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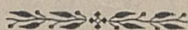
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<i>President</i>	—MRS. S. M. HUBBARD	-	Hickman.
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<i>Vice-president</i>	—MRS. ANNA P. HUBBARD	-	Columbus.
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<i>Treasurer</i>	—MISS KATE B. EVANS	-	Columbus.

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<i>Secretary</i>	—MR. W. K. HALL	- -	Fulton.
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## Journal of Proceedings. FIRST DAY.

COVINGTON, KY., Oct 14, 1897.

The Tenth Annual Convention of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, convened in the Guild Hall of Trinity Episcopal Church at Covington, Kentucky, October 14th, 1897, at 10 a. m., Miss Laura Clay, President, in the chair

The President conducted the devotional exercises, reading a paragraph from the Eleventh Chapter of St. Luke.

The Recording Secretary being absent, Mrs. Sarah H. Sawyer, of London, was elected secretary protem

The following Committees were appointed:

CREDENTIALS—Mrs. Eugenia B. Farmer and Mrs Isabella H. Shepard.

FINANCE—Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard and Mary Muggeridge.

PUBLICATION—Mrs Sarah H. Sawyer, Miss Laura Clay.

COURTESIES—Mrs. Laidley, Mrs. Collins.

AUDITORS—Mrs. Ellen Gibson, Mrs. Sallie Clay Bennett.

Mrs. McLellan Brown and Mrs. Woodbury, of the Twentieth Century Club of Cincinnati, were introduced to the Convention. Miss Josephine Woodward, of the Commercial-Tribune, was also introduced, and on motion, the courtesies of the floor were extended to these ladies.

The minutes of the Executive Committee meetings, held during the interim of the conventions, were read. (See appendix). The president then read a letter from Rev. J. W. Hughes, president of Asbury College, Wilmore, and from Mrs. Scott, of Barbourville, commendatory of the work done at those places by Mrs. Emma Smith Devoe, National Organizer.

Mrs. Trimble, vice-president of the Covington Association, was introduced to the convention.

The committee on Credentials reported twenty-three officers, superintendents and delegates present, giving the convention that number of votes on all questions

Corresponding secretary read the names of the delegates to the convention, and also stated that Mrs. Caroline A Leech,

Supt. of Educational Opportunities for Women, was kept from the convention by ill health.

Mrs. S. M. Hubbard, Supt. of Petition Work, made a verbal report. Mrs. Sarah Gibson Humphreys, Supt. of Press Work, made a verbal report.

On motion, it was decided to continue the discussion on press work at the afternoon session, and the convention adjourned to 2:30 p. m.

### Afternoon, 2.30 O'clock.

Convention opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. Sarah Hardin Sawyer, Supt. Bible Study. Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Mrs. Gibson, of Richmond, read the following item of news, which provoked discussion:

"A recommendation has gone before the Presbyterian Board to the effect, that women be forbidden the use of pulpits for public addresses to mixed audiences, and that it be considered improper to give notice of such meetings from the pulpit. Women, however, are still to be permitted to give public testimony for the benefit of and in the presence of the privileged sex."

—Demorest Magazine.

Mrs. Schrader, president of the Twentieth Century Club Cincinnati, and Mrs. Drukker, president of the New Century Club of Cincinnati, were introduced to the convention, and on motion, the courtesies of the floor were extended to them.

The Plan of Work Committee made a partial report. The report was considered seriatim and adopted (see arts. 1-5, of full report in Appendix.)

The president read the bill presented by Hon. Chas. Bronston, of Lexington, to the last Legislature on the "Co-guardianship of Children," and a motion, that it is the sense of the convention that the bill is a judicious one, prevailed.

Mrs. Stanton, vice-president of the Ohio Woman Suffrage Association, was introduced and addressed the convention.

Madams. Sherwood, Ferris, Miller, Walker and Nye, of Twentieth Century Club of Cincinnati, were greeted by the convention, and on motion, all the members of Women Suffrage Associations present were invited to take part in all discussions.

Discussion of press work was continued.

Mrs. Sarah Schrader of Twentieth Century Club, spoke as follows on the best methods of circulating and presenting petitions: "In circulating petitions, secure if possible the signa-



tures of the members of the County Central Committees of the respective political parties. In the large cities it is important, too, to get the signatures of the city committees of the parties as well. Get names of all prominent voters, and all active business men possible, paste the petitions together making one continuous roll, being careful to have those which contain the signatures of the prominent party and business men the first on the roll. Send these petitions to the one who has the work in charge before the Legislature meets, that she may present them to the representative in the order which they belong."

Mrs. Sarah Schrader, president of the Twentieth Century Club, delivered an address, subject, "Why Women Want the Ballot."

The Corresponding Secretary read the following message to the convention:

BOISE, IDAHO.

To the Equal Suffrage Association of Kentucky, and Mrs. Eugenia B. Farmer, Cor. Sec'y, Covington, Ky.:

In behalf of the women of Idaho, I extend sincere thanks for your kindly greetings and congratulations. We can all rejoice in the magnificent victory that has been won.

Sincerely yours,

MRS. M. C. ATHAY, Cor. Sec'y. I. E. S. A.

The president read the following letter from Miss Anthony:

ROCHESTER, N. Y., October 5th, 1897.

Miss Laura Clay,  
Lexington, Ky.

My dear friend:—I see it announced that the Annual meeting of your Equal Rights Association is to be held on October 14th and 15th. I just want to tell you that in spirit I shall be with you, and that I hope you will have a good time, and will be made to feel that the work which the National Organization Committee has done in your section of the country has made some difference in the interest of the people in our good cause.

