a consideration of the matter, praised us extravagantly for all we had done, but thought that the right of suffrage was too big a price for us to set on our labors, and that the men of Kentucky certainly would not pay it. Some day he will learn that we do not ask for our rights in the name of our good works, but in the name of justice.

The October number of *Progress* was so fine that I asked Mrs. Upton to send me 30 copies for distribution among my editors. Mrs. Catt's brief history of Woman Suffrage on the third page of the paper is something that every editor ought to keep on his desk to prevent his making such mistakes as the Hon. Grover Cleveland makes when he writes about woman suffrage. Mrs. Upton sent me the 30 copies of *Progress* free of charge, and I think it would be a fine plan to send *Progress* out regularly. I enclose it in the same envelope with my syndicate articles; as there is no writing, a one cent stamp carries both, and thus we distribute valuable suffrage literature without increasing the expense of the press work. *Progress* shows the world wide nature of the woman-movement, and its increasing strength, and when an editor realizes the magnitude of this movement, he will not be so quick to decline our literature. I blue-pencilled every copy of *Progress* to call attention to the most striking facts. For some weeks past I have been sending out postal cards asking the editors to send me an occasional marked copy to assure me that they are using our literature. The responses to these cards have been very gratifying, and many papers that I had been uncertain about have shown themselves faithful to their promises.

Nineteen hundred and seventy-four syndicate articles and pamphlets have been sent out this year. I have written fifteen special articles for the National press bureau, and for my individual papers. The Louisville municipal campaign has furnished me with many texts for little suffrage sermons which I hope to get into print when the excitement subsides and the papers have room in their columns for the words of a mere woman.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

For the year ending November 1, 1905.

Nov. 1, 1904.—Balance Press Work Fund on hand.....	\$ 5 00
Received during the year for Press Work.....	50 00
Total.....	\$55 00
Amount expended during the year for Press Work.....	40 00
Nov. 1, 1905.—Balance on hand.....	\$15 00

Respectfully submitted,

LIDA CALVERT OBENCHAIN,

Bowling Green, Ky., Nov. 7, 1905.

Supt. of Press Work, Ky. E. R. A.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF ADVANCEMENT OF WOMAN'S WORK.

In 1848, when the first Woman's Rights convention was held, men exclaimed in horror at the idea of women in public positions, saying it was against the ordinance of God. Yet in little more than a half century and against all sorts of obstacles, woman has successfully filled the positions of minister, lawyer, physician and teacher, and almost all occupations save that of saloon-keeper.

This last year equal suffrage resolutions were adopted by the American Federation of Labor, the Teachers' Convention at California, the Grangers of Kentucky, Ohio, Delaware and other states. And so the Advancement of Woman goes on, and will go on until she is a free American citizen, equal with her brother.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA B. MORGAN.

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

The Thirty-seventh annual convention of the National American Woman's Suffrage Association convened on June 28th to July 5th, 1905, in the First Congregational Church, Portland, Oregon.

The first meeting was that of the Executive committee, which was in secret session until nearly midnight on the evening of June 28.

Vice-President Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt presided.

Many questions were brought up and discussed.

The convention proper was called to order at 2 p. m. June 29th, by the president, Rev. Anna H. Shaw.

A greeting was received from Denmark, and many from our own country.

At the evening session an address was made by Rev. Anna H. Shaw. Portland certainly had a grand treat in her eloquent power for reasoning in advocacy of general suffrage.

Morning, June 30th, was given up to business. The afternoon was spent at the Fair grounds and a reception to Miss Anthony. The evening at the church was taken up with stirring speeches by many prominent people.

Sunday, July 2nd the pulpits of all the churches were thrown open to us, and many were filled by our prominent speakers.

On July 3rd, there were interesting speeches on the initiative and referendum, and how best to use the Press for equal suffrage.

Rev. Anna H. Shaw in her greeting to the Labor Unions, claimed that her members belonged to that party, as they were the hardest workers in the country.

The announcement that the equal suffragists would conduct a campaign in 1906 aroused quite an agitation, and in a very short time \$3,000 was pledged to conduct it. \$5,000 was raised in a very short time for the National work for the coming year, California leading all other states by giving \$850.00.

The Fourth of July oration was delivered by Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt and

was one of the most brilliant addresses ever delivered in the city. Miss Anthony read the Declaration of 1848, which was read that year by Elizabeth Cady Stanton in the first Equal Suffrage convention ever held, at Seneca Falls, N. Y.

I want to add to my feeble report that we have reason to believe our cause will be won in Oregon at the election next June.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. GILTNER.

REPORTS OF LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS.

THE FAYETTE COUNTY E. R. A.

The Fayette County E. R. A. has held three business meetings during the year. Miss Clay informed us at the first meeting that she would leave to spend the winter at Warren, Ohio, assisting the National association.

