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REPORT

OF THE

Twenty-Fourth Annual Convention

OF THE

Kentucky Equal Rights Association

HELD AT

Louisville, Kentucky

November 20, 21 and 22, 1913.

"If ye abide in my Word * * * ye shall know the Truth, and
the Truth shall make you Free."

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PROGRAM.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20th—Masonic Theater, 8 P. M.

Addresses of Welcome:

For the Citizens of Louisville.....Mr. R. P. Halleck
For the Woman Suffrage Association of Louisville,
Miss Emma J. Woerner, Pres.
Response for the Kentucky Equal Rights Association,
Mrs. Desha Breckinridge, Pres.

Address: "The Importance of Woman Suffrage,"
Mr. Max Eastman, New York

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21st—Seelbach Auditorium.

9:30 a. m. Plan of Work Committee.

10:30 a. m. Convention opens.

Report of Executive Committee.....Miss Laura Clay

Reports of General Officers:

Vice President, Mrs. E. L. Hutchinson.
Second Vice President, Mrs. Mary C. Cramer.
Third Vice President, Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin.
Corresponding Secretary, Miss Laura Clay.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck.
Treasurer, Mrs. Warfield Bennett.
Auditor, Mrs. Lucy A. Nield.
N. A. W. S. A. Executive Committee Member, Miss Belle H.
Bennett.

Appointment of Committees:

On Credentials.
On Courtesies.
On Resolutions.
Subscriptions to Woman's Journal.

Reports:

Plan of Work Committee—Discussion.
Constitution Revision Committee.
From Local Leagues.

FRIDAY, 2:00 P. M.—Seelbach Auditorium.

Minutes.

President's Report and Recommendations.

Reports:

Prize Committee, Mrs. Ira L. Smith.
Education Committee, Mrs. Lee Bernheim.
Peace and Arbitration, Miss Laura White.
Church Work, Mrs. A. M. Harrison.
State Fair Tent, Mrs. R. A. McDowell.
Suffrage Parade, Mrs. John B. Castleman.
Fraternal Delegates.

FRIDAY, 8:00 P. M.—Seelbach Auditorium.

Work of Louisville Women for School Elections,
Mrs. Harry R. Whitesides
Reading: "In War Time," by the author, Mrs. Lida Calvert Obenchain
Introduction of Miss Harriet Vittum, Head Resident of Northwestern
University Settlement, Chicago, by the Rev. W. W. Landrum.
"The Illinois Victory and Women's Use of the Vote".....Miss Vittum
A SuggestionMr. Robert McDowell Allen

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22d, 10:30 A. M.—Watterson Hotel
Auditorium.

Minutes:

Report of Credentials Committee.
Reports from Institute Speakers.
Election of Officers and of National Delegates.

SATURDAY, 2:00 P. M.—Watterson Hotel Auditorium.

Minutes:

Forward Movement—Work of 1914.
Miscellaneous Business.
Report of Resolutions Committee.

SATURDAY, 8:00 P. M.—Watterson Hotel Auditorium.

Minutes:

"The Home Woman and the Ballot".....Miss Laura Clay
"Why Woman Suffrage".....Mrs. Desha Breckinridge

Adjournment.

TWENTY-FOURTH CONVENTION
OF THE
Kentucky Equal Rights Association.

The Twenty-fourth Convention of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, meeting in Louisville, was called to order Friday, November 21st, at 10:30 a. m., with the President, Mrs. Desha Breckinridge, in the chair.

In the absence of Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck, Mrs. C. B. Semple was appointed Recording Secretary *pro tem*.

"NEWPORT, KY., November 19, 1913.

"My Dear Miss Clay:

"You can never know how very sorry I am to have to tell you I *can not* attend the convention. I had not given up all hope of going until today. Have been better for several weeks until just a day or two ago and now I must keep quiet again. I was particularly anxious to go, as this is my *last* convention when I should be Secretary. I hope you will give my dear love to all my suffrage friends and tell them all my thoughts and prayers will be with them during the convention. I think it is 12 years since I was first elected Recording Secretary and I want to say I have enjoyed every bit of the work. I want you, please, to thank the Association for me for the confidence they have shown in making me their Secretary for so long and for the unfailing kindness I have ever received from them all.

"I am enclosing two letters which I received in reply to some I was instructed to write at the last convention. They will explain themselves. The one from dear Mrs. Farmer is very interesting and I thought that perhaps some of the older members who knew her would be pleased to have it read to them at the convention.

"I can not say what the Newport Association has done, as I have not been able to attend their meetings. I usually collected most of the dues, but, of course, have not done so this year. I know we have about 150 enrolled members.

"Won't you please write to me after the convention and tell me what was done, as I am just as much interested as ever and hope in a short time to be able to take an active part again.

"With a great deal of love and best wishes for a successful convention, I am,

"Very sincerely,
"EMMA M. ROEBUCK."

"Thanks for the minutes and leaflets. May I have a few more copies, please? I vote 'yes' for Mrs. Freeman."

Miss Clay presented the report of the Executive Committee, which upon motion was accepted by the convention. The reports of the Second and Third Vice Presidents were presented verbally by these officers and accepted.

Report of Corresponding Secretary was as follows:

The work of the Corresponding Secretary was principally in the lecture field. She and Mrs. Breckinridge were at the Mississippi Valley Conference at St. Louis in April as representatives from Kentucky. At the conference the Kentucky representatives purchased a share of stock in the Woman's Journal for \$100 for the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, the money to be raised by personal subscriptions. This has been done, the contributors being Mrs. Breckinridge, Miss Laura Clay, Mrs. Jas. Bennett, Mrs. John D. White, Miss Laura R. White, the Ashland E. R. A. by Miss White and Mrs. Lida C. Obenchain.

During the summer and fall Miss Clay made a series of addresses partly under the auspices of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, the Federation of Woman's Clubs and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. In the tour the places reached included Richmond, Shelbyville, Cave City, Bowling Green, Russellville, Adairville, Hopkinsville, Owensboro, Henderson and Hawesville, also Georgetown, Carlisle, Morefield, Cynthiana and Mt. Sterling. At Shelbyville, Cave City, Henderson and Owensboro she was able to organize leagues or committees and she obtained names of suffragists at other places.

Respectfully submitted,

LAURA CLAY.

Report ordered received and filed.

The report of the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Suffrage Conference in St. Louis in April 2-4 was made by Miss Clay. At this meeting \$10.00 had been pledged by the Kentucky representatives, Mrs. Breckinridge and Miss Clay, towards the expenses of the conference. On motion of Mrs. Castleman this amount (ten dollars) was appropriated to meet this pledge.