If it were not for the fact that I had religiously appropriated this year to studying over the history of the past, for the purpose of having my friend, Mrs. Harper, make a record of the most important points, I certainly should feel like breaking away from home and being with you in Lexington at your convention. But, as it is, I can only think of you and wish for you the best of everything that can be hoped for. So give my love to each and all of the people who are attendants and especially

to your own dear mother and sister Mary, reserving a good deal for yourself.

Very affectionately yours,

SUSAN B. ANTHONY.

P. S. :—Of course. I shall expect to visit with you in Washington at the National Convention, the week between Feb. 13th and 20th. The Riggs House is to be our headquarters. Urge everybody to be in Washington that week to help us, not only with our annual Convention, but also, in our Celebration of our Fiftieth Anniversary of the first Woman's Rights Convention, held in New York State July 19th, 1848

You see we women have been wandering in the wilderness of disenfranchisement a whole decade of years longer than the children of Israel wandered in their wilderness. I wonder if the men of this nation are bound to compel us to wander through three decades more before they allow us to cross over into the Canaan of equality of rights, privileges, and immunities with themselves.

S. B. A.

On motion, the letter was ordered spread on the minutes, and the corresponding secretary was directed to write Miss Anthony a letter of greeting and thanks.

The president asked the convention whose duty it shall be to send programs, leaflets and circular letters to the local Associations. A motion to adjourn prevailed before the matter was disposed of.



## SECOND DAY.

COVINGTON, KY, October 15th, 1897.

Convention met at 10 a m, the President in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. S. M. Hubbard, of Hickman; Scripture lesson, 1st Tim. 5:21-23.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved. On motion it was decided that the president write the circular letters to the local Associations, sending them to the corresponding secretary, who shall make copies of them and enclose them with programs and leaflets and send to the local Assopiations.

Mrs. Emma Smith Devoe, of Chicago, was invited to take part in the discussions.

The corresponding secretary made the report of the Frankfort Committee which was accepted (See appendix.)

Mr. Wood, of Covington, was introduced to the convention, and declared his allegiance to the cause of the equality of the sexes.

Superintendent of Bible Study made a verbal report.

Plan of Work Committee made additional report (See report.)

Mrs James Bennett offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

RESOLVED, that we will continue to petition Congress to protect women equal with black men against State denial of that old right to vote for members of Congress and Presidential Electors, which they both exercised in New Jersey until 1807, by a law made in pursuance of the first section of the 14th Amendment of our National Constitution, in accordance with the combined Minor vs. Happersett, and Yarbrough decisions of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the United States, and that a committee be appointed to attend to the same

Oh motion, Mrs James Bennett was appointed committee to carry into effect resolution offered by her.

Mrs. Emma Smith Devoe addressed the convention on "Methods of Raising money for the Cause," and described several entertainments which would help the cause, and at the

same time be remunerative. These entertainments are described in National Suffrage Bulletin for September, 1896, which can be procured from Mrs. Rachel Foster Avery, Nat. Sec'y., 119 N. 19th St. Philadelphia, Penn.

For report of Mrs. DeVoe's organizing tour, (see appendix.)

On motion, the convention proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Farmer and Mrs. Shepard were appointed tellers. For general officers elected see page 1.

A motion to adjourn until 2 p. m., carried.

### Afternoon Session.

Convention called to order by President; devotional exercises conducted by Supt Bible Study; minutes read and approved.

Corresponding Secretary made her report, which was accepted. (See report.) Treasurer made her report, which was referred to Auditing committee. Moved and carried, that the Treasurer's books shall be kept open until 1st of December for her report to the National Convention.

The call for the National Convention was read and delegates elected to same as follows: Member National Ex. Com., Mrs. Mary B. Clay. Delegates—Mrs. Mary Cramer, Lexington; Mrs. Sallie Clay Bennett, Richmond; Mrs. Mary Muggeridge, Newport; Mrs. Sallie B. Wolcott, Covington; Mrs. Ellen V. Gibson, Richmond. Alternates—Mrs. Sarah Hardin Sawyer, London, Mrs. W. F. Francis, Richmond; Miss Mary E. Wood, Newport.

On motion, it was ordered that the first delegate be the alternate of the member of National Executive Committee.

The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That in case of a vacancy in the delegation at the National Convention, such place may be filled by election by the delegation, of any member of the Ky. E. R. Association present.

Superintendent of Woman's Work in the Public Schools Miss Annie B. Morgan, read her report. (See report.)

Mrs. Sarah Clay Bennett, member National Executive Committee, read report. (See report.)

Auditors' report that they had examined Treasurer's report, and had found the same correct. (for Treas. report see appendix.)

Report of Free Lecture Bureau was read and adopted. (See report.)

Miss Clay read a paper contributed by Mrs. L. C. Obenchain, of Bowling Green.

On motion corresponding secretary was directed to write Mrs. Obenchain a letter of thanks for the excellent papers she contributes to the conventions each year.

Executive committee made nominations for superintendents and all were unanimously elected. See "Superintendents of Departments," page 2

Committee on resolutions offered report; after amendments the report was adopted. (See report.)

The president read an invitation to her as president of Ky. E. R. Association, from the corresponding secretary of the National W. C. T. U, inviting her to attend the National Convention. On motion Miss Clay was requested to convey the greetings of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association to that convention, either in person or by written communication.

Attention was called to Woman's Journal, Woman's Column, Woman's Tribune, and other Suffrage papers, and the delegates were urged to increase their circulation as much as possible.

Mrs. DeVoe sang a song composed by her husband: "Oh, Sing of Wyoming."

On motion the convention adjourned.

At the evening sessions the following programs were carried out to the delight of large and appreciative audiences:

THURSDAY EVENING, 7:45 O'CLOCK.