At the meeting on May 19, 1905, Miss Clay told us of her work at Warren, Ohio, and of the hopeful tone of all correspondence which came to the National headquarters from all parts of the country, and which showed a growing sentiment in favor of woman's suffrage. A petition was prepared at this meeting to be presented to the Board of Trustees of the State College, asking for the appointment of a Dean of Women and the establishment of a Department of Domestic Science. An invitation to join in the petition was extended to the W. C. T. U., the Daughters of the Confederacy, Daughters of the American Revolution and the Chatauqua Circle. All accepted.

At the meeting of October 18, 1905, Mrs. Mary C. Cramer and Mrs. Alice Carpenter were elected delegates to the state convention at Newport.

We have lost by death Mrs. Annie Overstreet. By removal we have lost one of our most earnest workers, Mrs. Mary C. Roark, whose wise counsel, broad ideas and executive ability will be sadly missed in our association.

We close the year with a feeling that more work has been done for our cause than ever before.

Our President, Miss Clay, is now in Oregon doing good work there.

MRS. WELLINGTON PAYNE, Secretary.

MADISON COUNTY E. R. A.

MADAM PRESIDENT AND LADIES :

The members of the Richmond association send you their greetings and good wishes for the coming year.

Immediately after the state convention at Lexington, last year, we held a meeting and our state president presided. She gave us a most delightful account of the work done and the interest manifested. This meeting was the most largely attended and most enthusiastic ever held in our town. A number of new members were added.

At this meeting two committees were appointed. The first for the purpose of calling on our Senator James B. McCreary, to solicit his interest in having the word "sex" eliminated from the Statehood bill, then in the hands of the Congressional committee. The committee met with fine results.

The second committee was instructed to frame a petition to Senator Beveridge, the chairman of the committee on the Statehood bill, asking him to have the word "*sex*" struck out. A most prompt and satisfactory reply was received.

At each of our meetings the past year we have enrolled new members, and women are beginning to realize that they are reaping benefits from the labors of the Equal Rights associations.

KATE ROSE WIGGINS, Secretary.

CAMPBELL COUNTY E. R. A.,

The Campbell County E. R. A. had very interesting meetings last year. Early in the year we circulated a petition which we sent with several hundred names to Senator Beveridge, asking him as chairman of the committee on Territories, to use his influence in having the word "*sex*" stricken from the Statehood bill.

We appointed a local Press Superintendent who is to communicate with the state Press Superintendent.

We have subscribed for the Political Equality Leaflets or *Progress* for each member of our association.

We have endeavored to have women placed on the boards of hospitals and charitable institutions.

We have circulated literature and added twenty-five new members to our club.

At our October meeting an invitation was extended to the Kentucky Equal Rights Association to hold its annual convention in Newport. This invitation was accepted. We send six delegates to the convention.

We feel that the future of our cause in Campbell county never looked as bright as now, and hope in the next year to gather many more within our fold.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA B. MORGAN, Secretary.

HOPKINS COUNTY E. R. A.

We have held one suffrage meeting, used the "question leaflet" and served refreshments. At our county fair I distributed three hundred pages of literature, and at a county Teachers' Institute where there were about 125 teachers present, I distributed again some 200 or more leaflets. I took part in a medal contest and won the prize by reciting one of the strongest suffrage pieces I could find. Our last work was to have Mrs. Susan Fessenden to deliver an address on suffrage at our court house September 16, 1905, paying her ten dollars for this service. We hope to have a better report for next year, the cause is growing in popularity.

Respectfully submitted,

October 12, 1905.

VIRGINIA FRANCEWAY, President.

CATLETTSBURG E. R. A.

On May 15th Miss Clay addressed a parlor meeting at the home of Mrs. A. F. Morse, and organized the Catlettsburg Equal Rights Association, with six

members. Mrs. James Patton, president ; Mrs. R. H. Kilgore, treasurer ; Mrs. A. F. Morse, vice-president ; Miss Mary E. Morse, Miss Grace D. Runyon, Mrs. James Hughes. Dues from six members have been paid. This year they have used the local portion of the dues for subscriptions for each member to *Progress* or the Political Equality series of leaflets.

TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB.

The Twentieth Century has held the usual meetings this past year, also one open meeting when new members were added. Has distributed some literature, and goes on increasing in membership. Our membership now numbers ninety.

BOWLING GREEN E. R. A.

The Bowling Green E. R. A. has done absolutely nothing but hold together, pay dues and distribute literature. Over a hundred copies of the *Woman's Journal* have been sent to the country where they will be circulated among many readers.

LIDA CALVERT OBENCHAIN, President.

ASHLAND E. R. A.

Last May when we learned that Mrs. Susan Fessenden, of Boston, was engaged to speak at Boyd County W. C. T. U. convention in our town, we decided to have her lecture also for our E. R. A., as we had read of her in our suffrage papers. Miss Clay came up from Lexington at the same time, and these two ladies revived our members, secured new ones and made converts to our cause.

