

MINUTES
OF THE
Fifteenth Annual Convention
OF
The Kentucky Equal
Rights Association ✦

HELD AT
Rooms of the
Lexington Woman's Club of
Central Ky.
November 17-18, 1904.

“If Ye Abide in My Word * * * Ye Shall Know the
Truth, and the Truth Shall Make you Free.”

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NOVEMBER 17 and 18, 1904.

PLAN OF WORK COMMITTEE, NOV. 17th, at 9 A. M.

The President, Miss Laura Clay in the Chair.

The committee suggests the following plan of work to the convention:

That Suffrage Committees be formed, according to the plan of the N. A. W. S. A. Committee on Increase of Membership, in those parts of the State where no local Equal Rights Associations exist and cannot be formed.

That we leave the adoption of the plan of Mrs. Hackstaff, chairman of the Committee on Enrollment of the N. A. W. S. A., to the choice of each local association.

That we accept the recommendation of the Woman's Protest committee and write to our Senators and members of the Senate Committee on Territories.

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That we ask that the word SEX be stricken from the suffrage clause of the Statehood bill.

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

That we begin an educational campaign so as to secure a law from the next legislature for the co-guardianship, of father and mother, of minor children.

That we endeavor to have women placed on boards of all state institutions for punitive and educational purposes.

That we reaffirm our policy of last year to obtain full school suffrage for all women who can read and write the English language.

Committee arose.

MORNING SESSION.

Convention called to order at 10 o'clock by the President, Miss Laura Clay.

Scriptural reading and prayer by the President.

Moved that the printed program be made the order of business.

Col. John G. Craddock was introduced to the convention and made a few remarks.

Minutes of Executive Committee were read and accepted.

Mrs. Isabel H. Shepard was committee on Credentials, ex-officio, as state treasurer.

REPORTS OF STATE OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

MISS LAURA CLAY.

"Some years ago the convention voted that the Executive committee should also be the Legislative committee. Accordingly it became the duty of the officers to look after the bills that the convention voted to have brought up in the Legislature. On January 18th Mrs. Cramer and I went to Frankfort for that purpose. We decided that it was best not to try to introduce any other bills than the one for school suffrage for all women who could read and write the English language, and the bill for the co-guardianship of father and mother of minor children. Dr. Averdick of Covington consented to bring in the co-guardianship bill, and we found also an excellent advocate for it in Hon. R. W. Miller, of Madison county. We made another trip to Frankfort on January 25th and found an advocate for our school suffrage bill in the Hon. Mr. Newman of Wood-

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ford county, who heartily approved of it. In February we had a copy of the Morning Herald, containing an article on co-guardianship written by Mrs. L. C. Obenchain, laid on each desk in the House and Senate; and we also had a hearing before the House committee on the bill. But though we had both bills in excellent hands and though we made two more trips to Frankfort, one on February 25th and one on March 1st, staying some days both times, neither bill was successful. The co-guardianship bill passed its second reading in the House and was made a special order for its third reading, but the rules which control the business of the House during the last ten days of the session operated against its coming up for its third reading. We believe that it was the great amount of business before the legislature rather than any strong opposition to this measure which prevented its passage, and we were left hopeful that we might succeed in the next legislature if we can make a united effort from all the clubs in the Association to influence their representatives at home. The clubs at Lexington, Covington, Newport, Frankfort, Nicholasville, Richmond and Louisville helped with the legislative work by seeing their legislators and writing letters. The importance of such help cannot be over-estimated and I trust that every club will resolve at our next legislative season to bend their energies toward petitioning their own representatives and senators at home. We found several members of both Houses who declared themselves as believers in woman suffrage.

Besides the legislative work I have written 126 letters and have mailed 82 House and Senate hearings and 50 copies of the Minutes of 1903. I have published a Kentucky E. R. A. News Letter in November, April and October and distributed several hundred of them by mail and otherwise. Also, in April, by the instruction of the executive committee, I had published a new edition of 2000 of "What the Kentucky Equal Rights Association Has Done." This leaflet has been so popular that only a few hundred are now left. I trust our next legislative session will give us some victory which will justify us in bringing out a new and enlarged edition of it."

Voted that Miss Clay's report be accepted.

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

Second Vice-President Mrs. Mary C. Cramer spoke in favor of using the enrollment cards.

Third Vice-President Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin reported having organized, with others, a new association at Ludlow, Ky.

Mrs. Harriet B. Stanton of Cincinnati, Ohio, was introduced and addressed the convention.

Voted that the courtesies of the floor be extended to Mrs. Stanton.

Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Mary C. Roark reported work done at Women's Council at Lexington Chatauqua and recommended that as there is now no Lexington chatauqua, we hold a council next year at Owensboro or some other place having a Chatauqua.

Recording Secretary Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck reported having obtained many new members by circulating literature.

Treasurer Mrs. Isabella Shepard read financial report.