The following committees were appointed by the President: Mrs. Halleck, chairman of Committee on Credentials; Mrs. Judah, Mrs. Hubbard and Mrs. Miller, the Committee on Resolutions; and Mrs. Louis Becker, a Committee on Subscriptions to the Woman's Journal. Mrs. McLaughlin presented the report of the Plan of Work and Executive Committee meeting held at 9:30 a. m. as follows:

It was decided that vacancies in the Board occurring during the year were filled by the Board only till the meeting of the convention and this convention should fill existing vacancies; that the Board ratified the payment of the expenses of Institute workers.

Miss Clay, chairman of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution, made a report of the amendments suggested by Mrs. Leech and Miss Laura White to bring the Constitution of the Association into harmony with the Articles of Incorporation of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association. Miss Clay suggested that since a new Constitu-

tion was proposed for the National American Woman Suffrage Association which might alter its present terms for auxiliaryship and offer to its branches several forms of alliance to itself the convention should empower a suitable committee to act for it in choosing the form of this alliance after the National Convention in Washington, and incorporate the resulting changes, if any, in the Constitution of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association before the printing of the minutes. Action upon these suggestions was deferred until a later time.

Reports of active work and of propaganda in the Teachers' Institute and churches were made by representatives from Hardin, Meade, Shelby, Warren, Franklin and Mason County associations.

The morning session adjourned.

The convention came to order at 2 p. m., the President in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved as corrected.

A report of the Campbell County League, presented by Mrs. Breckinridge, was followed by the motion that a vote of thanks be sent Miss Alice Nealans and the Campbell County Association for the writing, printing and distribution of the leaflet presented by this Association and written by Miss Nealans.

The President's report was made and accepted.

REPORT OF THE KENTUCKY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 1912-13.

The attention of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association in the previous years of its existence has been devoted to obtaining better laws regarding women and children. When it was organized in 1888 a married woman had no rights in her own children. She could not make a will. Her husband could collect her wages and came into practical possession of her property on marriage. The husband and wife inherited, there being no children, unequally from each other, the husband, of course, being more tenderly regarded by the law. The age of consent was twelve years. We have now a co-guardianship bill, a married woman's property bill, making husband and wife practically equal; the age of protection has been raised, women physicians are required in the women's wards of State hospitals for the insane, and many other excellent laws for the protection of women and children have been passed. A woman's dormitory, a dean of women, a department of home economics and other things have been obtained for the girl students at our State University. Kentucky obtained practically the first compulsory school law and the first juvenile court law of any Southern State, as she has the most advanced child labor law. She has a law limiting the hours of women in industry. She has gotten school suffrage for women able to read and write. This and many other laws have been obtained by the women of the Equal Rights Association working with the women and men of other organizations.

ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP.

In the past year the Association turned its attention to organization and membership. We are in the "pink tea" stage of suffrage as compared to the work our predecessors had to do, but in organization we are as yet very new. At the annual meeting of 1912 we numbered 11 local leagues with 1,779 members. At the annual meeting of 1913 we were able to report that we had fully organized leagues in 20 counties, chairmen in 21 and membership in 24 others; a total of 65 counties entered out of the 120 counties of the State. The total of the membership report the day before our meeting closed was 4,452. Several hundred have been reported since. We confidently expect to have 5,000 by the first of January.

PUBLICITY WORK.

Our most important publicity work has been getting out and paying for a plate page on suffrage. Supplied to one hundred newspapers through the State, there is little doubt that in almost every case this material will be used, because it is in such convenient form. Additional news items have been sent out in plate form without expense to us. The city papers have been pretty well supplied with suffrage matter, some of them printing weekly columns devoted to suffrage.

SUFFRAGE PARADE.

At the Perry Centennial Celebration in Louisville in the fall our suffrage organization availed itself of the privilege sought and given to have a suffrage section. The parade was not large in numbers, but it was beautiful and very effective. I believe it was the first suffrage parade south of the Mason and Dixon Line.

FAIR TENTS.

We maintained tents at the State Fair in Louisville, the Bluegrass Fair in Lexington and the Germantown Fair in Mason County and a rest room at the McCracken County Fair. Literature was distributed at several other fairs and chautauqua meetings. Nearly a thousand new members were gotten at our tent during the week of the State Fair.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS REACHED.

An address on suffrage was made at the annual meeting of the Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs. The Federation thereafter gave its endorsement to woman suffrage. Speakers on suffrage were afterward offered to the local clubs of the Federation, and a number have availed themselves of this privilege. Addresses on suffrage were made at the meeting of the State Press Association and of the State Farmers' Institute, both important bodies of men to be reached, and at the meeting of County Superintendents of Education and School

Supervisors. We failed to get on the program of the Kentucky Educational Association, but a tent was pitched in an adjoining yard in Louisville. Suffrage addresses were made by prominent men at every recess hour during the meeting; suffrage supplies were sold and much literature was distributed to the teachers. We are already invited to appear on the program of next year's meeting.

An especial effort was made to reach the teachers through addresses on suffrage to teachers' institutes. Nearly 50 counties were reached in this way, some of them remote mountain counties where there was no railroad connection to the town at which the institute was held.

SCHOOL SUFFRAGE LAW.

Our right to vote, under the law obtained in 1912, on all school questions, except that of State Superintendent of Education, a constitutional office, was questioned by the Attorney-General. A test suit was brought by the Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs, but it was thrown out by the Court of Appeals and the right settled only for the women of the county in which the suit was brought. A second suit was brought in Anderson County, backed by the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, and, just a few weeks before the election, it was settled by the Court of Appeals that the law passed over a year and a half ago gave us every right it had tried to give us, and a much fuller measure of school suffrage than is possessed by the women of most other States that have not the full suffrage. Some results were that five more women county school superintendents were elected than ever before, and that a million-dollar bond issue for school buildings was carried in Louisville.

LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES.

Between the primaries and the November election a letter was sent to every candidate for the Legislature and to all hold-over legislators stating that a bill asking a constitutional amendment granting full suffrage to Kentucky women would be presented at the coming session, January, 1914. We asked that these gentlemen consider the subject and stated that through the kindness of Mrs. S. M. Hubbard, of Hickman, Ky., each would receive the Woman's Journal during a period of four months. A letter to those elected and other literature is to follow this.

EDUCATIONAL WORK.

Ten-dollar prizes have been given by the Kentucky Equal Rights Association in five of the colleges of the State for the best suffrage essay or address; and in many of the high schools and secondary schools of the State these have been written in response to a suggestion from our Educational Committee. In both cases we have supplied the necessary literature.

