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DECEMBER 8th, 9th and 10th, 1891.

LIEDERKRANZ HALL,
LOUISVILLE, KY.

— WITH REPORTS. —

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Mrs. Mary R. Patterson, Berea, Ky.	Mrs. T. M. Goodknight, Frankfort, Ky.
Miss Annie Morgan, Newport, Ky.	Mr. J. O. Dedman, Harrodsburg, Ky.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

OCTOBER 16TH. Meeting held at residence of Mrs. Farmer, Covington; the President, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer were present. It was moved and seconded that Mrs. Shepard act as secretary. Mrs. Farmer was appointed Committee on Railroad Rates.

Mrs. Josephine K. Henry asked to be relieved of School Petition Work and Mrs. Farmer accepted that department. It was moved and seconded to appropriate \$6.00 to School Suffrage Work; also that Mrs. Shepard be requested to prepare a leaflet on School Suffrage.

The Executive Committee having been notified that it would be more convenient to the Louisville Association to hold the Convention in December instead of November, the date decided upon at last Convention, it was moved that the change be accepted and Convention held in Louisville, December 8-10: passed.

I. H. SHEPARD,

Secretary, pro tem.

PLAN OF WORK AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S
MEETINGS.

Leiderkrantz Hall, Louisville, Ky., Dec. 8, 1891.

The Plan of Work Committee held a meeting at 9.00 A. M. Miss Laura Clay in the chair. Mrs. Farmer opened the meeting with prayer. On account of resignation of Miss Mary Light as Secretary, Mrs. May R. Patterson was elected Secretary, *pro tem.* The following motions were made and carried:

1st. We recommend that a committee of six ladies be appointed to go to Frankfort to spend several days to press the Legislative Work of this Association.

2nd. We recommend that a special fund of \$75.00 be raised to defray the expenses of this committee, and should this exceed the requisite amount, the remainder to go into the State Treasury.

3rd. We recommend that the President of this Association be considered the chairman of this committee and nominate the other members of said committee.

4th. That the Committee appeal to the Legislature for School Suffrage for women, also for better property rights for married women, and women physicians for Asylums of the Insane.

5th. That we consider the constitutionality of Municipal Suffrage for women in the cities of the fourth, fifth and sixth class, and if practicable, that we ask Municipal Suffrage for these cities.

Ad.ourned,

MAY R. PATTERSON,

Secretary, pro tem.

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE KENTUCKY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.*First Day.—Morning Session.*

Meeting opened with the President in the chair, Mrs. Patterson was elected Secretary, *pro tem*. Mrs. Sawyer conducted the devotional exercises, repeating the twenty-third psalm and making remarks, Mrs. Sallie Saul led in prayer.

The committee on Credentials was appointed; Mrs. Farmer, chairman of the committee, gave a report of the number of delegates to which each Union was entitled.

A letter from Rachel Foster Avery, Corresponding Secretary of the Nat. A. W. S. A., and a letter of good wishes from Hon. W. R. Ramsey, was read by Mrs. Farmer.

The following resolution was adopted by a rising and unanimous vote; *Resolved*: That this Convention do send greetings and loving sympathy to our Superintendent of Legislative and Petition work, Mrs. Josephine K. Henry, in her deep affliction and pray God that she may be able soon to take up again her work for suffering humanity: and that the Secretary may at once notify Mrs. Henry of this resolution.

The Minutes of the Plan of Work Committee were then read by the Secretary separately, and all were adopted in turn after discussion.

Mrs. B. F. Avery then made a few remarks to the Convention and other ladies followed.

Mrs. Sawyer moved that a Bible reading on woman's position be given during the Convention, carried. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Farmer moved that Mrs. Cantrell of Georgetown, member of the Board of Lady Managers of the Columbian Exposition, be invited to give a talk before the Convention at any hour she might suggest; carried.

Mrs. Johnson announced a reception in honor of the members of the Convention to be held in the afternoon at the home of Mrs. Hibberd from 4.00 to 6.00 P. M. On account of this the afternoon session was dispensed with, and the following business in the afternoon program taken up.

Mrs. Farmer read the report of the Frankfort Association, accepted. The Treasurer, Mrs. Shepard, being absent, Mrs. Farmer read the report. Mrs. Sawyer moved that this report be placed in the hands of an auditing committee; carried.

Mrs. Sawyer made a few remarks on the duty and advisability of further organization throughout the state.

Adjourned until evening.