PRAYER.

Quartette..... { Dr Will Sullivan, Mrs. Laura Sullivan  
Mrs. Sydnor Hall, Mr. John A. Hanks

Address..... Laura Clay

Solo..... Mrs. John Mornan

Address..... Mrs. Emma Smith De Voe

FRIDAY EVENING, 7:45 O'CLOCK.

PRAYER.

Solo..... Robert Greenwood Jones

Accompanist..... Raymond Loder

Readings—Selections from the }  
Book Compiled by Prominent } Miss Helen Merci Schuster  
Women Suffragists }

Address..... Mrs. Emma Smith De Voe

SARAH HARDIN SAWYER, Secretary Protem

## Appendix.

### Minutes of Executive Committee Meetings.

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LEXINGTON, KY., January 12, 1897.

An Executive Committee meeting was held at the residence of Miss Laura Clay, to consider a proposition from Mrs Margaret A. Watts, of Louisville, to be sent as a fraternal delegate from the Kentucky Equal Rights Association to the World and National W. C. T. U. convention to be held in Canada in May of this year. Carried.

Miss Belle Bennett was appointed as a superintendent of "Work Among Young People." Committee rose.

EUGENIA B FARMER, Secretary Pro-tem

LEXINGTON, KY , March 8, 1897.

The Executive Committee met at the residence of the President, Miss Clay, with the following members present: Miss Laura Clay, Mrs. Mary B. Clay, Mrs Cramer and Mrs. Farmer. Mrs. Josephine K. Henry, Superintendent of Legislative and Petition Work, having been invited, was present. It was decided to attend the extra session of the Legislature. The school suffrage work was placed in the hands of Mrs. Farmer. The House of Reform was placed in the hands of Mrs Charles and the Frankfort Committee to assist her. On motion it was decided that \$20.00 be used for Frankfort expenses.

Mrs. Henry, Miss Clay, Mrs. Mary B. Clay and Mrs Cramer were appointed on the Frankfort committee, with Mrs Farmer as chairman, as the school sufrage work was the only question that could be presented, according to the proclamation of the Governor for an extra session of the Legislature. Mrs Henry was requested to give one evening for a speech before the Legislature. Committee rose.

EUGENIA B. FARMER, Sec'y Pro-tem.

COVINGTON, KY., Oct. 14, 1897.

The Executive Committee met in the parlor of Trinity Church and the President reported that she, by a circular letter

to members of the Executive Committee, recommended and the committee called on the National Organization Committee for a National Organizer to do work in the state, on the terms of raising one hundred dollars (\$100) to go as far as it would go. Mrs. Emma Smith DeVoe, of Chicago, was employed, and has herself contributed liberally to the work in the State by donating two weeks of her time

MRS. SARAH H. SAWYER, Sec'y Protem-

COVINGTON, KY, Oct 15, 1897,

After the adjournment of the Tenth Annual Convention the committee met in the parlor of Trinity Church and on motion the following appropriations were made:

For Minutes.....	\$ 18 00
For Corresponding Secretary.....	6 00
National Enrollment.....	10 00
Recording Secretary.....	1 00
Programmes.....	3 00
Traveling expenses for Mrs. Clay.....	6 75
Traveling expenses for Miss Clay.....	6 75
Traveling expenses for Mrs. Cramer.....	4 80
To Frankfort Committee.....	6 00

On motion, it was decided that each Association be asked to contribute to the publication of minutes.

SARAH H. SAWYER, Sec'y.

#### REPORT OF PLAN OF WORK COMMITTEE.

We recommend the following plan of work:

1. That we press the claims of mothers for the co-guardianship with fathers of minor children.
2. That we continue to urge upon the General Assembly to make mandatory the appointment of assistant women physicians in the insane asylums
3. That the work for school suffrage for all the women of the State be continued.
4. That we continue the Free Lecture Bureau
5. That the State Association provide programs and leaflets for the local associations for their monthly meetings, and send a circular letter quarterly to be read before the local association, and thus cement the union between the State and local works.
6. That the Frankfort Committee, appointed by Executive

Committee, viz: Mrs. E. B. Farmer, Mrs. Henry, Miss Clay, Mrs. Mary B. Clay and Mrs. Cramer, be continued.

7. That the work for raising age of protection be continued under same committee.

8. That we ask the Legislature to submit a constitutional amendment relieving the women of the State from taxation until they have the right of suffrage.

#### REPORT OF FRANKFORT COMMITTEE.

An extra session of the Kentucky Legislature was called by the Governor for March 13, which was Saturday; on Monday Miss Clay, with Mrs. Farmer, preceded the committee from our Association to Frankfort, calling upon the Governor to be certain that we had the power to ask the Legislature to grant school suffrage to all the women of Kentucky.

Armed with the power from the Chief Executive of the State, the following members of the committee, Miss Laura Clay, Mrs. Farmer, Mrs. Mary B. Clay and Mrs. Cramer, proceeded at once to the Senate to ask Senator Goebel to draw up and introduce our school suffrage bill.

On the 18th of March the Senator introduced the bill. It was ordered printed and on the 19th copies were placed on the desks of the Senators and Representatives; it was then placed in the hands of the Judiciary Committee in both houses.

Then begin the labors of the committee—but the Senatorial contest hindered us in our work—after much lobbying our bill was passed by the Senate on the second of April, but some of the Senators objected to the bill being so fixed that it could not be re-considered, and the time set for re-consideration was the fifth of April, on the seventh Senator Goebel waited for the three days allowed by the Senate rules in which a bill can be re-considered, then he put the bill through, and asked that the clerk of the Senate at once take the bill over to the House, which he did, and it was received with great applause.