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS FROM ABROAD.

We were especially fortunate in that the Peoples' Forum, a men's organization for educational and cultural purposes, brought to Louisville our distinguished president, Dr. Shaw, for an address on suffrage. During the year we have had also addresses on suffrage in Louisville and Lexington from Mrs. Philip Snowden, London, Eng.; from Mr. Max Eastman, of New York; an address in Louisville from Miss Harriett Vittum, Head Resident Northwestern University Settlement, Chicago; and two addresses from Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman in Lexington.

HOME SPEAKERS IN OTHER STATES.

The officers of our Board have made more than two dozen speeches on suffrage in other States: Virginia, Tennessee, Missouri, Indiana, etc.

Our Association participated in the Mississippi Valley Conference at St. Louis. It also subscribed \$100.00 for a share of stock in the Woman's Journal.

PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

I should like to recommend the following things to local leagues for the coming year's work:

That each league should have a Press Committee of one or more persons to see that frequent suffrage items appear in the local newspapers.

That each league have an Education Committee, one of its duties being to see that there is a competition for the best suffrage address or essay in the local schools. This committee should co-operate with the State Education Committee; but as the State committee furnishes literature only for high school students, the local league might offer small money prizes both in the high schools and in the grade schools, and furnish literature to the pupils of the latter.

That each league furnish a speaker to the teachers' institute in its own county, and to other counties in the neighborhood, if possible, notifying the State president, however, that this will be done, since she will again try to supply speakers for all institutes not covered by local leagues; that in any case the local league furnish literature for distribution at teachers' institutes.

That each local league maintain a tent or booth at its county fair or, at least, distribute literature and get membership cards signed. Good missionary work may usually be done at fairs in adjoining counties.

That every possible effort be made by each league to get every qualified woman elector in the county to use her ballot in the school elections. This is possibly our most important duty at present. If there are federated clubs in the county, it should be done in co-operation with the federated clubs, for this was primarily the work of the

Federation, and it is hoped that it will continue its interest in the school work.

The non-dues-paying basis of membership is advised and a house to house canvass, trying to get every adult man or woman in the county to sign a suffrage card. Literature should always be left whether or not the card is signed. These two things, non-dues-paying basis and personal solicitation of every person in the legislative district, are the vital methods of the Woman Suffrage Party plan, which is hereby warmly recommended.

MADELEINE MCDOWELL BRECKINRIDGE.

Committee on Education, Mrs. Bernheim, chairman, reported the work of the committee since its formation in February. 283 letters had been sent to the high and secondary schools of the State. Fifty-seven replies were received asking literature and expressing the intention of introducing the subject of suffrage as themes or debates in the schools.

The financial report of this committee is as follows:

Received from State Association.....	\$30.00
Expenditures	17.36
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Balance	\$12.64

This balance, used for further work in meetings where speakers on suffrage could be heard, was increased by contributions received at various meetings to \$29.04. Of this \$22.69 was expended for literature, printing, etc., leaving a balance of \$6.35, which was turned over to Mrs. McDowell for use in the State Fair booths.

Miss Vittum, of Chicago, was asked to the platform and the courtesies of the floor extended her.

The motion was made and carried that the courtesies of the floor be extended to all fraternal delegates.

Miss Laura White, chairman of the Committee on Peace and Arbitration, presented a report of the progress of this movement.

Mrs. R. A. McDowell reported the work at the State Fair tent, which resulted in the signing of 1,100 new members.

The financial statement of this committee is as follows:

Receipts	\$75.72
Expenditures	73.02
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Balance	\$ 2.70

which has been returned to State Treasurer.

REPORT OF IDA W. HARRISON, COMMITTEE ON CHURCH
WORK TO KENTUCKY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.

Addresses have been made before the following education agencies:

Eastern Kentucky Normal at Richmond.
State Institute of County Superintendents at Frankfort.
Institute of Breathitt County Teachers at Jackson.
Institute of Fayette County Teachers at Lexington.
Young Women's Christian Association at State University.
Young Women's Christian Association at Transylvania University.
Woman's Club of Central Kentucky at Lexington.
Frankfort's Woman's Club.
Covington Woman's Club.
Suffrage Banquet at Covington.
Mason County Suffrage League:
 At Maysville.
 At Dover.
 At Washington.
 At Minerva.
 At Beasley.

Four of these meetings were held in Christian churches. Shelby County Suffrage League at Shelbyville.

In addresses before churches and religious conventions, I have emphasized the essential and fundamental unity of women's organizations, and that all came into existence from the same impulse, and all are a part of a general and world-wide movement. I have therefore urged a recognition of the nobility of their mutual aims and a closer co-operation between them.

I have conducted for two years a page called *Modern Womanhood* in the *Christian Century* of Chicago, a widely-read, weekly paper in the church to which I belong. During the past year I have written fully twenty articles for it on Woman Suffrage, besides a number of other articles bearing on the social, educational and economic conditions of women and children.

Mrs. J. B. Castleman reported the Suffrage Parade of the Perry Centennial in October. The expense incurred had been met by individual members of the Louisville Association.

Reports of local associations were presented by representatives from the Louisville Association, Bell County League, Ashland Association, Harrison, Madison, McCracken and Daviess counties.

Announcement was made of the appointment of Miss Flexner as correspondent of the *Woman's Journal*.

Miss Linda Neville announced that the Social Hygiene exhibit may be borrowed by any local association upon application to Dr. Trawick, Atherton Bldg., Louisville.

The chairman presented a letter from Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont expressing her regret at her inability to accept an invitation to be present at the convention and enclosing a check for \$200.00 for use in the State work.

The request was made that the names and addresses of all officers be sent State headquarters, together with information as to number of members, meetings, etc., and subscriptions to the Woman's Journal.

Submitted, K. G. SEMPLE,

Recording Secretary pro tem.

A meeting of the Convention was held Friday evening, November 21st, at 8 p. m.

The following program was presented:

Work of Louisville Women for School Election,

Mrs. H. R. Whitesides

Reading: "In War Time," by the author,

Mrs. Lida Calvert Obenchain

Miss Vittum, head resident of Northwestern University Settlement, Chicago, introduced by Rev. W. W. Landrum, spoke on "The Illinois Victory and Women's Use of the Vote."

The meeting then adjourned.

The convention was called to order Saturday, November 22d, at 10:30 a. m., the president in the chair. The minutes of the meetings of Friday, November 21st, were read and approved with one addition.

The Committee on Constitution Revision made its report and recommended that in order that Article IV, Section 4 of the By-laws of the Constitution may be in accord with the Articles of Incorporation, it is moved that Section 4 of Article IV be stricken out and the following substituted:

"ARTICLE IV.