Tuesday Evening.

The meeting was called to order by the President, who, after prayer by Mrs. Sallie Saul, introduced to the audience Rev. Anna Shaw, who delivered a very witty and entertaining lecture on "Why women want the Ballot."

Adjourned.

Second Day.—Morning Session.

Wednesday, December 9th.

The Plan of Work Committee met at 9.00 A. M. and passed the following; *Resolved*: that we push the work of organization, trying to concentrate the efforts of friends of the cause, and that we recommend that where two women can be found, they be urged to organize.

That we urge each one to select at least one who is not in sympathy with our cause, and for one year, by giving literature and by personal efforts, endeavor to convert them.

Committee rose.

10.00 A. M. Convention called to order by the President: Mrs. Sawyer conducted a Bible reading and led in prayer. After short remarks by several on Woman's position in the Bible, Mrs. Sawyer laid before the Convention plans for circulating the *Woman's Column*.

The President appointed the following Committees:

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Mrs. M. H. Johnson, Mrs. M. B. Clay, Mrs. M. Cramer.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

Mrs. M. R. Patterson, Mrs. E. B. Farmer, Mrs. I. H. Shepard.

COMMITTEE ON COURTESIES.

Mrs. B. F. Avery, Mrs. M. A. Watts.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Mrs. M. Cramer, Mrs. E. B. Farmer, Mrs. M. H. Johnson,
Mrs. S. H. Sawyer, Mrs. M. B. Clay, Mrs. M. T. Goodknight,
Mrs. S. M. Hubbard.

Mrs. Farmer, then read the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, accepted and ordered spread upon the minutes.

Mrs. Farmer read a letter from Mrs. Henry. The President called on Mrs. Farmer to lead in a special prayer for Mrs. Henry in her deep affliction.

Mrs. Farmer read her report as Corresponding Secretary; accepted.

Moved and carried that Rev. Anna Shaw be made an honorary member of our Convention. The President then introduced Miss Shaw who made a short address.

Mrs. Farmer read a telegram from Mrs. Ella M. S. Marble, President of the Woman's Suffrage Association of the District of Columbia, expressing greetings and good wishes. The Secretary was instructed to reply by letter to the telegram.

Adjourned.

Wednesday Afternoon.

Convention opened at 2.00 P. M., Mrs. Mary B. Clay in the chair. Mrs. Sawyer led in prayer. The report of Mrs. Shepard on Industrial Opportunities for Woman was read. Mrs. Farmer as State Organizer, read her report: which was accepted.

Mrs. Sawyer moved that the report on Industrial Opportunities, be placed in the hands of the Plan of Work Committee.

Mrs. Farmer read a paper on the advancement of Woman's Work in the Public Schools: which was accepted.

On motion of Miss Clay, the remaining work on the Tuesday afternoon program was taken up. The resolutions passed at the morning meeting of the Plan of Work Committee were adopted *seriatim*. The President moved that it be part of the work of the different organizations to find out and report at the next Convention, the number of members who had acted upon the suggestions in the resolutions of the Plan of Work Committee.

A paper on "Paul and the Woman Question" by a "Kentucky Woman" was read by the President, followed by discussion.

Mrs. Watts read a paper on Police Matron's Work, discussion followed.

Mrs. Sawyer read her report as Superintendent of Bible Study, which was accepted.

Mrs. Farmer read a paper on the "People's Party," followed by discussion.

Mrs. James Bennett read a paper on "Asking for the Ballot a Religious Duty," followed by discussion.

Adjourned until evening.

Wednesday Evening.

Meeting was called to order at 8.00 P. M., by the President: Mrs. Saul led in prayer, after which Miss Clay presented to the audience Rev. Anna Shaw, who delivered an able address on "Herbert Spencer in his relation to Woman Suffrage."

Adjourned.

Thursday Morning.

The Plan of Work Committee met Thursday morning and passed the following:

- 1st Moved, that the Free Lecture Bureau be continued
- 2nd. Moved, that our efforts for opening colleges to women be continued.
- 3rd. Moved, that if there be a Southern Council of Women, the Executive Committee of the Equal Rights Association is hereby instructed to appoint a delegate to said Council.
- 4th. Moved, that the name of the department of Industrial Opportunities for Woman be changed to Industrial Training for Woman, by Mrs. Shepard's request.