Voted that treasurer's report be accepted and the books placed in hands of auditing committee.

Report of Mrs. Mary E. Giltner, Executive Committee member of the N. A. W. S. A. was read and accepted.

Appointment of committees:

Finance—Mrs. A. M. Harrison, Lexington.

Publication—Mrs. E. M. Roebuck, Newport.

Auditing—Mrs. S. C. Bennett, Richmond; Mrs. Laura Spinks, Newport.

Resolutions—Miss Margaret Merker, Louisville; Mrs. Sarah Charles, Newport; Mrs. Sarah A. Corrington, Nicholasville.

Subscriptions to Suffrage Publications—Miss Hallie Herndon, Frankfort.

Courtesies—Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin, Covington.

Voted that the plan of work recommended by the committee be considered seriatim.

Voted that we adopt the first recommendation of the committee on plan of work, and form suffrage committees according to the plan of national committee on increase of membership.

Mrs. McClellan-Brown of Cincinnati, Ohio, was introduced and addressed the convention.

Voted that the courtesies of the floor be extended to our fraternal delegate, Mrs. McClellan-Brown.

Voted that we leave the adoption of the plan of Mrs. Priscilla Hackstaff, chairman of the committee on enrollment of the N. A. W. S. A., to the choice of the locals.

Voted that we postpone the consideration of the third and fourth recommendations of the plan of work committee in regard to the Statehood bill until after Miss Shaw's address.

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

Voted that we begin an educational campaign to secure a law for the co-guardianship of father and mother of minor children and the placing of women on the boards of all State institutions for punitive and educational purposes; and that we reaffirm our policy of last year and endeavor to obtain full school suffrage for all women of the State who can read and write the English language.

Miss Mary E. Harrison, President of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and delegate from the Frankfort E. R. A., was introduced to the convention.

Mrs. S. C. Bennett of Richmond, spoke to the convention in favor of obtaining as contributors those who do not care to become regular members.

Convention adjourned until 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention resumed at 2 o'clock.

Devotional exercises led by Miss Mary E. Harrison.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

The President, Miss Laura Clay, gave her annual address. She said in part:

"The ideal of what is called "true womanliness" has changed within the last fifty or sixty years. It is difficult to realize how far the ancient ideal has been left behind, because, like a traveller over the unbroken prairie, or a voyager on the open sea, there are no fixed landmarks by which to measure the way: but if we read books intended for the formation of the mind of young women of fifty or sixty years ago, we can see that at that time women were not expected to take part in affairs not strictly within the four walls of home; and now we do know that to the intelligence of our day it is evident that all of those interests that centre in the home have connection with all that passes in the greater world outside. The health of the home is connected with the sanitation of the city and the state; the baby's food is one of the objects of the pure food laws; in fact, there is no interest of the larger home—the state—which the intelligence of the womanhood of the present does not see is identical with that of the home. Those who admit that women may and should think about and influence laws and other public affairs, even though they maintain that women should seek to obtain this end without the ballot, do, after all, concede

the main contention of the suffragists, which is, that women are interested in all matters of government equally with men, and should have equal power to influence them. This main contention admitted, all the rest becomes merely a question of method; the suffragist believing in the use of the ballot and the public-spirited non-suffragist believing in the use of influence or petition. Suffragists should accentuate their points of agreement with other women, and not their points of disagreement, and ere long it will become evident that the most truly womanly method is the direct method—that of accepting as a right the established instrument of law making, the ballot—and using it as a duty to the community and the state, in efforts to better the conditions which surround the home, by bringing to bear upon them the feminine view.”

The report of the Superintendent of press work was read and accepted.

Mrs. A. M. Harrison, chairman of committee on finance, made an appeal for free will offerings for the extension of the work, as the dues now are sufficient only for convention expenses, postage and stationery, and a small sum for the expenses of the committee going to Frankfort on legislative work.

The following free will offerings were made :

Mrs. Mary B. Clay,	\$ 5 00
“ M. E. Giltner	5 00
“ S. C. Bennett	30 00
“ Sarah Charles	5 00
“ Laura Spinks	5 00
“ M. C. Roark	5 00
“ Wellington Payne	5 00
“ John Reid	5 00
Miss Belle Bennett	5 00
Mrs. Harriet B. Stanton	1 00
“ E. M. Roebuck	1 00
“ Isabella Shepard	1 00
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Total	\$73 00

Mrs. McClellan Brown told the convention of the good work that had been accomplished by having mother's meetings once or twice a month at the public schools in Cincinnati, Ohio.

A delightful musical program was rendered under the direction of Mrs. T. D. Ballard.

Vocal selections—

Calm as the Night *Bohm*
Nightingale Song *Nevin*

Miss Bonta

Instrumental—

Kamennvi Ostron *Rubinstein*

Miss McGarvey.