Officers were elected as follows : President, Mrs. W. H. Bagley, Vice-President, Mrs. King, Secretary, Mrs. Glenn, Treasurer, Miss Laura White. Total paid membership is now seventeen. One of our members has been able to awaken considerable interest in various parts of this county and adjoining territory, as she is often called to speak for another reform organization which has in it a franchise department. Our plans for next year are as follows. To secure new members, some public speakers, and to advance our cause by means of the press if possible. A delegate, Mrs. Agnes Eifort, has been elected to attend the state meeting at Newport, and we hope to gain some inspiration and instruction from our Kentucky sisters by this means.

MRS. W. H. BAGLEY, Pres.

MRS. A. M. GLENN, Sec.

HICKMAN E. R. A.

Is still faithful and paid dues on six members.

LANCASTER E. R. A.

Sent no report but paid dues on five members.

FRANKFORT E. R. A.

The Frankfort E. R. A. has been unfortunate in the loss of their President, Miss Herndon. Has held no meetings but sent dues.

LOUISVILLE E. R. A.

Has held no regular meetings but has kept up an interest and paid dues on sixteen members.

DEPARTMENT OF DOMESTIC SCIENCE AT STATE COLLEGE.

At the May meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Agricultural and Mechanical College a hearing was given to representatives of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, the State Woman's Christian Temperance Union and Federation of Women's clubs, and the local Daughters of the American Revolution, the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Chatauqua Circle; and a petition was urged asking for the establishment of a chair of Domestic Science and the appointment of a Dean of Women in the college. The petition was heard with courtesy and interest; and in a few days afterwards information was given to the joint committee of the petitioners that the Board had taken measures to establish a Department of Domestic Science. This great advance in the educational and industrial opportunities of women is the encouraging result of years of petitioning. We must still wait for the appointment of a Dean of Women.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Officers present—First Vice-President, Mrs. Mary B. Clay of Richmond; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Mary C. Cramer of Lexington; Third Vice-President, Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin of Covington; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck of Newport.

Delegates present:—

Mrs. Alice Carpenter from Fayette County.

Mrs. Buchanan and Mrs. Kate Rose Wiggins from Madison Co.

Mrs. Agnes L. Eifort of Ashland.

Mrs. Mary Light Ogle, Mrs. L. D. Croninger, Mrs. Frank Loring, Miss Mary Hadcroft, Mrs. W. W. Trimble, Mrs. McIlvain, Dr. Louise Southgate, Mrs. Alonzo Graves, Mrs. F. W. Hardman, Mrs. M. E. Giltner, from Covington.

Mrs. F. C. Getz, Mrs. Ada Rich, Mrs. Rosina Stewart, Mrs. Sarah Charles, Mrs. Laura Spinks, Mrs. Hannah L. Spring, of Newport.

Superintendent of Woman's Work, Miss Anna B. Morgan.

Submitted,

DR. LOUISE SOUTHGATE,

MRS. F. C. GETZ.

The Resolutions Committee offered the following .

RESOLVED, That the discussion brought about by the article in the Ladies' Home Journal by ex-President Cleveland has proven beneficial to the woman's suffrage cause in every state.

RESOLVED, That we as Kentucky women appreciate the courtesy shown by the managers of the Lewis & Clark Exposition at Portland, Oregon, in setting aside a day in honor of Mrs. Abigail Scott Dunaway, a pioneer in suffrage work in that state.

RESOLVED, That we approve of our president remaining in Oregon, realing that the advance of our cause in any state is a benefit to us.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this association be tendered to the Spiritualist Society for the use of their Temple with its appurtenances, and to the ladies of that society, not members of the Equal Rights Association, who so kindly volunteered to assist at the luncheon.

RESOLVED, That our thanks be also tendered to the Campbell County E. R. A. for its cordial hospitality extended to us, and to any friends who have helped to make our meeting pleasant and profitable.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY B. CLAY, Chairman.

MARY E. GILTNER.

MARY C. CRAMER.

N. S. McLAUGHLIN.

H. L. SPRING.

AGNES L. EIFORT, Secretary,

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ORGANIZED BY DR. WOODS.

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Treasurer, Mrs. J. D. Smith, Jr.

Princeton. Committee of Ky. E. R. A. Organized.
Chairman, Mrs. John Templeman.

Madisonville E. R. A. organized with fifteen members.
President, Mrs. Virginia Franceway.
Vice-President, Mrs. H. H. Holeman.
Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. J. Bailey.

Henderson Committee of Ky. E. R. A. organized.
Chairman Mrs. J. W. Locket.

Hawesville Committee of Ky. E. R. A. organized.
Chairman, Mrs. Martha H. Hennen.

Cave City Committee of Ky. E. R. A. organized.
Chairman, Mrs. Lizzie Tucker.



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- Madisonville: E. K. A. organized with [unclear] [unclear]
President, [unclear]
Vice-President, [unclear]
Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. J. [unclear]
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Chairman, Mrs. J. W. Locker
- Hartsville: Committee of Ky. E. K. A. organized
Chairman, [unclear]
- New City: Committee of Ky. E. K. A. organized
Chairman, Mrs. Lizzie Locker

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