"SECTION 4. Counting from the convention of 1913, the terms of office of the President, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor shall be extended one year, making a term of three years from their election; and the term of all officers elected at the convention of 1913, except the Member of the Executive Committee of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, shall expire in 1915, in order that the term of office of the seven officers which the Articles of Incorporation of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association specify as officers of that Corporation shall be three years in multiples from 1903.

"The President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected in 1915 and every third year thereafter; the Auditor in 1914 and every third year thereafter and the Member of the Executive Committee of the National American Woman Suffrage Association in 1913 and every third year thereafter.

"No officer shall be eligible for the same office for two consecutive terms."

On motion the recommendation was adopted.

Mrs. J. B. Castleman moved that a Committee on Nominations be appointed. Carried.

The Chair appointed the following Committee on Nominations: Mrs. Castleman, Mrs. Hubbard, Mrs. Lowry and Miss White.

Mrs. Rudy moved that the convention instruct the Secretary to apply at once to the Kentucky Educational Association for a place on their program for a suffrage speaker. Carried.

Miss Clay offered the following resolution and moved its adoption: That the Kentucky Equal Rights Association request Kentucky United States senators and representatives in Congress to endeavor to secure to women citizens the right of voting for United States senators and representatives by appropriate national legislation. The resolution was adopted.

The Fayette Equal Rights Association reported for the past year 788 members.

The president supplemented this report by the statement that this Association has assumed the rent of the State headquarters for a year. Mr. R. McD. Allen addressed the meeting and outlined several plans for furthering the work for equal suffrage. Emphasis was laid upon the suggestions that 100 members be secured who would agree to give \$25 each to secure financial and other support from physicians and school teachers, the establishment of a central bureau and to petition legislative representatives.

Following a discussion relative to the motion by Miss Clay, Mrs. R. P. Halleck moved that letters be written to Kentucky Senators and Representatives in Congress explaining that the resolution asking for power to vote for national representatives is urged because this power resides now with them and a constitutional amendment would require time. And further that all opinions setting forth the power now resident in our representatives be sent them with the letters.

The motion was carried.

Mrs. Bennett stated that she would pay all expenses of printing and sending this resolution to the Congress. Mrs. R. P. Halleck presented the following report of the Committee on Credentials:

County.	Credential Committee Votes.	Present.
Madison	10	5
Warren	2	2
Jefferson	12	12
Meade	2	1
Mason	2	1
Franklin	2	2
Shelby	2	1
Fayette	11	6
Kenton	11	2
Hardin	2	1
Boyd	3	2
Daviess	2	1
Anderson	2	1
Woodford	2	1
14	65	38
Officers	5	
Committees	3	
	73	

The Committee on Nominations, Mrs. Castleman, Chairman, presented the following list of nominees: First Vice President, Mrs. E. L. Hutchinson; Second Vice President, Mrs. Charles Firth; Third Vice President, Mrs. J. B. Judah; Recording Secretary, Mrs. C. B. Semple; Member National Executive Committee, Mrs. T. J. Smith. The report of the Committee on Nominations was upon motion accepted. Mrs. Semple expressed her regret at her inability to serve as recording secretary.

The motion was made and carried that the nominee for Recording Secretary be elected, and in the event of her resignation, the vacancy to be filled by the Board.

Miss Ballard and Mrs. Bernheim were appointed tellers.

Mrs. R. A. McDowell was nominated Recording Secretary from the floor.

The motion was made to reconsider the motion to elect Mrs. Semple, Recording Secretary. Carried.

The tellers reported the following nominations:

Mrs. Hutchinson for First Vice President.

Mrs. Firth, Second Vice President.

Mrs. Judah, Third Vice President.

Mrs. R. A. McDowell, Recording Secretary.

Mrs. T. J. Smith, Member National Executive Board.

The motion that the informal ballot be made formal and the nominee declared elected followed the announcement of each nomination and was carried.

The election of delegates to the N. A. W. S. Association convention was by acclamation from the floor and resulted as follows: Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Firth, Miss Clay, Mrs. Nield, Mrs. John-

son, Mrs. Cramer, Mrs. Hutchinson, Miss Ballard and Mrs. S. Thruston Ballard. It was moved and carried that all other names appearing in a list submitted to the meeting by Nominating Committee be elected alternates.

It was moved and carried that alternates fill vacancies as in the order named.

It was moved that any vacancy occurring in the delegation when in Washington should be filled by the president. The motion carried.

Mrs. Breckinridge presented the report of the Prize Committee. The report stated that five colleges had accepted the invitation to hold debates and that five prizes had been sent these schools.

Mrs. Firth extended the following invitation:

The Kenton County Equal Franchise Association extends a cordial invitation to the Kentucky Equal Rights Association to hold its twenty-fifth annual convention in Covington.

There being no further business, the meeting stood adjourned.

KATE G. SEMPLE,

Recording Secretary pro tem.

KENTUCKY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 22, 1913, MEETING.

Called to order by the president at the Watterson Hotel at 2 o'clock.

Minutes of morning meeting were read by Mrs. Semple, Secretary *pro tem*, and approved as read.

Miss Clay, as Member of the Committee on Constitution, moved that the convention delegate to the Board of the Association the power to choose the form of the alliance of the State Association with the N. A. W. S. A. and to change the name of the Executive Committee if necessary to conform to the National Constitution. Carried.

Miss Clay moved that the convention express its sympathy to Miss Roebuck in her illness.

The Treasurer's report was made as follows, to-wit:

REPORT OF MRS. W. C. BENNETT, TREASURER OF THE
KENTUCKY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION FOR 1913.

1913.

Jan. 30.	Received from Mrs. Roebuck, Acting Treasurer, to cash	\$ 805.68
	To deposit in Phoenix and Third Nat'l Bank, Lex- ington, Ky., from Mrs. Roebuck.....	308.00

Donations.