Convention opened at 10.00 A. M., the President in the chair, Mrs. Saul conducted the devotional exercises. Minutes of the previous day were read and accepted. Mrs. Farmer announced the arrival of a large number of copies of the *Woman's Tribune*.

The President read letters of greeting from the Central W. C. T. U., and from Mrs. N. A. Munnell, State President of the W. C. T. U. The Secretary was instructed to reply to these letters, and Mrs. Watts read from the Bible, the passages commended to the Convention in them.

Mrs. Farmer gave the report of the Free Lecture Bureau, which was accepted.

The resolutions of the Plan of Work Committee were read and adopted *seriatim*.

Mrs. Sawyer, Mrs. Watts and Mrs. Bennett gave verbal reports of efforts made to open colleges to women. The President asked that these reports be reduced to writing and spread upon the minutes.

Mrs. Sawyer moved that a vote of thanks be tendered the *Versailles Clarion*, for the efforts made in its columns for the enfranchisement of woman.

Moved, that a vote of thanks be given Mrs. Henry for check of ten dollars sent.

Moved, that a vote of thanks be given the editors of the *Woman's Tribune*, *Woman's Column*, and *Woman's Journal* for papers sent.

A motion was then passed thanking *any* and *all* the papers throughout the state, that had published in their columns, articles favorable to this movement.

On account of expected absence from the state, Mrs. M. H. Johnson presented her resignation as 3rd Vice-President. The following resolution was passed: *Resolved*: That this Convention deeply regrets that Mrs. Johnson finds it necessary to resign her position as 3rd Vice-President, and thank her for her good work in the cause, and trust that in her new home, she may be equally ardent in the work.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year, by ballot, except in the offices of Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, here a suspension of rules was made and Mrs. Farmer and Mrs. Shepard were re-elected by rising and unanimous vote.

President, Miss Laura Clay.

<i>First Vice-President</i> ,	- - - - -	Mrs. Mary B. Clay.
<i>Second Vice-President</i> ,	- - - - -	Hon. W. R. Ramsey.
<i>Third Vice-President</i> ,	- - - - -	Mrs. Caroline A. Leech.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i> ,	- - - - -	Mrs. Eugenia B. Farmer.
<i>Recording Secretary</i> ,	- - - - -	Mrs. May R. Patterson.
<i>Treasurer</i> ,	- - - - -	Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard.

The following delegates to the National American Woman's Suffrage Association Convention, were then elected by nomination and acclamation:

Delegates.

Mrs. Farmer, Mrs. Sawyer, Mrs. Avery, Mrs. Hubbard.

Alternates.

Mrs. Beauchamp, Mrs. M. B. Clay, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. J. K. Henry.

Moved, that Mrs. Farmer be made the member of the Executive Committee, carried.

Mrs. Sawyer moved that if any vacancies should occur in the delegation to the National American Suffrage Convention, the delegates present be empowered to fill the delegation by any member of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, in good standing, who may be present in Washington, carried.

The President then made the following nominations for the Frankfort Committee, and they were elected by acclamation :

Mrs. Josephine K. Henry, Versailles; Mrs. E. B. Farmer, Covington; Mrs. S. H. L. Avery, Louisville; Mrs. S. H. Sawyer, New Castle; Mrs. T. M. Goodknight, Frankfort.

Moved, that any other members of the Equal Rights Association, willing to pay her own expenses, be invited to go to Frankfort with this delegation, carried.

Adjourned.

Thursday Afternoon.

2 00 p. m. Meeting called to order by Mrs. Mary B. Clay. Mrs. Hubbard led in prayer.

The following Superintendents of the different Departments of work were elected by acclamation :

Bible Study, Mrs. S. H. Sawyer, New Castle.

Political Study, Mrs. M. C. Roark, Lexington.

Literature and Press Work, Mrs. W. F. Hibberd, Louisville.

National Enrollment, Mrs. S. M. Hubbard, Hickman.

Legislative and Petition Work, Mrs. J. K. Henry, Versailles.

Educational Opportunities for Woman, Mrs. M. F. Rogers, Clifton.

Industrial Training for Woman,—

Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard, Covington.

Hygiene and Dress Improvement, Sarah M. Siewers, M. D., Newport.

Work among Young People, Mrs. Ellen Gibson, Richmond.

Advancement of Woman's Work in Public Schools,—

Mrs. Sara Randall Boreing, London.

State Organizer, M. E. B. Farmer, Covington.