Melo-Declamation—

Roses—The Land of Happiness *Tourgenief*

Miss Eva Stevenson.

Mrs. A. M. Harrison spoke on "Woman's Debt to Missions."

Miss Bertha Garrison recited a story by Mrs. L. C. Obenchain:
"Sally Ann's Experiences."

Rev. Anna Shaw addressed the convention and explained the necessity for protesting against the passage of the suffrage clause of the Statehood bill.

Voted that the Kentucky Equal Rights Association protest against the passage of the Statehood bill as framed at present.

Moved that we ask to have the whole of paragraph 5 stricken from the Statehood bill. This motion was lost, because it would only remove the indignity to women of mentioning them with deficient classes, and the Association wants full suffrage, therefore it was

Voted that we ask to have the word *sex* stricken from paragraph 5 of the Statehood bill.

Convention adjourned.

Friday Morning, Nov. 18th.

Plan of Work committee met Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

Committee decided to recommend:

That we endeavor to secure legislative enactment whereby the county judge can be empowered to establish a juvenile court.

That we continue our efforts to secure a Dean of Women and the establishment of a Department of Domestic Science in the State college.

That each local association appoint a Press Superintendent who is to communicate with the State Press Superintendent, Committee rose.

Convention called to order at 10 o'clock.

Devotional exercises led by Miss Clay.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Voted that we continue to make the program the order of business.

Reports were read from the following local associations :

Fayette County E. R. A.

Bowling Green E. R. A.

Campbell County E. R. A.

Frankfort E. R. A.

Louisville E. R. A.

Madison County E. R. A.

Twentieth Century Club of Covington.

Lancaster E. R. A sent dues for 4 members.

Nicholasville report given verbally by Mrs. Sarah A. Corrington, its president.

Kenton County E. R. A. verbal report by Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard.

Letters of greeting were read from our National Treasurer, Harriet Taylor Upton, from Mrs. Eugenia B. Farmer, formerly of Kentucky, now Press Supt. of the Minnesota E. R. A., and from Mrs Virginia Franceway, president of Madisonville E. R. A.

Report of State Historian, Miss Hallie Herndon, was read and accepted.

Mrs. Nellie Arnspiger, Recording Secretary of Kentucky W. C. T. U. was introduced to the convention.

REPORTS OF SUPERINTENDENTS.

Miss Anna B. Morgan sent report on Advancement of Women's Work, which was read and accepted.

Mrs. Mary C. Roark reported that the women of Louisville were working to enforce the new compulsory education law.

Voted that we endeavor to secure a law whereby the county judge can establish a Juvenile Court.

Mrs. McClellan Brown told the convention of the successful work of the Juvenile Court of Cincinnati, O.

Voted that we continue our efforts to secure a Dean of Women and the establishment of a Department of Domestic Science in the State College.

Voted that each local Association appoint a local Press Supt. who is to communicate with the State Press Supt.

Report of Committee on Credentials was read and accepted.

Moved that we take up the Election of Officers.

Mrs. Arnsperger and Mr. Chas. McLaughlin were appointed receiving tellers.

Mrs. L. G. Patton and Miss Nannie McLaughlin were appointed distributing tellers.

The election resulted as follows;

President, Miss Laura Clay, Lexington.

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

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

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

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

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

Treasurer, Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard, Covington.

Mrs. F. C. Beauchamp, President of the Kentucky W. C. T. U. was introduced to the convention and told in a very interesting manner of the hard work done by women all over the state against the liquor traffic.

Prof. B. C. Hagerman was introduced and spoke very encouragingly of the progress of woman's suffrage, for which the convention tendered him a vote of thanks.

Mrs. Mary E. Giltner of Covington was unanimously chosen Member of the Executive Committee of the N. A. W. S. A.

Voted that delegates and alternates to the National Convention be nominated by acclamation. The nominations were:

Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin, Covington, Mrs. Sarah Charles, Newport, Mrs. M. C. Cramer, Lexington, Miss Hallie Herndon, Frankfort, Mrs. Loring, Covington, Mrs. S. C. Bennett, Richmond, Miss Elizabeth Aylward, Covington.

As we are entitled to only five delegates the nomination of Mrs. S. C. Bennett and Miss Elizabeth Aylward is conditional upon

on our having over six hundred members. They will have the position of first alternates, however.

The nominations for alternates were:

Mrs. Laura Spinks, Newport; Prof. Giltner, Covington; Mrs. A. M. Harrison, Lexington; Mrs. B. C. Hagerman, Lexington; Mrs. J. R. Morton, Lexington; Mrs. Mary Light Ogle, Covington; Prof. B. C. Hagerman, Lexington.

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

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

Convention adjourned.

Convention resumed the adjourned session at 2 o'clock.

The auditing committee presented the following report:

We, the undersigned appointed by the Chair, have audited the books of the treasurer and found them correct.

MRS. SALLIE C. BENNETT.