In the House of Representatives the bill was placed in the hands of the Judiciary Committee; on the 8th the bill was read and ordered printed. From this time on to the 11th of May the committee labored with the members of the House, urging them to be as generous as the Senate had been, but it was all in vain. We are very grateful to Senators Goebel, Bronston and the many friends in the House who so fearlessly defended our bill.

No one knows the many hours of labor necessary to secure



the passage of a bill through the Legislature. Our bill was defeated in the House by only five votes out of 100 members. The committee has the names of the gentlemen who voted for and against us. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. FARMER,	} Committee.
MISS CLAY,	
MRS. MARY B. CLAY,	
MRS. CRAMER,	
MRS. HENRY.	

#### REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

October 14th, 1897.

At the close of the National Suffrage Convention, January, 1897, our State President secured a favorable opinion from each member of the Executive Committee as to the advisability of securing one of the National speakers as long a time as \$100 would last, to speak on suffrage in certain portions of the State, to create, if possible, a greater degree of interest among the Local Associations. Mrs. Emma Smith DeVoe was agreed upon and arrangements made for her to be in Covington during the State Convention.

It has been proven that the circulation of literature does a vast amount of good, and removes prejudices existing in the minds of men and women. By request of a friend in Florida; about one thousand pages of literature were sent to that State, fifteen hundred pages were sent to a gentleman in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, asking for literature on suffrage. He was to have a debate on the subject "Should Women Vote." This gentleman was to take the affirmative.

While in Frankfort, Miss Clay and myself distributed two hundred leaflets on School Suffrage. Ten members of the Local Association of Covington have subscribed for the Political Equality series, leaflet form.

A Mr. Benham, of San Francisco, California, sent for a copy of our State minutes. The secretary enclosed leaflets.

The secretary recently sent for two hundred leaflets on Woman Suffrage in the United States.

The executive committee voted the secretary five dollars for postage, stationery, &c, the whole amount having been used for this purpose, no money remains in her hands.

The secretary has written one hundred and fifty-six letters.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENIA B. FARMER, Car. Sec'y.

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**REPORT OF LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS.**

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**FAYETTE COUNTY.**

The meetings of the E. R. A. are held at the homes of the members, at intervals of two weeks. In addition to business, an appointed leader conducts a discussion of "Current Events," as part of the program. This has proved interesting and instructive.

A committee was appointed to act with a committee from the W. C. T. U., to petition the trustees of the State College to provide dormitories for the women students as is now done for the men. The committee met the Board of Trustees, but as yet nothing has been done.

In March a committee was appointed to join with other Associations to form a Reception Committee for the ladies of the G. A. R., which met in Lexington. This was done, and courteous attention was shown to these visitors.

At the meeting of April 20th, special prayer was made for our beloved Mrs. Martha R. Stockwell, then critically ill. Her death occurred soon after; inflicting a severe loss upon our Association, of which she was one of the best loved and most useful members.

On May 4th, methods for nominating members for the School Board without going into primaries, were discussed. It was unanimously resolved, that our action should be strictly non-partisan. Invitations were given to the Woman's Club and the W. C. T. U., to appoint each a committee of three to act with a committee of three from the E. R. A., to plan for a non-partisan nomination, and our committee was instructed to advise a mass-meeting. The invitations were accepted, and the joint committee arranged for a mass-meeting, which was successfully held in the Opera House on June 17th. A nominating committee was elected, and instructed to nominate a non-partisan ticket of men and women. Several meetings were also held at school houses to excite an interest in mothers in school elections.

Our E. R. A. pledged ten dollars to the fund for employing Mrs. DeVoe to make an organizing tour through the State.

Several Woman's journals and columns, and other Suffrage papers are taken by our members.

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**PADUCAH**

Our Association is subject to called meetings. We have

held four since our last election of officers. We have distributed some literature—"Woman's Columns," and about fifty copies of 'What Ky E. R. A. Has Done.' Many other Suffrage leaflets obtained from the W. T. P. A., have been given to friends of the cause, but not members.

I circulated the National Suffrage Bulletin among the members, nine in number. We are behind in State dues, but will remit at once.

We hope to again circulate a petition for School Suffrage in third class cities. We sent in a very full petition to our last Legislature. (Full petition reported in last year's minutes.—Sec'y).

We are now arranging to have Mrs. DeVoe lecture for us. We can not send any delegates to the Convention, which I very much regret.

Earnestly hoping and striving for a better report next year, I remain your's sincerely,

(Mrs.) DOROTHY KOGER.

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MADISON COUNTY.

We have a regular place of meeting. We have distributed a small amount of literature during the past months, and have added to our Association a number of new members. I think that we will soon be able to say that we are fifty in number. Mrs. DeVoe gave a lecture at our court house on Oct. 9th, which was largely attended, and, by the most intelligent of Richmond's citizens. She is a fine reasoner, giving a clear and forcible answer to all objections against Suffrage for women. Her lecture was highly appreciated, and several were added to our band.

KATE ROSE WIGGINS, Sec'y.

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CAMPBELL COUNTY.

Campbell County has during the present year held weekly meetings at Dr. Roebuck's office. Even during the hot summer months, the meetings were well attended. The Society has distributed over 1,200 pages of literature, and 200 leaflets of "What Equal Rights has done." We have read Walker's Political Economy, and other papers. We have had several social meetings at the homes of the members; in this way getting outside women interested in the Cause. We think these meetings did much good. We also gave two parties, by which we increased our finances by quite a nice sum. Before registration day we

sent out four ladies to canvass the town, to see if we could get our two candidates a full vote. The ladies worked very hard, and canvassed the six wards in five days. We have at present twenty paid up members, and expect to get many more during the next year.