Mrs. Mary B. Clay then read a paper written by Sarah Siewers M.D., on "Hygienic Dress for Woman," followed by discussion, and several subscriptions were taken for the Jenness Miller Illustrated Quarterly.

Mrs. Cantrell according to the invitation gave a fine address on the work of the Board of Lady Managers of the Columbian Exposition, which excited much interest in the audience; and a resolution of sympathy and co-operation was passed and by request of Mrs. Cantrell a copy of it was ordered to be sent to the Board of Lady Managers at Chicago.

It was also moved that a member of this Association be appointed by the Executive Committee to represent us in any Conference called to form a State Board of the Columbian Exposition.

After the reading and approval of the final minutes, the Convention adjourned until the evening.

Immediately after adjournment, the Executive Committee met and made the following appropriations: \$3.00 devoted to Bible Study; \$3.00 to Petition and Legislative Work; \$3.00 to School Suffrage Work to be placed in the hands of Mrs. Farmer; \$10.00 to Frankfort Committee.

Thursday Evening.

Convention met at 8.00 p. m., Miss Clay in the chair. Dr. Hayward opened the meeting with prayer. The program of the evening was begun by a discussion on School Suffrage, which was led by a paper from Mrs. Farmer, followed by one from Mrs. Shepard, and the discussion then became general. Dr. Jones then made an address on the general aspects of woman suffrage. Remarks followed, by Mrs. Bennett, Miss Clay, Miss Merker, Dr. Cady and Dr. Hayward.

Dr. Hayward pronounced the benediction. Adjourned *sine die*.

REPORT OF FRANKFORT COMMITTEE.

FRANKFORT, December 8th, 1890.

The Frankfort Committee for the Constitutional Convention, appointed by the Executive Committee of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, met in Frankfort December 8th, 1890.

The committee was as follows: Mrs. M. A. Watts, Miss Laura Clay, Mrs. Josephine K. Henry, Mrs. Mary B. Clay and Mrs. Eugenia B. Farmer. Mrs. S. H. Sawyer was invited to join us in Frankfort, and was an efficient addition to the committee.

Mrs. Henry had a hearing before the Committee on Elections, asking for an open clause in the new constitution.

Mrs. Watts and Mrs. Farmer had a hearing before the Committee on Education, asking for school suffrage.

Our committee met with Convention Committees on Elections, Revision of the Constitution and Education.

On the 12th of December, the Constitutional Convention extended an invitation to the Frankfort Committee of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association to address the convention from the floor. Accordingly, the committee having selected Miss Clay as their spokeswoman, took their seats in front of the Speaker's stand and Miss Clay addressed the convention. Her remarks were received with great applause and ordered printed in the Constitutional Convention Record.

FRANKFORT, January 7th, 1891.

A telegram received from Hon. W. R. Ramsey on the evening of the 6th, announced the discussion of the "Property Rights of Married Women." Miss Laura Clay and Mrs. Farmer arrived in Frankfort the morning of the 7th, and found that all our hopes and efforts were laid on the table, where they remained at the close of the eight months' session of the Constitutional Convention of Kentucky.

EUGENIA B. FARMER,

Secretary Frankfort Committee.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The close of the year 1890 and the beginning of this, 1891, will be a memorable one to the members of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association. We had great hopes for the accomplishment of *something for women* in the new constitution, but that great instrument does not contain the word *woman*. The committee appointed to meet in Frankfort was treated courteously by the Committees on Elections, Revision of the Constitution, Education and Woman's Rights.

Mrs. Josephine K. Henry had a hearing before the Committee on Elections, asking for an open clause in the new constitution. This committee requested that this appeal be printed and a copy be placed on the desk of each member of the convention. This request was complied with, and a thousand copies were distributed by the Equal Rights Association.

On the 8th of December, 1890, the Special Committee appointed by the convention arrived in Frankfort; remained five days. On the morning of the 12th, the Hon. W. H. MacKoy, of Covington, presented the following: "The Equal Rights Association asks that the constitution shall say, that the Legislature may have the right, by its own action, to extend full suffrage to women in the future." In the afternoon, when the convention had resolved itself into a committee of the whole, upon motion of Mr. MacKoy and a unanimous vote of the convention, the Equal Rights Committee was escorted to the Speaker's desk, and Miss Clay delivered an address for an open clause in the new constitution. By a unanimous vote of the convention, the address was ordered printed in the Constitutional Convention Record. The invitation to the committee to address the Constitutional Convention from the floor was a great compliment to the Kentucky Equal Rights Association. Although we have been defeated in our efforts, we shall not abandon the work, but continue to ask for Property Rights for Women, Women Physicians in the Asylums for the Insane, and School Suffrage. Petitions for the latter are being circulated throughout the State.