MRS. LAURA SPINKS.

Committee on subscriptions reported four subscriptions to the Woman's Journal, and three to the Political Equality monthly series of leaflets.

The Executive committee nominated the superintendents and historian of last year, and the nomination was confirmed by a unanimous vote of the convention.

Committee on Resolutions reported.

Voted that the resolutions be adopted as amended and read.

Voted that the whole of the resolutions be read by the chairman of the committee at the evening meeting.

Convention adjourned.

MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON PLAN OF WORK.

No business. Adjourned.

The convention accepted the invitation of the Woman's Club of Central Kentucky to "An Afternoon of Old English Ballads," which was very much enjoyed. After this they were most delightfully entertained with a reception and tea.

**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, SATURDAY
MORNING, NOV. 19, AT 9:30 O'CLOCK.**

Voted that the following appropriations be made:

Rev. Anna Shaw's fee for two days.....	\$ 45 00
Printing of programs.....	2 50
Printing of minutes.....	20 00
Officers' traveling expenses.....	11 40
Stationery for press superintendent, and typewriting.....	50 00
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Total.....	\$128 90

Voted that the treasurer keep her books open until January 1st.

Voted that the appointment of chairman of suffrage committees in localities where there is no association, may be made by the President alone.

Committee adjourned:

EMMA M. ROEBUCK,
Recording Secretary,

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DURING LAST YEAR.

Executive Committee had no meetings but acted on three circular letters written by the President in which the business attended to was the voting of \$30.00 to Mrs. L. C. Obenchain, Press Superintendent for postage and stationery; voting to have a Woman's Council at the Chatauqua Assembly at Lexington, in conjunction with the Fayette E. R. A., and accepting the invitation of the Fayette County E. R. A. to hold the convention in Lexington.

EMMA M. ROEBUCK,
Recording Secretary.

Night Sessions.

Thursday Night, Nov. 17, eight o'clock.

This evening's session was held in the Lexington Opera House. After several delightful musical selections by Saxton's Orchestra, Prof. Charles Loos opened the session with prayer. Miss Laura Clay then introduced Rev. Anna H. Shaw, the speaker of the evening. The subject of Miss Shaw's lecture was the *Fate of Republics*, and her pleasing delivery and witty anecdotes soon gave her an enthusiastic as well as a large audience. At the close of the lecture the

orchestra again rendered several selections during which some of the members of the Fayette County E. R. A. passed through the audience soliciting the names of those who wished to become members.

Friday Night, Nov. 18, eight o'clock.

The second evening session was held in the Circuit Court room which was crowded, many being obliged to stand in the doorways and hall. After a prayer by the Rev. R. O. Kirkwood, Miss Clay again introduced the Rev. Anna Shaw, whose subject this evening was "The Evolution of Democracy." With her logical arguments and her charming manner Miss Shaw again delighted this large audience. After the lecture several members again passed through the audience to secure the names of those wishing to become members. The number of those who gave their names as desiring to become members of the Fayette County E. R. A. at these two evening sessions was over fifty.

REPORTS.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1904.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance, Jan. 1, 1904.....		\$150 73	
Free Will Offerings as reported.....		93 00	
Donations: Miss Clay for Press Work.....	\$ 37 00		
" " " 	4 60		
" " " Legislative work.....	9 55		
" Mrs. Cramer.....	2 45		
" Miss Clay, Dr. Wood's expenses.....	116 25	169 85	
Annual Local dues to State Association:			
Ashland..... 11.....	3 85		
Bowling Green..... 10.....	3 50		
Frankfort..... 13.....	4 55		
Hawesville..... 3.....	1 05		
Kenton Association..... 6.....	2 10		
Lancaster..... 4.....	1 40		
Lexington..... 165.....	57 75		
Louisville..... 20.....	7 00		
Ludlow..... 7.....	2 45		
Newport..... 40.....	14 00		
Nicholasville..... 8.....	2 80		
Richmond..... 80.....	28 00		
20th Century Club..... 90.....	31 50		
	— 457	— 159 95	
Total.....		\$573 58	

DISBURSEMENTS.

Nov. 14, 1903—Miss Shaw, lectures.....		\$ 45 00
Traveling expenses—Mrs. Cramer.....	\$ 4 90	
" " Miss Clay.....	4 60	9 50
Salary, Cor. Sec'y.....		60 00
Stationery, etc., Cor. Sec'y.....		5 00
Salary, Press Supt.....		60 00
Stationery, etc.....		30 00
Printing Programs.....		2 25
" Minutes.....		20 00
Frankfort expenses.....		34 55
Dr. Wood's expenses, state work.....		116 25
Annual dues to National Association.....		45 70
Balance, Dec. 1, 1904.....		145 18
Total.....		\$573 58

ISABELLA H. SHEPARD, Treasurer,
Kentucky E. R. Ass'n.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PRESS WORK.