HANNAH L. SPRING, Sec'y.

BOWLING GREEN.

I have given away Suffrage literature, and went to Nashville at Miss Clay's request, and read a paper. Mrs Mitchell has given to the world a baby boy, who will undoubtedly be trained up in the gospel of Equal Rights. I have enrolled my little eleven-year-old in our association. My youngest girl shows a strong tendency to grasp her own rights and everybody else's, and I am afraid she is going to develop into a remonstrant some of these days.

MRS L. C. OBENCHAIN, Sec'y.

KENTON COUNTY.

The Kenton County Association meets twice a month at the residence of Mrs. Sallie B. Wolcott. Much interest has been manifested in the second year's course of study in Political Economy. A number of the members subscribed for the Political Equality leaflets. Our Association decided to invite the State Convention to our city in October. Also to make arrangements for Mrs. Emma Smith DeVoe to be with us at that time.

About twenty-five hundred leaflets have been distributed. It was thought best not to have any women nominated for the School Board, but that an effort should be made to elect the best men, irrespective of party, for the Board of Education. Our annual election of officers was held the last week in September.

K. E. YOUNG, Sec'y.



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 TREASURER'S REPORT.

To bal Dec '96.....\$ 83 70

## ANNUAL DUES FOR LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS

Richmond.....	12 00
Lexington.....	10 60
Newport.....	10 15
Wilmore.....	35
Covington.....	3 50
Hickman.....	4 20
London.....	3 50
Columbus.....	2 00
Arlington.....	3 45
Paducah.....	2 25
Bowling Green.....	4 00
State Members.....	2 00
Leaflets sold by Miss Clay.....	56

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 \$ 142 26

## BY DISBURSEMENTS 96-97.

Printing Minutes.....	\$ 16 00
Printing Programmes.....	2 50
Express charges.....	25
Corresponding Secretary.....	5 00
Error in crediting Owensboro.....	50
Auxiliary dues to National Association.....	14 70
Frankfort Committee—Mrs Farmer.....	6 70
Miss Clay, Committee expenses in Frankfort (loan).....	16 55
Bal.....	80 06

Expenses were \$41.65. Miss Clay donated \$25.00 towards same; Mrs. Farmer donated travelling expenses between Covington and Lexington; Mrs. Clay and Mrs. Cramer donated their travelling expenses.

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 \$ 142 26

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 REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF WOMAN'S WORK IN  
 THE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

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 WOMEN AS TRUSTEES.

Mrs. Lucy L. Flower, a trustee of the University of Illinois, writing in the "Outlook" on "Women in Public Life," says: Nine-tenths of our public-school teachers are women; some of

the very best and most successful principals are women, and these women should certainly have a representative of their own sex among the school directors, some person or persons who can see and present the woman's point of view. Our State Universities are all co-educational, and the interests of the young women in these institutions require representatives on their governing boards."

A reduction has been made in the length of time to be given to public school work in Milwaukee, Wis. Hereafter five and one-half hours will constitute a day's work

The report of Dr. W. T. Harris, National Commissioner of Education, gives the total enrollment of pupils in this country for the year as 16,415,197, about one-fourth of the entire population. Children in the public schools alone number 14,465,371. In those states where the color line is drawn in the public schools there are 178 schools for the secondary and higher education of the colored race, and they have an enrollment of over 40,000 students, an increase of over 3,000 during the year, while there is a marked increase in the attention given to industrial training

The recommendation of Chancellor Boggs that women be admitted to the University of Georgia, has received the indorsement of the board of trustees of that institution, who state, however, that they have no power to grant their permission unless the legislature of Georgia modify the present law so as to make women eligible. This is a victory for woman. It indicates that public opinion has at last come to favor higher education for her, and that the people of the state of Georgia are ready to open the doors of the state university for woman's entrance.—Atlanta (Ga.) Chronicle.

The Women's Educational and Industrial Union is about to establish a school of housekeeping in Boston. The Union has leased two houses, and on the first of November the school will be in operation.

Miss Ludie Steele, of Barbourville, has been appointed a member of the Kentucky State Board of School Examiners. She is the first woman in the state to occupy such a place. Miss Steele is only twenty-two years old.—Oct 7, 1897

#### AMERICAN SCHOOLMA'AMS REBEL.

The Teachers' Club, of Denver, Col., is taking steps to place the executive control of the National Educational Association in the hands of women at the next annual meeting. A mani-

festos will be issued shortly to the teachers of the United States, setting forth that, "while ninety per cent of the teachers of the United States are women, who labor industriously to educate the young, the majority of this great teachers' association—the National Educational Association—has been and is almost exclusively in the hands of certain men who have had little or no actual experience in the work of training the minds of our future citizens."

Respectfully submitted.

ANNA B. MORGAN.

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REPORT OF KENTUCKY MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL AMERICAN  
WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

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The last annual convention of the National American Woman's Suffrage Association was held in the city of Des Moines, Ia., on the 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th days of January, 1897.

Delegates from seventeen states were present, and dues from every state and territory in the Union were received.

The treasurer reported that six years ago only two thousand dollars were received by the Association, but that this year she had received nearly eleven thousand dollars.

SARAH CLAY BENNETT.

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REPORT OF FREE LECTURE BUREAU.

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On April 29th, Mrs Josephine K. Henry spoke on Woman Suffrage to an immense audience in the court house at Lancaster, Ky. On August 25th, at Versailles a combined Teachers Institute of several counties, was addressed by Mrs. Henry, Much enthusiasm was manifested

Miss Clay spoke in the Opera House in Lexington in June, to a mass meeting in the interest of a non-partisan Board of Education, to consist of men and women.