A great educator along our line of work is the free distribution of literature. The scales have fallen from the eyes of many men and women by reading suffrage papers. *Read your papers* and send them to someone, always giving your name. The seed sown so silently may spring up and *bear much fruit*. It has been my pleasure to distribute 4,022 pages of literature; many persons asking for more.

OFFICERS, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING, ETC., OF
LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS.

LEXINGTON.

President: MISS LAURA CLAY.

Cor. Sec'y: MRS. M. CRAMER.

Meets weekly in the Y. M. C. A. rooms; have regular Bible Readings; nineteen regular members, one honorary. Held three public meetings; the speakers were Mrs. Josephine K. Henry and Rev. Anna Shaw.

COVINGTON.

President: MRS. E. B. FARMER. *Sec'y and Treas:* MRS. I. H. SHEPARD.

Meets monthly; have no headquarters. Held two public meetings this year. Two dollars and a half subscribed for Suffrage Papers. School Suffrage is the most interesting subject to the members of this Association.

LONDON.

President: MRS. W. R. RAMSEY.

Cor. Sec'y: MRS. SARAH RANDALL BOREING.

Meets monthly; have no headquarters. Held two public meetings. The first meeting addressed by Rev. Anna Shaw. Under the auspices of the Free Lecture Bureau we arranged a lecture tour for Mrs. Josephine K. Henry at London, Mt. Vernon, Barboursville, Pineville and Williamsburg. Several copies of the *Woman's Journal* and *Woman's Column* are taken. What we need in this part of the state is more light and the courage of our convictions.

LOUISVILLE.

President: _____

Cor. Sec'y: MRS. M. F. HIBBERD.

Meets monthly at private houses. Two public lectures given by Rev. Anna Shaw. Have taken up the department of municipal government. Twelve copies of the *Woman's Journal* and *Woman's Column* have been taken. We have fifteen members, to this six were added during the convention.

NEWPORT.

President: SARAH M. SIEWERS, M. D.

Recording Sec'y: MISS ALICE L. NEALEANS.

This Association was first organized in June, 1890, and re-organized in May, 1891. Meet every two weeks; have undertaken extemporaneous speaking and study of the state constitution, parliamentary drill and debating.

RICHMOND.

President: MRS. JAMES BENNETT. *Cor. Sec'y:* MRS. HUGH L. WHITE.

Meets once a month at headquarters: twenty-four regular members. The Bible is read at the meetings. Five copies of the different Suffrage Papers taken.

EUGENIA B. FARMER, *Cor. Secretary.*

REPORT OF TREASURER KY. EQUAL RIGHTS ASSC'N.

1890—91.

To Bal. per report Dec. 3, '90...	\$71.88	Trav. expenses of members ..	\$8.75
Donat' on, Mrs. Boreing	10.00	Printing programmes.....	2.00
Collections Dec. 3 and 4,	4.97	Com. expenses to Frankfort..	16.84
Mrs. Johnson, donation for		(Expenses were \$41.84 but	
Frankfort Com.....	10.00	Miss Clay donated \$25.00	
Lexington Ass'n, annual dues	4.55	and sent bill for \$16.84.)	
Newport " " "	2.50	W. S. Marshall, printing	36.00
Richmond " " "	7.00	National Ass'n, annual dues..	7.90
Louisville " " "	2.80	Rob't T. Morris, (minutes '90)	16.00
London " " "	2.50	Mrs. Farmer (school suffrage)	3.00
Covington " " "	3.50		
Members State Ass'n	6 00		
Donation, Miss Clay Oct. 16 ..	5.00	Balance	40.21
	\$130.70		\$90.49
			\$130.70

ISABELLA H. SHEPARD, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF BIBLE STUDY.