Jan. 30.	From Miss Laura Clay.....	9.45
	“ Mrs. M. B. Clay.....	5.00
Apr. 3.	“ Mrs. H. C. Bungler.....	5.00
May 2.	“ Mrs. W. F. Shoemaker.....	1.00
Nov. 1.	“ Mrs. Mary Cecil Cantrill.....	5.00
Sep. 24.	“ Miss Laura White.....	10.00
Oct. 3.	“ Miss Hast	5.00
Oct. 25.	“ Mrs. Belmont	200.00
Oct. 25.	“ Mrs. Jas. Bennett.....	5.00
Dec. 20.	“ Mrs. S. M. Hubbard.....	300.00
Dec. 20.	“ Mrs. Bergman	5.00
Dec. 20.	“ Louisville Suffrage Association.....	5.00
Dec. 20.	“ Mrs. J. B. Castleman (President's Fund) ..	25.00
Dec. 20.	“ Mrs. Jas. Bennett.....	25.00
Dec. 20.	“ Mrs. T. J. Smith.....	5.00
Dec. 20.	“ Madison County E. R. A.....	50.00
Oct. 14.	Dues Kenton County E. R. A.....	35.00
Oct. 16.	“ Madison County E. R. A.....	35.00
Nov. 1.	“ Louisville Suffrage Association.....	25.00
Nov. 15.	“ Campbell County E. R. A.....	4.50
Nov. 24.	“ Warren County E. R. A.....	3.50
Nov. 24.	“ Mercer County E. R. A.....	3.50
Nov. 24.	“ McCracken County E. R. A.....	3.50
Dec. 2.	“ Harrison County E. R. A.....	3.50
Dec. 2.	“ Meade County E. R. A.....	3.50
Dec. 2.	“ Boyd County E. R. A.....	7.50
Dec. 2.	“ Hardin County E. R. A.....	3.50
Dec. 2.	“ Franklin County E. R. A.....	2.50
Dec. 2.	“ Anderson County E. R. A.....	3.50
Dec. 2.	“ Shelby County E. R. A.....	3.50
Dec. 2.	“ Daviess County E. R. A.....	3.50
Dec. 2.	“ Mason County E. R. A.....	3.50
Dec. 2.	“ Fayette County E. R. A.....	35.00

Sale of Supplies, Etc.

Sep. 24.	Sale at Bluegrass Fair.....	8.20
Oct. 1.	“ at State Fair.....	67.52
Oct. 25.	“ by Mrs. Breckinridge.....	2.00
Nov. 15.	“ by Mrs. Breckinridge.....	2.20
Dec. 2.	“ by State Convention.....	70.52
Dec. 2.	“ of “Woman's Journal” at Convention.....	3.90
Dec. 2.	“ by Mrs. McDowell.....	3.75
Dec. 2.	“ by Mrs. McDowell at State Fair.....	2.70
Dec. 24.	“ by Mrs. Breckinridge.....	21.78
	Unidentified cash	4.50
Jan. 1.	To interest on Savings Bank Account.....	7.10
July 1.	“ “ “ “ “ “	19.72

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Jan. 30.	Paid to	Mrs. Bernheim.....	\$	30.00
Jan. 30.	"	Mr. Estes (Organizer).....		16.80
Jan. 30.	"	Mrs. Breckinridge		150.00
Mar. 4.	"	Mr. Estes (salary).....		75.00
Mar. 4.	"	Mr. Estes (salary).....		8.22
Apr. 1.	"	Mr. Estes (salary).....		10.32
Apr. 5.	"	Mr. Estes (salary).....		75.00
Apr. 18.	"	Mrs. Gelhorn (Miss. Valley Conference) ..		10.00
Apr. 18.	"	Miss Woerner		10.28
Apr. 28.	"	Mrs. A. M. Harrison.....		2.05
Apr. 30.	"	Mrs. Ira L. Smith (prize money).....		50.00
May 20.	"	Miss Woerner		6.00
July 28.	"	Mrs. L. F. Becker.....		1.75
July 28.	"	Mrs. A. M. Harrison.....		2.50
Aug. 2.	"	Miss O. L. Adams.....		25.00
Aug. 14.	"	Miss Laura Clay.....		31.34
Aug. 18.	"	Mrs. L. F. Becker.....		4.98
Aug. 18.	"	Wm. Obenchain		4.25
Sep. 3.	"	Mrs. R. A. McDowell (State Fair).....		50.00
Sep. 3.	"	Mrs. R. A. McDowell.....		4.00
Sep. 11.	"	Mrs. Murray Hubbard.....		7.00
Sep. 11.	"	Mrs. Breckinridge		20.00
Sep. 11.	"	Southern Tent & Awn. Co.....		7.00
Sep. 11.	"	Mrs. Fayette Johnson.....		2.00
Sep. 11.	"	J. M. Byrnes.....		22.00
Sep. 23.	"	Mrs. McCormack (Nat. Dues).....		36.00
Sep. 23.	"	Miss O. L. Adams.....		50.00
Sep. 23.	"	Mrs. Chas. Weaver.....		9.25
Sep. 23.	"	Mrs. McLaughlin		1.45
Sep. 23.	"	Wolf Wile & Co.....		3.00
Sep. 23.	"	Mrs. Breckinridge		39.87
Sep. 23.	"	Mrs. Breckinridge		33.92
Oct. 7.	"	Mrs. Breckinridge		31.60
Oct. 10.	"	Mrs. McCormack (additional dues).....		70.00
Oct. 23.	"	Mrs. Firth		1.65
Oct. 27.	"	Mrs. Breckinridge		36.69
Nov. 14.	"	Mrs. Breckinridge		8.85
Nov. 14.	"	Mrs. A. M. Harrison.....		5.80
Nov. 14.	"	Mrs. J. A. Mitchell.....		4.75
Nov. 14.	"	Miss O. L. Adams.....		12.25
Oct. 7.	"	Transylvania Printing Co.....		42.50
Oct. 25.	"	Mrs. C. M. Freeman.....		7.50
Oct. 25.	"	Miss Alice Lloyd.....		.75
Dec. 15.	"	Miss Laura Clay.....		10.80
Dec. 15.	"	Western Newspaper Co.....		150.00
Dec. 20.	"	Transylvania Printing Co.....		20.00
Dec. 20.	"	Mrs. Breckinridge		42.92
Dec. 24.	"	Mrs. Breckinridge (convention expense) ..		86.58
Dec. 24.	"	Mrs. McCormack (Nat. Dues 1914).....		100.00
Dec. 31.	"	Miss Harriet Vittum.....		18.00

Total receipts \$2,167.52
 Total disbursements 1,449.62

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Balance on hand January 1, 1914.. \$ 717.90

Mrs. Bernheim reported amount collected during the Twenty-fourth Convention to be \$54.14. Report accepted.

The Resolutions Committee reported a set of resolutions which, after minor changes, were on motion of Mrs. Cramer adopted and read as follows:

"Be it resolved, That we, the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, in convention assembled, extend thanks to the Convention and Publicity League of Louisville for its courteous invitation to hold the Twenty-fourth Annual Convention in this city and for providing the several places of meeting.

"To the five daily papers of Louisville for the courtesy extended the Association before and during this annual meeting.