She spoke on "The Duty of Trustees," at the Madison County Institute in September. Also on the same subject at the Teachers' Association which met in Kirksville.

EUGENIA B. FARMER, Sec'y.

REPORT OF EMMA SMITH DEVOE,  
NATIONAL ORGANIZER, OF WORK DONE FOR KY. E. R. ASSO'N.

COLLECTIONS IN CASH.

1897.			
October	7.	Barbourville.....	\$ 1.45
"	8.	London.....	10.65
"	9.	Richmond.....	2 00
"	11	From Miss Clay (raised for the Ky. E. R. A )	40.00
"	13.	Wilmore.....	3.45
"	14.	Covington.....	7.60
"	15.	Covington.....	6 40
"	15.	From Mrs. Flint (sale of cards).....	.65
"	16.	Newport.....	2.74
"	18.	Winchester.....	2.15
"	19.	Cynthiana.....	2.32
"	26.	Hickman.....	4.15
"	27.	Clinton.....	1.28
"	28	Columbus.....	4.85
		Carried over.....	\$89.69
		Brought forward.....	\$89.69
"	29.	Arlington.....	1.86
"	30.	Fulton.....	3.01
"	31.	Paducah (Sunday night—no collection).....	
November	3.	Owensboro.....	4.05
		Total.....	\$98 61
		Received on account of Cynthiana pledge.....	1.00
			\$99.61

PLEDGES RECEIVED.

1897.			
October	8.	Barbourville.....	\$ 5.00
"	13.	Wilmore.....	5.00
"	16.	Newport (Paid January 1898).....	5 00
"	20.	Cynthiana (\$1 paid to Mrs DeVoe).....	5 00
"	26.	Hickman (Paid Feb. 2, 1898).....	5.00
"	27.	Columbus.....	5.00
"	28.	Arlington (Paid Feb. 7, 1898).....	5 00
Novem	1	Paducah.....	5 00
"	3.	Owensboro.....	5 00
		Total.....	\$45 00



SETTLEMENT

Cash paid for expenses as per statement.....	\$70.83	
Salary one month, at \$100 (less 2 days) .....	93 33	
		\$164.16
Cash collections as per statement herewith....	\$99 61	
Donation to Ky. E. R. Ass'n.....	50.00	
Balanc. due.....	14 55	
		\$164.16

Respectfully submitted,  
EMMA SMITH DEVOE.

ORGANIZATIONS FORMED

BARBOURVILLE, Oct. 7, 1897.—30 members.

*President*—MRS. M. A TINSLEY, - - - Barbourville.  
*Vice-President*—MRS. M. S. COSTELLO, - - - Barbourville.  
*Secretary*—MISS ADA FRANKLIN, - - - Barbourville.  
*Treasurer*—MRS. J. H. TINSLEY, - - - Barbourville.  
*Leader of Lessons*—PROF. J. P. FAULKNER, - - - Barbourville.

LONDON, Oct. 8, 1897.—10 members.

*President*—MRS. SARAH H. SAWYER, - - - London.  
*Vice-President*—MRS. J. C. LEWIS, - - - London.  
*Treasurer*—MRS. BETTIE M. FARIS, - - - London.

WILMORE, Oct. 13, 1897.—12 members

*President*—MISS ELLA M. CARSON, - - - Wilmore.  
*Vice-President*—MRS. MARY HUGHES, - - - Wilmore.  
*Secretary*—PROF. J. E. FORD, - - - Wilmore.  
*Treasurer*—MR. JULIUS LABUERE, - - - Wilmore.

CYNTHIANA, Oct. 19, 1897.—12 members.

*President*—MRS. M. J. MCNEESE, - - - P. O., Berry, Ky.  
*Vice-President*—MRS. G. H. GIVENS, - - - Cynthiana.  
*Secretary*—MRS. R. S. JAMESON, - - - Cynthiana.  
*Treasurer*—MRS. B. T. RIGGS, - - - Cynthiana.

HICKMAN. (Reorganized)—15 members.  
(Same old officers.)

COLUMBUS, Oct. 27, 1897.—10 members.

*President*—MR. E. W. AVERY, - - - Columbus.  
*Vice-President*—MRS. ANNA P. HUBBARD, - - - Columbus.  
*Secretary*—MISS HULDA D. WALKER, - - - Columbus.  
*Treasurer*—MISS KATE B. EVANS, - - - Columbus.

ARLINGTON, Oct. 27, 1897.—6 members.

*President*—MRS. IDA STANLEY, - - - Arlington.  
*Vice-President*—MRS. M. S. HOOKER, - - - Arlington.  
*Secretary*—MRS. M. B. MCCONNELL, - - - Arlington.  
*Treasurer*—MR. C. R. PYLE, - - - Arlington.

FULTON, Oct. 30, 1897.—6 members.

*President*—MR. ED. THOMAS, - - - Fulton.  
*Secretary*—MR. W. K. HALL, - - - Fulton.  
*Treasurer*—MISS BELLE BENNETT, - - - Fulton.

Respectfully submitted, EMMA SMITH DEVOE.



IN MEMORIAM.

...1897...

Mrs. M. Stockwell.

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"She hath done what she could."  
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RESOLVED, That we tender to the family of our deceased friend, our sympathy, and this testimonial of the high esteem in which their loved one was held by her co-workers of the

KENTUCKY EQUAL RIGHTS  
ASSOCIATION.

SUPPLEMENT

"If ye abide in my word, \* \* \* ye shall know the truth,  
and the truth shall make you free."



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December 1, 1898.

COURT HOUSE, RICHMOND, KY.