As for the regular department work done by your Superintendent in the past year, my report, if I should make a statistical one, would be very meagre. I have been a very busy woman, and have I believe, indirectly if not directly, done a good work for the advancement in the churches. I am, as some of you know, the Conference Organizer for the W. P. and H. U. S. of the Kentucky Conference M. E. Church South, and as organizer have visited many of the principal churches within our bounds, have everywhere been kindly received. Found many good friends to our movement, and a very few outspoken enemies. Have on several occasions occupied the entire Sunday morning and evening hour at the earnest solicitation of the pastor, who made me feel as much at home in the pulpit as I have been accustomed to feel in the pew. Spoke before four District Conferences on Home Missions, and was thanked by resolutions at, I believe, each of them. I was listened to as cordially, and received as kindly, by most of the ministers, I believe, as I would have been had I been a man; and was enabled to make more engagements than my physical strength would permit me to fill. And I say, God bless these men, everyone of them, and all others, and disabuse their minds of the idea that we women want their places. No, indeed, we only want our own, and if they are quite sure they are occupying *only their own* places, those that God intended for them, they need have no fears.

All of my spare time the first of the year was given to the accumulation of information and the compilation of the little pamphlet on Co-Education. I have distributed a good deal of literature, but have lost my book in which I kept the amounts. I have had reports from several of our local Associations and regret to learn that all of them do not open their meetings with devotional exercises. I believe the Lexington Association is a model association in this respect. All of them have distributed literature on this phase of the subject.

I have no accurate account of expenditures for reasons given above, but do not think they will very much exceed the appropriation to this department, except perhaps on postage and expressage on pamphlets. The cost of the publication of the same was met by our worthy president.

I trust that we may gather strength at this convention and feel that there is much to encourage us as to the advancement of our cause in ecclesiastical bodies.

MRS. S. H. SAWYER, *Superintendent.*

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF INDUSTRIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN.

There has been no work done in this department during the past year, consequently no report can be given. I hope, however, you will grant me a few minutes talk upon this important subject.

This department has been called "Industrial Opportunities for Women," may I suggest that it be changed to "Industrial Training for Women," since it is certainly true that there are industrial opportunities for which very few women are fitted; these opportunities avail nothing without special training for them. We cannot have successful business women without they are educated for business, and the successful ones will testify that their business education has been tediously and hardly earned by meeting with and overcoming many trials.

Education is a broad word, a very broad one, while its meaning is too frequently limited by the general public to scholarship. Certainly a good work for this department to undertake would be to make strong endeavor to have added to our public schools, schools for training boys and girls in the various branches of industry. The majority of boys and girls leave school at sixteen, or are graduated, and find themselves of no immediate assistance in any particular branch to their parents, who perhaps have practiced many self-denials to have these children educated. Why not educate these boys and girls to be *independent* bread-winners, and make education compulsory? I would like to know the sense of the Association upon this subject, and the opinions of interested educators as to the practicability of such additions to our present system of public instruction.

ISABELLA H. SHEPARD, *Sup't*
Industrial Opportunities for Women.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF ADVANCEMENT OF WOMANS' WORK IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Mrs. May R. Patterson being unable on account of ill health to superintend this department, her place in all the work done was supplied by Mrs. Farmer. Petitions for School Suffrage have been and are still being circulated throughout the state. These will be presented to the Legislature some time during the winter. We want every woman at all interested in this subject to use her influence with the representatives to the Legislature from her district. Urge them to read the petition whether they favor it or not. We are anxious that Kentucky should fall into line with the twenty-three states that give School Suffrage to women.

A petition has been presented to the committee on revision of the charters of Covington, Newport and Lexington, asking for a provision in the new charter for School Suffrage for women.

EUGENIA B. FARMER.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CO-EDUCATION OF
THE SEXES IN COLLEGES.

Mrs. Margaret A. Watts was appointed by the E. R. A. of the State of Kentucky, to confer with the Faculty of Centre College, in Danville, Ky., in regard to the subject of the co-education of the sexes.

As far back as 1845 the Rev. John C. Young, who was then president of the college advocated co-education. He had four daughters whom he wished to have a classic education, and he sent them to college and they were graduated as regular students in good standing.

This precedent however was not followed by the men who have since been presidents of Centre College, but the preparatory department of the College has admitted girls as well as boys, for many years. Some of the best educated women of the state laid the foundation for a classical and mathematical course of study in the Preparatory Department.

The daughter of the Vice-President, Miss Leila McKee, after she was graduated at Oxford Seminary, Ohio, entered Centre College with her brothers, who were younger than she and who were stimulated in their studies by her example and assistance. She received her Diploma from Centre College and from there went to Wellesly, Mass., remained two years and now has the honor of being in possession of three diplomas, namely, from Oxford, Centre and Wellesly Colleges.