We have now 76 papers publishing suffrage matter either regularly or occasionally, and I have begun anew the work of approaching the non-suffrage editors. No matter how many times an editor has refused our suffrage articles, he must be appealed to at least once a year.

I have done better work during the last year, and I begin to see gratifying results. For instance, a year ago the editor of one of the best papers in the state said, in reply to my annual letter of inquiry, that he hardly thought it worth while for me to send any more suffrage articles, as he published very few of them. I retained the paper on my list, telling him that even two or three articles in a paper like his were worth much to the suffrage cause. Twice in the last few weeks I have had papers from him with marked articles printed in large print and conspicuously placed with ornamental borders around them. Another who had refused twice to publish suffrage matter gave a courteous acceptance a month ago. Somehow or other he had become converted. Many editors send me their papers. Some not only publish the articles but make editorial comments on them. These comments are generally sarcastic, and by no means complimentary to the superintendent of press work, but any notice of our cause is to be welcomed. I have all sorts of papers, from the large city dailies to the little country weeklies; and I value the latter just as highly as the former. Indeed it is probable that a suffrage article in a small weekly paper is noticed by more readers than one appearing in the crowded columns of a great daily. The daily papers are carelessly read, as a rule, but the weekly papers are taken by the farmers and carefully read by every member of the family. The banner paper on my list is the *Whitley County News*, published at Williamsburg, Ky. It is not much larger than a piece of sheet music, but it publishes fifty suffrage articles a year, one every week, and its editor asked me to send the articles weekly instead of twice a month, as is my custom with the other papers.

Last year we had 60 papers, this year we have 76, but these figures do not show how many new papers have been added to the list within the past year. Occasionally a paper has to be dropped owing to a change of editors, financial failure or failure to publish our articles. The number of new papers acquired last year is 19.

An interesting feature of the work is the reply which an editor writes on self-addressed postal card I send to him, when asking him to publish suffrage matter. I have a large collection of these and they are an amusing and instructive exposition of suffrage and anti-suffrage sentiment in this state. One editor reminds me that "The hand that rocks the cradle rocks the world;" another says that if women attend to their home duties they will have no time for anything else; another expresses skepticism as to the final success of the suffrage movement, but says he admires our persistency; another consents to publish our articles occasionally, but says he does not want to give us too much help. The most satisfactory form of reply I have ever received was an emphatic "yes!" with an exclamation point after it. Just that word and nothing more, but it said plainly: "I am an enthusiastic believer in woman suffrage and will gladly publish your articles." I commend this style of answer to all editors.

I ought to have kept an account of the number of articles I have written for Mrs. Babcock, our National Superintendent, and the specials I have written for the Kentucky papers, but I can only make a rough guess and estimate the number at 18 or 20. Of late I have written so many for Mrs. Babcock that I am ashamed to send her any more for some weeks, lest she should think I am trying to "run" the National Press Work. And this leads me to mention a need of this department, namely, facilities for syndicating the articles I write without sending them to Mrs. Babcock. Frequently I write a special which ought to be sent out immediately, in order to be timely, and sent to all the newspapers in the state, all I mean that are on my list. I cannot afford to have 75 or even 35 copies made, so there is nothing to do but send it as a special to one paper, or send it to Mrs. Babcock and wait one, two or three weeks for it. A suffragist with a typewriter or a mimeographing apparatus would be a great help in this work.

Week before last I sent out 78 copies of the circular protesting against the disfranchisement of the women of Oklahoma, Indian Territory, New Mexico and Arizona. At the top of each I wrote a request for an editorial comment on the threatened injustice, and also asked each editor to write one letter of protest to Senator Beveridge or some other member of the committee.

I made out my last report October 8, 1903. Following is a statement of the money spent since then :

Cash on hand October 8, 1903.....	\$ 6 00
Received from Mrs. Shepard, Feb. 6, 1904.....	10 00
" " July 6, 1904.....	10 00
" " Miss Laura Clay, Oct. 1904.....	10 00
	Total, \$36 00

This has been expended as follows :

Stamps.....	\$23 95
Envelopes	2 30
Type-writing	3 00
Postal Cards.....	1 75
	\$31 00
Cash on hand.....	5 00

A list of the towns where we have suffrage papers may interest you. In some of these we have two papers and in Lexington three. The list is as follows:

Bowling Green	Lexington	Louisville
Richmond	Stanford	Frankfort
Paris	Barboursville	Lancaster
Ashland	Madisonville	Greensburg
Dawson Springs	Burkesville	Lawrenceburg
Pineville	Princeton	Morehead
Columbus	Maysville	Adairville
Owensboro	Carrollton	Glasgow

Inez	Greenup	Williamsburg
Benton	Ewing	Fordsville
Morgantown	Hopkinsville	Hawesville
Hartford	La Grange	Cloverport
Henderson	Hickman	Jackson
West Liberty	Clinton	Bedford
Cynthiana	Taylorsville	Murray
Mayfield	Lebanon	Hyden
Elkton	London	Covington
Earlington	Falmouth	Harrodsburg
Winchester	Frenchburg	Midway
Sharpsburg	Uniontown	

An assistant press superintendent ought to be appointed by each local association. These assistants could watch the papers, report to me whether the editor was using our articles or not, and send me newspaper clippings concerning events that have a bearing on the suffrage question.