"To the Kaufman-Straus Co. for the use of special office, stenographer and delivery of all publicity matter.

"To the Misses Bruce and the Stewart Dry Goods Co. for furniture and decoration for stage at the Eastman lecture, and Booker & Kinnard for insurance protection of same.

"To the Louisville Woman's Suffrage Association for its excellent preliminary work, and to the public for its contribution to the cause of Suffrage.

"Be it resolved, That each delegate to this Convention take back to her local organization the instruction that effective propaganda can only be made through individual effort and by constant reminders of VOTES FOR WOMEN, such reminders as wearing official button and stamping checks and letters VOTES FOR WOMEN.

"Be it resolved, That in order that all suffragists may have a wider knowledge regarding the workings of recent legislation, they become at once readers of the *Woman's Journal*, which gives authentic suffrage information.

"Whereas, All of the people of Kentucky are promised full protection under its laws and as half of the people, the women of Kentucky, are not receiving and can not receive this protection without the ballot, *be it resolved,* that justice demands that the interest and assistance of all men and women of Kentucky be brought to bear upon the lawmakers to influence them to give the voters of Kentucky the opportunity to say whether the women of this Commonwealth shall have the legal right to vote.

"Be it resolved, That the Kentucky Equal Rights Association uses every effort to secure from the General Assembly in 1914 the submission of a Constitutional Amendment, giving to the women of Kentucky full suffrage.

"Be it resolved, That complete State organization be effected to the end that it shall be prepared to render efficient service in the passage of the bill.

"Be it resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to each member of the Legislature and to the press throughout the State.

"EMMA J. WOERNER,

"MRS. MURRAY R. HUBBARD,

"MRS. LUTHER WILLIS,

"MRS. JACOB B. JUDAH, *Chairman.*"

The Board nominated the following chairmen: Miss Laura White, Peace and Arbitration; Mrs. A. M. Harrison, Church Work. On motion of Mrs. Semple the nominations were approved and the chairmen were duly elected.

Mrs. Cramer moved that the Prize and Education Committee be consolidated and placed under the chairmanship of Mrs. Lee Bernheim. Carried.

Motion was made that a State Press Committee be created with the President *ex-officio* chairman. Carried.

On motion of Mrs. Bernheim it was decided to create a standing committee on finance. Mrs. Lucy A. Nield was named as chairman and authorized to fill the committee.

It was moved that the Executive Board should constitute the Legislative Committee and be authorized to form its own working organization. Carried.

Mrs. Bennett, at the request of Mrs. Nield, moved the formation of the "President Fund," to be made up of subscriptions of \$25.00 each for this convention year, and that Lucy Adams Bayless be accepted as the first subscriber. Carried.

The following subscriptions were then made to said fund:

Mrs. John B. Castleman.....	\$25.00
Mrs. James Bennett.....	25.00
Mrs. Laura White.....	25.00

Mrs. Semple moved that the Board employ paid organizers. Carried.

Free will offerings were made toward regular expenses by:

Mrs. James Bennett.....	\$5.00
Mrs. W. H. Bagby.....	5.00
Mrs. John D. White.....	5.00
Mrs. Harry Whitesides.....	5.00

On motion the meeting adjourned.

KENTUCKY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF NIGHT MEETING NOVEMBER 22, 1913.

Meeting called to order at the Watterson Hotel at 8 o'clock by the President.

The minutes of the afternoon meeting were approved, after a change suggested by the President in her plan of work.

Miss Clay addressed the convention and friends on "The Home Woman and the Ballot."

Mrs. Breckinridge spoke next on "Why Woman Suffrage."

A collection was taken and Mrs. Bernheim reported the amount to be \$16.13.

Pledge from Kenton Equal Franchise Association \$5.00. Paid by Mrs. A. D. Bergman \$5.00. Reported by Mrs. R. A. McDowell as Chairman of Supplies, receipts from sale of supplies \$4.75.

No other business. The meeting adjourned.

REPORT ANDERSON COUNTY WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE
LEAGUE.

On July 17th Mrs. Breckinridge spoke to the Anderson County Teacher's Institute. Thirty cards were signed and a county chairman appointed. The next day, which was the last day of the Institute, a meeting was called and a league organized with six officers. Miss Laura Clay addressed the farmers on county court day, August 18th, The membership was increased to fifty-five. By her advice and encouragement one of our members, Mrs. Lee Campbell, decided to enter the race for county superintendent on the Independent ticket. The President of the league and Mrs. Campbell went to the county clerk and asked if there would be any difficulty about getting the separate ballots issued for the women to vote. He hesitated and then said he would like to consult the county attorney. We waited some days and, not hearing from him, we again asked his intentions and were informed that the county attorney advised against the issuing of the ballots. We asked for his refusal in writing, which he at once gave. In our league were several lawyers and they were all asked to serve in the case, but engagements of various kinds prevented all but one, Mr. W. P. Marsh, who is so interested in the cause that he offered his services free of charge and devoted a great deal of time and thought to the case. He drew up a mandamus, which was served on Mr. County Clerk to force him to issue the ballots. He again refused and the case was tried before Judge Marshall, who took pains to state he did not believe in Woman's Suffrage, but the law was so plain he could not render any decision, except in favor of the issuing of the ballots. The case was carried to the Court of Appeals. The case was considered by the entire court and the most favorable decision rendered. In the meanwhile the league had a committee to visit every house in the town limits to urge the women to register. Speeches were made all over the county and for two days before the election the county attorney and one former State Senator in an automobile went to every precinct in the county urging the straight ticket; or, in other words, not to vote for Mrs. Campbell, as she was the only outside candidate. The day of election two of her women friends took their automobiles and spent the day in taking women to the polls that had no other way of getting there. A few were on the streets, near the polls, but at four o'clock when the polls closed not a woman was on the streets! Their work was done and they hurried home to await the result and also to impress the community with the quiet and dignified manner in which the first election in which women had ever participated in the county was conducted. Since then the men have only had words of praise for us.

At noon we were discouraged, as there seemed so little interest in the race, but in the afternoon the women poured forth and the men in open-mouthed amazement wondered where they all came from. Every one became enthusiastic and we realized we had won! Mrs.

Campbell was elected county superintendent by 148 majority. In the count the men elected the present incumbent, but the women's vote saved the day and elected a woman whom we do not doubt will prove the very best school superintendent Anderson County has ever had. 438 women in the county voted—97 for the man and 341 for Mrs. Campbell. She led the ticket, getting more votes (1,131) than any other candidate. Our league meets once a month on county court days and we are planning an educational campaign, as we believe only the people who *don't understand* are opposed to Woman's Suffrage.