Mrs. Watts addressed a letter to the president and faculty of Centre College, calling their attention to what had been done for co-education and asking them to admit girls upon the same footing as boys in the future. Her letter was discussed, considered and answered.

Danville being noted for its fine educational advantages in other schools for women, it was thought best for the present to confine co-education to the preparatory department. As Mrs. Watts urged a recognition of the women graduates, the degree of B. A. was conferred upon the three women who were the daughters of the first president of the college at the alumni meeting in June 1891.

STATE ORGANIZER'S REPORT.

The only call to organize during the year was to re-organize the Newport Association, in May, 1891, with ten members. Dr. Sarah M. Siewers, President, and Miss Alice L. Nealeans, Sec'y.

EUGENIA B. FARMER.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That since women are as dependent as men upon the laws for protection in life, liberty and property, they ought to have an equal voice with men in the making and the execution of the laws.

2nd. That the Kentucky Equal Rights Association demands the ballot for women, not as a privilege or experiment, but as the inalienable right of every citizen, irrespective of sex, in a government based upon the consent of the governed, her enfranchisement being the right of every woman and its accomplishment the duty of every man.

3d. That it is with joy we note the evidence that the churches are fast coming to the gospel standard of the unity and equality of men and women and declare that there should be no bar to the ecclesiastical emancipation of women.

4th. That we are in hearty sympathy with the Board of Lady Managers of the World's Columbian Exposition, and urge members and friends of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association throughout the state to heartily co-operate with the Kentucky members in their efforts to further the interests of all women throughout the state.

5th. That the thanks of the Equal Rights Association of Kentucky be tendered the Association of Louisville and other citizens for their courtesy and kind entertainment, to the press, especially the *Courier Journal* for favorable mention of our proceedings, to Col. John B. Castleman for flags, to Mr. H. C. Farmer for pencils and tablets, and to railroads for giving reduced rates to delegates.

REPORT OF THE FREE LECTURE BUREAU.

Under the auspices of the Free Lecture Bureau, Mrs. Josephine K. Henry has delivered addresses in the following places: on the evening of January 15th, 1891 in the Democratic Club House, Covington; on the evening of the 16th, at the Court House in Newport; on the 25th of January at the Court House in Lexington and May 25th at the same place. On June 22d at Mt. Vernon, the 23d at London, the 24th at Barboursville, the 25th at Pineville, and 26th at Williamsburg. At these places Mrs. Henry had large and appreciative audiences, as she always has wherever she speaks.

The Teachers' Institute of Woodford County was in session in the Baptist Church at Versailles, September 30th to October 3d and Mrs. Henry was requested to make an appeal for School Suffrage. The church was crowded with public school teachers and citizens of the town and county. She asked for a hearing of ten minutes but they all being so interested urged her to continue which she did for three-quarters of an hour, which resulted in an unanimous rising vote for School Suffrage for Kentucky women.

Miss Laura Clay delivered an address at Berea in May, and in Covington, October 5th. The secretary of this Lecture Bureau would be willing to make arrangements for every day in the year for all of the lecturers if the subject of Equal Rights would become so popular as to demand it.

Notices of this Lecture Bureau were inserted in the *Woman's Journal*, *Woman's Column* of Boston, the *Woman's Tribune* of Washington City and the *Witness*, of Frankfort, Ky.

EUGENIA B. FARMER, *Secretary*.

FREE LECTURE BUREAU.

The following members of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association have consented to give lectures on the different aspects of the work of the Association, without pay for their services, to parties making application through the secretary of the Free Lecture Bureau.

Mrs. Josephine K. Henry,	- - -	Box 128, Versailles, Ky.
Mrs. M. A. Watts,	- - -	Louisville, Ky.
Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard,	31 E. Twelfth St.,	Covington, Ky.
Mrs. James Bennett,	- - -	Richmond, Ky.
Mrs. Mary B. Clay,	- - -	White Hall, Madison Co. Ky.
Miss Laura Clay,	- - -	78 N. Broadway, Lexington, Ky.
Mrs. S. H. Sawyer,	- - -	New Castle, Ky.

Terms: The person asking for one of the lecturers shall pay for the hall, advertising and entertainment of the speaker and shall take a collection at the lecture for the benefit of the State Association or shall pay the traveling expenses of the lecturer. In case a collection is taken up for the benefit of the State Association, the traveling expenses of the lecturer shall be paid from the state treasury.

EUGENIA B. FARMER,
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Secretary Free Lecture Bureau.

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