Respectfully submitted,

LIDA CALVERT OBENCHAIN,

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

REPORTS OF LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS.

FAYETTE E. R. A.

The Fayette E. R. A. has held two open program meetings and four business meetings in the past year. The program meetings have been pleasant and entertaining, arranged by friends of the association. Music, both vocal and instrumental, was given. Also good addresses at different meetings.

Reports were made by Miss Clay and Mrs. Mary C. Cramer, delegates to the National Convention at Washington.

On March 20, 1904, officers were elected. Mrs. A. M. Harrison, declined re-election as president, and Miss Laura Clay was elected president; Miss Laura S. Bruce, vice-president; Mrs. W. Payne, secretary; and Mrs. H. H. Gratz, treasurer.

On April 30th an invitation was extended to hold the Annual State Convention in Lexington on Nov. 17th and 18th. It was announced that Rev. Anna H. Shaw could be secured for the evening addresses of the convention.

The Fayette E. R. A. joined the State Association in holding a Woman's Council during the Lexington Chatauqua. Mrs. Mary C. Roark was chairman of the "Woman's Council Committee" and secured the services of various speakers and made all arrangements. The Fayette E. R. A. had charge of the refreshments for the luncheon, furnished the tent and met other local expenses.

At the June meeting of the Board of Trustees of the State A. & M. College a petition was presented from the Fayette E. R. A., the Bryan Station and Lexington Chapters of the D. A. R., the Woman's Club, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Chatauqua Circle, and the W. C. T. U. requesting that a Dean of Women be appointed and a department of Domestic Science be established in the college.

Twenty new members have been added during the past year.

In the deaths of Mrs. M. T. Scott and Miss Laura S. Bruce the suffrage cause has lost two loyal and devoted members.

The outlook for the Fayette E. R. A. has never been so bright and cheering at any time as now. They intend to carry their standard onward and upward, and another year will find them still stronger and broader.

MRS. W. PAYNE, Sec.

FRANKFORT E. R. A.

The Frankfort E. R. A. has held two meetings during the past year. At the first Miss Clay gave an address upon the subject of the co-guardianship of children.

Two new members were added to the list, making 13 in all.

At the annual meeting the officers of the year were elected. All present signed the protest against the Statehood bill presented by the State Association.

In the death of W. H. Averill, Esq., we mourn the loss of a devoted member and an ardent suffragist.

MADISON COUNTY E. R. A.

The Madison County E. R. A. has had very interesting meetings this year, the last one on October 25th was largely attended and most enthusiastic. Our state president, Miss Laura Clay, was present and addressed the meeting. She gave a synopsis of the legislative work done in the past year, and laid before us some of the plans for the coming year. She also called our attention to the Statehood bill. A resolution was passed to petition the congressional committee of the Statehood bill to eliminate the word *sex* from paragraph 5 of this bill. A committee was appointed and called on Senator James B. McCreary in reference to this bill. Some of the work done in the past year has been the distribution of literature and the adoption of a plan to permit anyone who wishes to help agitate the question of Equal Rights, but who is not entirely ready to unite with us, to have the privilege of contributing money for the cause. We call these persons "contributors," of whom we now have three.

We have lost a number of members by removal. We have added twelve new members and our membership now numbers eighty. New names are being added monthly to our list; and altogether the future looks brighter than ever before for the cause in Richmond.

CAMPBELL COUNTY E. R. A.

Has held four meetings during the past year, all very interesting but one peculiarly so, by the presence of our state president, Miss Laura Clay. She addressed the meeting and explained to us the need for a Dean of Women and a department of Domestic Science in the State College. A committee was appointed to call on one of the trustees who resides in our city.

Several of our members wrote personal letters and sent the Memorial issued by the National Association, to delegates to the National Conventions asking them to insert in their several platforms, a woman's suffrage plank.

We have circulated a petition and sent it with many signatures to Senator

Beveridge, as chairman of committee on territories, protesting against the Statehood bill, and asking for the elimination of the word *sex* from paragraph 5 of that bill.

Many of our members wrote to our Representative and Senator and some called to see them personally to obtain their influence for our bills before our last legislature.

Last, but not least, we have in this last year almost doubled our membership. This increase we attribute to the distribution of literature, particularly the little leaflet issued by the state association, "What the Kentucky E. R. A. has done in the past and what it proposes to do in the future."