WALLACE M. BARTLETT, *President*.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ASHLAND EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.

President.....Mrs. C. M. Freeman, 34th and Winchester Ave.
 Vice President.....Mrs. J. W. King, 814 E. Carter Ave.
 Secretary.....Mrs. W. H. Bagley, 603 E. Winchester Ave.
 Treasurer.....Mrs. Scott Colegrove, 716 E. Bath Ave.

1. Number enrolled since last convention.....	200
Number enrolled previous to last convention.....	100
2. Paid membership	15
3. Number of Women's Journal.....	6
4. Women registered	450
Women voting	466

We sent \$3 to the Washington Suffrage Parade.

SARAH T. BAGLEY, *Secretary*.

Madam President and Members of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association:

The Franklin County Equal Rights Association held its initial meeting on March 17, 1913, at the home of the President, Miss Rebecca Averill. At which meeting the officers were elected, Constitution adopted and the wheels started for the work in Frankfort.

In May we gave a luncheon at the Frankfort Hotel for Mrs. Snowden, of England, which was attended by about 60 guests.

Dr. Powell, of Louisville, made us an address at the Capitol Hotel in the summer, which was quite a success in point of interest shown and number of attendance. A few weeks ago at our regular meeting we were addressed by Miss Van Pelt, of Cincinnati, on "The Evolution of Woman." Our Association has offered a money prize to the debating society of the Frankfort High School for the best address on "Woman's Suffrage." Later we expect to take up other work and use every effort to forward the movement. Our roster shows thirty-four members with cards out which promise an increase.

Respectfully submitted,

MISS LENA BENTON, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF LOUISVILLE WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION
FOR OCTOBER, 1912, TO NOVEMBER, 1913.

The Association has as far as possible followed the line of work suggested by the State Association.

Regular monthly meetings of the Association open to the public were held from October through May. At these meetings Mr. Duncan-Clarke, Mrs. Desha Breckinridge, Rabbi Rausch, Mrs. R. P. Halleck, Miss Ruth Sapinsky, Mr. Leon Lewis, Mrs. Ethridge Fulks and Miss Laura Clay were speakers on such topics as "Direct and Indirect Influence in City Affairs," "Child Labor at Home and Abroad," "The Juvenile Court and Board of Children's Guardians," as well as on more distinctly Suffrage subjects.

Dr. Anna Shaw, following her address before The People's Forum, was the guest of honor at a tea for members of the Association.

For propaganda, Suffrage talks were given at many of the Parent-Teacher associations, following up the work for School Suffrage of last year at a quarterly meeting of the W. C. T. U. and other organizations. The Woman's Club devoted one afternoon to the discussion of "Why We, the Women of Kentucky, Need Suffrage." Out-door meetings were held during the convention of the Kentucky Educational Association, at which many of our prominent men spoke. At this meeting Suffrage supplies were sold and many thousand leaflets distributed.

Last year a class in public speaking was organized which expects to do more and better work this winter.

The President of the Association spoke at Owensboro early in the spring and was sent by the Association as a delegate to the Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs in convention at Middlesboro.

We are happy to report a membership of 1,300 over 450 of last year.

We are planning a campaign for new members and for permanent headquarters—a place where Suffrage literature may be obtained, small meetings called and Suffrage enthusiasm kindled.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA J. WOERNER, *President.*

REPORT OF KENTON COUNTY EQUAL FRANCHISE
ASSOCIATION.

OFFICERS.

President	Mrs. Chas. Firth
First Vice President	Mrs. Chas. Waite
Second Vice President	Mrs. M. B. Reynolds
Third Vice President	Mrs. Mary Light Ogle
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Katharine Blauvelt
Corresponding Secretary	Dr. Louise Southgate
Treasurer	Miss Lide Fant
Auditor	Miss Mildred Hartke
Members of Association	125
Number of Woman's Journals	20
Press Committee	} Mrs. J. S. McLaughlin } Mrs. Murray Hubbard

Respectfully,

KATHARIN BLAUVELT.

The West Point League was organized September 1, 1913, with Mrs. Ada L. Bunger, Chairman; Mrs. Mamie Rickitts, Secretary; Mrs. Lizzie Wathen, Treasurer. Our membership is composed of fifty-five members, all of whom are the substantial people of our community.

MRS. ADA L. BUNGER.

REPORT OF HARDIN COUNTY LEAGUE.

Fifty-five members here. Twenty-nine members in addition gotten by Miss Addams for Hardin County League. Total, 84.

REPORT OF FAYETTE EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.

The Fayette Equal Rights Association agreed to pay the rent of State headquarters to January, 1914.

In the spring the Fayette Equal Rights Association, with the State Equal Rights Association, brought Mrs. Philip Snowden, of England, to Lexington. No admission was charged, but a collection was taken, resulting in \$25 and a great many membership cards were signed.

We contributed \$5 to the State Equal Rights Association in the test case through the courts to prove that women could vote in the race for county superintendent.

In August we had a Suffrage tent during the entire week of the Bluegrass Fair, gaining more members.

On the night of the 3rd of November, Mrs. Charlotte Gilman spoke at the Ben Ali Theatre. No admission was charged, but a collection was taken, resulting in \$37.67, besides obtaining 91 new members.

In January, 1912, we had 380 members; at the present we have 788.

REPORT OF WARREN COUNTY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.

Miss Clay visited us last spring at the Methodist Church.

At Mrs. Ira L. Smith's request, we arranged for a Suffrage contest at the Bowling Green Business University and at the State Normal. The papers read by the students of the latter and the orations delivered at the University were of a high order of merit and made many converts.

Literature was distributed at the farmers' chautauquas.

LIDA CALVERT OBENCHAIN,
President, Warren County Equal Rights Ass'n.

OWENSBORO, KY., November 12, 1913.

The Daviess County Equal Rights Association was organized April 30, 1913. Miss Laura Clay in the chair. The officers elected:
President Mrs. Katherine Rudy
First Vice President Mr. L. S. Petit
Second Vice President Mrs. Wm. Rudd
Third Vice President Rev. J. A. Gallaher
Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Virginia Duncan
Recording Secretary Mrs. Mary H. Dean
Treasurer Mrs. J. D. Hays
Post-office addresses of all officers—Owensboro, Ky.

Numbers of members 107
Number of meetings 6
Number of Woman's Journals 2
Number of voters ascertained 3

Distribution of literature, the organization of an association at Utica and two lectures by Miss Clay comprise the special work.

Mrs. Rudy will attend the convention at Louisville; Mrs. Rudd will probably attend.