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STEAM JOB ROOMS.  
LONDON KY.

## GENERAL OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT—MISS LAURA CLAY,  
78 N Broadway, Lexington.

1ST VICE-PRESIDENT—MRS. MARY B. CLAY,  
Richmond.

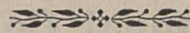
2ND VICE-PRESIDENT—MRS. MARY CRAMER,  
Lexington.

3RD VICE-PRESIDENT—<sup>Mrs. C. D. Cherrault,</sup> S. M. HUBBARD,<sup>Richmond</sup>  
Hickman.

CORRESP'DING SEC'Y—MRS. MARY C. ROARK,  
Lexington.

RECORDING SEC'Y—MRS. KATE ROSE WIG-  
GINS, Richmond

TREASURER—MRS. ISABELLA H. SHEPARD,  
31 E. 12th St., Covington.



## Superintendents of Departments.

*Bible Study:* To set forth the true position :

MRS. ELLEN V. GIBSON, Richmond.

*Political Study:* MR. E. W. BAGBY, - - Paducah.

*Literature:* MRS. FANNIE HAYS, - - Owensboro.

*Press Work:* MRS. SARAH G. HUMPHREYS, - Versailles.

*National Enrollment and Petition Work:*

MRS S M. HUBBARD, Hickman.

*Legislative Work:* MRS. MARGARET A WATTS, Louisville.

*Educational Opportunities for Women:*

MRS. CAROLINE A LEECH, 1735 First St, Louisville.

*Industrial Training for Women:*

MRS L C OBENCHAIN, Bowling Green

*Hygiene and Physical Culture:*

DR LOUISE SOUTHGATE, Newport.

*Work Among Young People:*

*Advancement of Woman's Work in the School:*

MISS ANNA MORGAN, Newport.

## Journal of Proceedings.

RICHMOND, KY., Dec. 1, 1898

Convention opened at 10 a. m. with devotional exercises conducted by the President Scripture lesson, fourth chapter of Gallatians. On motion, the program was made the order of business for the convention.

The following committees were appointed:

Credentials and Finance—MRS. MARY CLAY and MISS BELLE BENNETT; Publication—MRS. SAWYER and MISS LAURA CLAY, Resolutions—MRS WIGGINS and MRS C. W. CLAY; Auditing—MISS BELLE H. BENNETT. Minutes of the Executive Committee were read

The president read the pledges given to Mrs. Devoe; \$12 of the same had been collected and sent to the National Organization Committee, which has been repaid, the \$50 donated by the National for Mrs. DeVoe's work. Mrs. S C. Bennett mentioned, that she had, as a delegate, pledged to try to raise another \$50 for the National Organization Committee.

Treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Mary Clay.

On motion, it was referred to the auditing committee.

Report of the Plan of Work Committee, which met immediately before the opening of the convention, was read by the secretary and on motion considered by items; adopted (See report.)

By request the president explained the amount of school suffrage possessed by the women of the State

Mrs. S. C Bennett offered an addition to plan of work, which was adopted (See Art 7.)

On motion, the courtesies of the floor were extended to all the ladies present.

First Vice-president Mrs Clay was called to the chair and Miss Clay offered the following resolution, which was discussed and adopted:

RESOLVED, That a small salary of not more than \$60.00, be attached to the office of the corresponding secretary, and in addition her actual postal and stationery expenses be paid.

The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the sixty dollars appropriated to the office of corresponding secretary shall be pro-rated on the membership of the State Association, and that each shall be notified of the amount of its assessment, and such notification shall be repeat-

ed quarterly or monthly, until amount is raised and sent in to the State Treasurer. The following donations to this fund were made:

Mrs. Chenault.....	\$ 2 00
Mrs. Gibson.....	2 00
Miss Belle Bennett.....	5 00
Mrs James Bennett.....	5 00

Mrs. Mary Clay (amount not given) To be returned if the salary is raised by pro-rata, except Miss Bennett's, Mrs Gibson's and Mrs Clay's donations, which will go to general treasury.

On motion the convention proceeded to the election of officers Committee on Credentials reported the convention entitled to 13 votes Tellers, Miss Bennett and Mrs Gibson For results see first page of Sup.

Delegates to N. A. W. S. A Convention were elected as follows: MRS S. C. BENNETT Members of Executive Committee, MRS. S M HUBBARD, MARY C ROARK, MRS. C D CHENAULT, MRS. SALLIE B. WOLCOTT Alterates—Mrs. Hubbard to choose her own alternate—Mrs. Mary Clay, Mrs. W. F. Francis, Dr Louise Southgate.

Committee on Federal Suffrage, Mrs Sallie Clay Bennett, offered her report on Federal Suffrage, (see report) after which the convention adjourned.

## Afternoon Session, 2.00 O'clock.

Devotional services conducted by Mrs. Ellen Gibson, Sup'. Bible study. Minutes read and approved.

Mrs Ellen Gibson, Supt Bible study, made some remarks on her department work

Secretary read the report of Supt. Legislation Work, Mrs. J. K. Henry. It was accepted (See report )

Report of Mrs Caroline A Leech, Supt Educational Opportunities for women, was read and accepted (See report )

Report of National Enrollment Supt , Mrs S. M Hubbard, was read and accepted (See report.)

Report of Local Association was taken up and reports were read from the following associations: Madison Co , Fayette, Kenton Co , Louisville, Wilmore, Bowling Green, Hickman, Arlington. (See appendix.)

Auditor reported but two receipts or vouchers sent by treasurer, and recommended that the report be referred to Executive Committee. It was referred.

Mrs. Mary B Clay, member of National Executive Committee, made her report (See report.)