We deeply regret the death of our ardent co-worker and enthusiastic member, Miss Virginia K. Bowers.

LOUISVILLE E. R. A.

Holds occasional meetings. At the last one Dr. Frances Woods was present. The most important subject discussed was the Statehood bill and the increase of membership by personal solicitation. In the absence of the president, Mrs. John D. White, Miss Margaret Merker was selected as delegate to the state convention.

It is hoped that the protest against the Statehood bill will arouse new interest in this movement.

Louisville has twenty enrolled members.

KENTON COUNTY E. R. A.

Has held no meetings, but sent dues. Mr. F. P. Wolcott, a member of this association, is Master of Kentucky State Grange, and it passed a woman suffrage resolution at its state convention in Cynthiana in November.

LANCASTER E. R. A.

Sent dues for four members, and a letter from Mrs. Mary R. Patterson. The Kentucky E. R. A. Newsletters are distributed to the members by putting them in envelopes and placing them in the post office.

BOWLING GREEN E. R. A.

Bowling Green has added no new members but has distributed much suffrage literature, and sent dues for the regular members.

TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB.

Owing to the absence of the Secretary from the city there were few meetings this year. The interest has never flagged, however, and new names have been added at almost every meeting. We feel especially proud of the large delegation (ten) of delegates and visitors from our Club to the National Convention in Washington.

Hon. Averdick, legislative member from our district, was visited a number of times by our members in the interest of the suffrage bills.

On November 14th we organized the "Woman's Advance Club" in Ludlow with a membership of seven. The president is Mrs. Mary Jenkins; Secretary, Mrs. J. S. McCormick.

We lost by death our first president, Mrs. A. C. Ellis.

HAWESVILLE Committee of Kentucky E. R. A., recently organized by Dr. Frances Woods, sent dues for three members and a letter from its chairman, Mrs. Martha H. Hennen.

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

The 36th annual convention of N. A. W. S. A. was held in Washington, February 11th to 17th, 1904. The greeting in behalf of the District was given by Mrs. Carrie E. Kent, who said that the suffragists thought more of this convention than of any others that came to Washington. Rev. Anna Shaw said in reply: "If the women still welcome us after coming all these years, it must be because we deserve it, and the men welcome us because they are in the same disfranchised condition that we are."

Almost two hundred delegates were present and thirty-six states represented.

A greeting was read from Mrs. Florence Fenwick Miller in behalf of the suffragists of Great Britain.

Mrs. Watson Lister, fraternal delegate from Australia, told of the good work done in that country which is now leading the world in woman's suffrage. Ex-Governor Alva Adams, of Colorado, gave an address on work done in that state. It was my privilege to be with that intellectual body of women who went before the Judiciary Committee of the Senate. It was one of the grandest pleas ever made for justice and right.

There were two specially delightful receptions given to the delegates, the one given by the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, and one given by Miss Clara Barton.

Kentucky E. R. A. was represented by the state president, Miss Laura Clay, the member of the N. A. W. S. A. Executive Committee, Mrs. Mary E. Giltner, and our full number of delegates, viz.: Mrs. Mary Light Ogle, Covington, Mrs. Mary C. Cramer, Lexington, Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin, Covington, and Mrs. Sarah Charles, Newport. Besides these we had seven alternates and visitors in attendance, viz.: Mrs. A. C. Ellis, Miss Hereford, Prof. Wm. Giltner, Miss Elizabeth Aylward, Miss Kate Hadcroft, Miss Mary Hadcroft and Mr. Charles McLaughlin, all of Covington, making the largest delegation we have had at a National Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. GILTNER.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF ADVANCEMENT OF WOMAN'S WORK.

In the past few years woman has advanced most rapidly and wonderfully. There is scarcely a trade or profession in which woman is not ably represented. One case which came under my notice was that of a woman who was an undertaker, and her work was pronounced to be the best ever seen.

The lady physician is God's handmaiden just as much as the one in the pulpit, as she heals the body as the other does the soul. Woman is man's glory, but she is God's choice, to scatter love in the home and wherever she goes. She has done grand things in many walks of life, but much greater ones are in store for her when she wakes up to her opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA B. MORGAN.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

General officers—Miss Laura Clay, Lexington; Mrs. Mary B. Clay, Richmond; Mrs. Mary C. Cramer, Lexington; Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin, Covington; Mrs. Mary C. Roark, Lexington; Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck, Newport; Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard, Covington.

Superintendents of Departments—Mrs. A. M. Harrison, Lexington, Historian; Miss Hallie Herndon, Frankfort.

Campbell County E. R. A.—Mrs. Sarah Charles, Mrs. Laura Spinks, Miss Sarah McConnell.

Twentieth Century Club—Prof. Wm. Giltner, Mrs. Mary E. Giltner, Mrs. Loring, Mr. Charles McLaughlin, Miss Nannie McLaughlin.

Louisville E. R. A.—Miss Margaret Merker.