Respectfully submitted,
MARY H. DEAN, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF MASON COUNTY WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

OFFICERS.

President Miss Alice Lloyd, Dover
Vice President Miss Amy Phister, Maysville
Recording Secretary Miss Florence Wilson, Maysville
Corresponding Secretary Miss Darlington Fee
Treasurer Mrs. T. M. Russell, Maysville
Press Committee { Miss Alice Lloyd
Mrs. Eugene Merz, Maysville
Mrs. A. R. Quigley Maysville

The historic Germantown Fair was to hold its fifty-ninth annual session August 27th to August 30th and the newly-formed Mason

County Woman Suffrage League chose for its first activity, having a tent on the fair grounds.

Our distinguished ex-President, Miss Laura Clay, spoke on the first day of the fair. On the second day Hon. A. D. Cole, of Maysville.

On October 9-10-11, under the auspices of the Mason County Woman Suffrage League, Mrs. A. M. Harrison made a whirlwind campaign in the northern part of the county, speaking at five points and everywhere securing a good hearing and good results. At these meetings literature was distributed and new names enrolled.

Of the 241 names on our roll only 79 were secured at public meetings. The remainder were secured by personal work, though, doubtless, the seed that later bore fruit were sown by the public speakers. Too much can not be said in acknowledging the helpfulness of the four newspapers in the county. They have encouraged us to call on them for space by publishing everything we have offered them.

The league has on its roll 92 men, lawyers, physicians, ministers, editors, public officials, bankers, merchants, farmers, salaried men and day laborers. There are 86 married women of all ages from brides to grandmothers eighty-three years young, representing all phases of our complex life. We have 63 unmarried women from the debutante, just out of school or college, to the mature teacher and business woman.

We have not yet organized our men's advisory committee, but we hope soon to do so.

We want to offer prizes for the best essays on Woman Suffrage in our county high schools; we want to place in our public library books that will make possible intelligent preparation of papers dealing with the feminist movement and the duties of citizenship and to organize study clubs in Political Science, Civil Service Reform, Woman in the Industries and kindred subjects.

If at the State Convention in 1914 we shall be able to report part of this programme carried out, the Mason County Woman Suffrage League will count itself not to have been born in vain.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE LLOYD, *President.*

REPORT OF THE BELL COUNTY LEAGUE FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Miss Laura Clay and Mrs. Desha Breckinridge, of Lexington, Ky., organized the Bell County League for Woman Suffrage in Bell County, June 14, 1913.

On June 16, 1913, the league was called to order by the President, Mrs. J. T. Alderson. The following officers were added:

Mr. Chas. E. Herd, First Vice President.

Mr. Arthur Rhorer, Second Vice President.

Mrs. Denta C. Whitsett, Secretary-Treasurer.

Mrs. E. H. Helburn, Corresponding Secretary.

On July 8th the league indorsed Mrs. Anna Montgomery, of Pineville, Ky., for county school superintendent.

We have five subscribers to the Woman's Journal, thirty-eight members of the Bell County League and \$1.50 in the treasury.

Four hundred women voted in Bell County in the fall election for county superintendent and school trustees.

MRS. DENTA C. WHITSETT,
Sec.-Treas., Bell Co. League for Woman Suffrage.

REPORT OF HARRISON COUNTY WOMAN SUFFRAGE LEAGUE.

On August 21st Mrs. Desha Breckinridge made an address before the Harrison County Teachers' Institute and founded a Suffrage League, with forty-two members enrolled. Miss Cora Addams was appointed temporary chairman.

Again on October 1st Miss Laura Clay gave an address before the Wednesday Club, which encouraged them to meet and adopt the constitution that Mrs. Breckinridge had sent us. The following officers were elected:

Miss C. V. Addams, President.
Miss A. B. Smith, Vice President.
Mrs. Ed. Van Deren, Second Vice President.
Miss Annette Steele, Secretary.
Mrs. J. T. Wilson, Treasurer.

Mrs. Jas. A. Leach was sent as delegate. We have a very enthusiastic membership and hope to do some good work in the near future.

REPORT OF McCracken County Equal Rights Association.

The McCracken County Equal Rights Association was organized in March, 1913, by Mrs. Desha Breckinridge upon a non-dues paying basis.

Only two or three general meetings have been held, as the majority of members came in with the understanding that no meetings or active work was required.

REGULAR NEWSPAPER WORK.

The first measure undertaken by our Executive Committee was to secure regular space in our only Sunday morning newspaper, and a department, called "Signs of the Times," has been ably conducted by our Miss Baird and Miss Husbands for six months past. This includes from one to three columns and has become a feature of the paper.

GOT OUT THE RURAL SCHOOL VOTE.

Prior to the Democratic primary in August, at which time a county school superintendent was to be nominated, we arranged a speaking at the county high school building (ten miles from Paducah) for the purpose of interesting women voters. The affair was a great success, the attendance excellent, three speeches were made by our own women and the result was a heavy vote by the women on that side of the county.

SENT SPEAKERS TO SIX COUNTY INSTITUTES.

We supplied speakers for six county institutes, without expense to the State Association, and aligned two newspapers in addition to our own city morning paper—*The News Democrat*—the others being the *Princeton Leader* and *Clinton Gazette*.

ENTERTAINED COUNTY INSTITUTE.

We entertained our own County Institute with an alfresco luncheon on the day of the fine Suffrage speech delivered by our Dr. Delia Caldwell. This occasion was said to have been the first recognition of our county school work by any club or society in the city's history.

REST ROOM AT FAIR.

We maintained a beautiful rest room at our county fair, which was profusely decorated with "votes for women" and nut-shell argument posters.

LITERATURE DISTRIBUTED.

We have distributed many hundreds of our best Suffrage leaflets in these West Kentucky counties.

REGULAR MEETINGS AND STUDY COURSE.

With the beginning of the new year we shall have regular semi-monthly meetings for a study course, the programme of which I enclose.

PUBLIC LIBRARY ENLISTED.

Through our efforts and with the co-operation of our suffragist librarian our public library is thoroughly stocked with literature embracing every phase of the Suffrage question and the general woman movement.

MEMBERS.

Our present roll of membership numbers about 100.

MRS. JOHN G. MILLER.

HOPKINSVILLE, KY., June 21, 1913.

My Dear Mrs. Breckinridge:

I wish to report on the prizes offered for the essays or orations favoring Woman Suffrage. The five schools to which I sent prizes were: State University, Transylvania, Bowling Green Business College, Bowling Green Normal and Vanderbilt Training School.

I really think it aroused interest and am only sorry we could not get more to enter.

MRS. IRA L. SMITH.

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