Frankfort E. R. A.—Miss Mary E. Harrison.

Jessamine E. R. A.—Mrs. Sarah A. Corrington.

Madison County E. R. A.—Mrs. L. G. Patton, Mrs. Buchanan, Mrs. S. C. Bennett.

Fayette E. R. A.—Mrs. Mary G. Morton, Mrs. W. Payne, Mrs. H. H. Gratz, Mrs. E. P. Shelby, Mrs. Nellie Arnsperger, Mrs. Elizabeth Lehman, Mrs. T. B. Hay, Mrs. Alice L. Carpenter, Mrs. T. D. Ballard, Mrs. C. D. Chenault, Mrs. Wickliffe Preston, Mrs. S. A. Charles.

Fraternal Delegates from Cincinnati, O.: Mrs. Harriet B. Stanton and Mrs. McClellan Brown.

The Resolutions Committee offered the following:

RESOLVED, That this Association objects to the word *sex* in paragraph 5 of the Statehood bill, which gives the same validity to the disfranchisement of women as to that of criminals.

RESOLVED, That this Association heartily endorses every effort to secure a Dean of Women for the state college, and to place in said college a department of Domestic Science.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the association be extended to the Lexington Press, to the members of the Fayette County E. R. A., who have so kindly offered a gracious hospitality to visitors, to the ladies who contributed such a charming musical program, to the Women's Club for its delightful entertainment, and to all who have in any way furthered the interests of the cause.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET MERKER, Louisville, chairman.

SARAH CHARLES, Newport.

SARAH CORRINGTON, Nicholasville.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S COUNCIL.

The Kentucky E. R. A. received a very complimentary invitation from Dr. W. C. Davidson, superintendent of the Lexington Chataqua Assembly, to hold another Woman's Council.

The invitation was accepted, and again the Fayette E. R. A. assisted the state association, and took under its charge the local arrangements and hospitalities. Speakers were secured to carry out an interesting and instructive program for each day, embracing a wide view of the public interests in which women are now engaged. The subjects and speakers were as follows:—

Benefits of Domestic Science.....	Miss Katherine Christian
Is the Child at School?.....	Miss Eleanor Tarrant, of Louisville
Woman's Work in Missions.....	Miss Sue B. Scott
Who Owns the Child?.....	Miss Laura Clay

The Fourth of July meeting was of a patriotic nature, conducted by the Daughters of the American Revolution; addresses by Miss Lucretia Hart Clay, Vice-President General of the National D. A. R. and Mrs. Wm. Maxfield, Regent of the Lexington Chapter.

A Better Citizenship.....	Mrs. A. M. Harrison
The Trend of Woman's Clubs.....	Mrs. J. R. Morton
	Mrs. Wilber R. Smith
	Mrs. Wilhelmina Loos
A Plea for the Bible in our Schools	Mrs. Luella W. St. Clair
Educational Work in the Mountains of Kentucky.....	Mrs. Frances E. Beauchamp

An afternoon reception was one of the social features of the Chataqua. A number of new members was a pleasant result of our second Woman's Council, which was conceded on all sides to have been again one of the most interesting features of the Chataqua.

The success of the Woman's Council was largely due to the able management of Mrs. Mary C. Roark, chairman of the Woman's Council Committee.

REPORT OF DR. WOODS' ORGANIZING TOUR.

At the convention of 1903 it was voted to employ Dr. Frances Woods in the spring for a month's work in organizing. When the time drew near, however, Dr. Woods' health did not permit her to go into the field; and the National Association had no other organizer unoccupied to offer in her place. It was therefore very gratifying when in October Dr. Woods notified the National Board that her health was recovered sufficiently for her to take up the work she had been expected to do in the spring. Accordingly an engagement approved by the Executive Committee was made with her by Miss Clay to work in Kentucky a month, from the middle of October to the middle of November. She commenced her route at Paducah on October 17th, and visited Princeton, Hopkinsville, Madisonville, Henderson, Owensboro and Hawesville. At Hawesville she was taken ill, and was obliged to go to the Norton Infirmary at Louisville, where she remained sick a week. This sickness interrupted the route which had been planned, and also made her stay in Kentucky a week later in the season than was expected. While she was in Louisville, Miss Annie Miller and Miss Margaret Merker arranged some meetings for her, and she strengthened our Association in the city, though the absence of its president, Mrs. Alice H. White, was unpropitious. Dr. Woods occupied the remainder of her time by visiting Elizabethtown, Glasgow and Cave City. In most of the places she visited she organized associations or Committees; in others she obtained valuable names of suffragists through whose aid it is hoped the work can be furthered at some future time.

ASSOCIATIONS AND COMMITTEES OF KENTUCKY E. R. A., ORGANIZED BY DR. WOODS.

Paducah E. R. A. re-organized, President, Mrs. John G. Miller.
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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