Financial report of the Frankfort committee was read and adopted (See report)

Memorial resolutions were adopted (See Resolution 2, Com. on Resolutions)

Following resolution was adopted by a rising vote:

“RESOLVED, That in the removal of Mrs Eugenia B Farmer, from our state to Brooklyn, N. Y., our Association has sustained a serious and deeply-felt loss. For ten years, she has been the faithful and efficient Corresponding Secretary of the Association. Her enthusiasm and energy were a continual inspiration to the Association, and to the individual workers, and her presence at the annual conventions and other public meetings were a constant reminder of her unswerving loyalty and love for the cause she so ably represented. We miss her, and while trusting that her present lines may be cast in pleasant places, hope, that in the good providence of God, she may soon be returned to this state, and to the Kentucky Equal Rights Association.

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this convention, and another sent to Mrs Farmer

MRS MARY B CLAY.

MRS. S H. SAWYER

Motion that Mrs. S. C. Bennett be special committee to press the Federal Suffrage Work was adopted

Report of the Resolutions Committee was presented, and, after amendments, adopted. (See report.)

The Vice-President was called to the chair, and the President delivered the annual address, in which she gave a review of the progress of the Equal Rights movement for the past year

The Executive Committee nominated Superintendent. (See list except Supt. Legislative Work.)

On the nomination for this superintendency, there was a majority and a minority report. The majority nominated Mrs. J. K Henry; the minority Mrs. Margaret A Watts, of Louisville,

Miss Laura Clay was nominated from the floor, but the President ruled the nomination out of order, and stated that her observation of legislative action on School Suffrage Bill convinced her that Louisville was the strategic point.

Mrs. Mary B. Clay stated, that because a letter had been received from Mrs. Henry, stating that she believed that piecemeal suffrage was a grave mistake, and that, since school suffrage was to be the main legislative work, she telephoned Mrs. Henry to know, if under the circumstances, she was willing to accept the position, if elected, but that an answer had not been received.\*

Mrs. Sawyer moved the adoption of the majority report.

Motion lost, and, on motion, the minority report was adopted, and Mrs Margaret A Watts elected.

The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to write to the locals, and encourage them, and ask them to at least collect the dues, as far as possible, even if they do not hold any meeting.

On motion, the selection of the State Organizer was left to the Executive Committee

On motion, the minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Convention adjourned

SARAH H. SAWYER, Secretary.

MISS LAURA CLAY, President.

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\* After adjournment, a delayed telephone message from Mrs. Henry stated that she could not accept



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## APPENDIX.

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### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

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LEXINGTON, KY, Dec 9, 1897.

The committee met at the residence of Miss Clay, with Mrs. Henry present Miss Clay, Mrs Cramer, Mrs. Farmer and Mrs. M. B. Clay to be the Frankfort Committee. Miss Clay and Mrs. Farmer will go to Frankfort on the 11th. Mrs Henry to speak on all the subjects to be presented to the Legislature, and Mrs. Farmer to speak on school suffrage

The Executive Committee to contribute funds to the liberal distribution of literature, including stamps, etc Mrs. Henry and Mrs. Farmer to secure the literature.

Moved and carried that the funds left from Mrs DeVoe's term be used for the legislative work in Frankfort.

Upon the suggestion of Mrs DeVoe in regard to the pictures of the Bryan Station Spring, the committee referred the matter to the Fayette E. R. A

Note about clubs for Woman's Journal to be mentioned in the circular letter to be drawn up by Miss Clay and Mrs Farmer,  
E. B FARMER, Sec'y pro tem

LEXINGTON, KY., Jan. 21, 1898

Committee met at the residence of the president. with the following members present: Miss Clay, Mrs. Mary B Clay, Mrs Cramer and Mrs Eugenia B. Farmer Meeting was called to consider repaying the fifty dollars (\$50) donated to the State Association by Mrs DeVoe, through the N. A Organization Committee.

On motion of Mrs. Clay it was decided to make an effort to raise the \$50 and send to N. A. to pay on debt incurred for work in other states Mrs. Cramer moved that the local associations which had made pledges to Mrs DeVoe be asked to give the money pledge to the payment of the \$50 Carried.

Miss Clay and Mrs. Farmer appointed to write to locals soliciting payment of pledges.

EUGENIA B. FARMER, Sec'y Protem

RICHMOND, KY, Dec. 3, 1898

A meeting of the Executive and Plan of Work committees was held after the close of the convention, at Mrs. James Bennett's on the above date

The following appropriations were made:

Minutes for 1897 and 1898 (re-appropriated).....	\$ 18 00
“ “ “ “ “ .....	10 00
Miss Clay for traveling expenses (donated) .....	2 25
“ “ “ programs .....	1 25
Corresponding Secretary .....	5 00
Supt Legislative Work .....	5 00
Recording Secretary .....	1 00
Mrs. Sawyer for traveling expenses.....	3 28

The auditing of the treasurer's books having been referred to the Executive Committee, the president was instructed to write to the treasurer for vouchers and to audit the account in time for the minutes.

Moved and carried, that in case of a vacancy in the delegation to the N. A. W. S. Convention, those members present may fill said vacancy by electing any member of the Kentucky E. R. A. who may be present at the Convention.

Moved that the Plan of Work Committee suggest to the Supt of Legislative Work that the heading of the "School Suffrage Petition" be formulated upon the bill which has already been presented to the General Assembly, viz: "Women are hereby made eligible to hold the offices of school trustees and members of Board of Education in the counties and cities of this Commonwealth, and women having the qualifications prescribed by law for men in such elections shall be, and are, authorized and empowered to vote in all elections for such officers."

Committee arose. KATE ROSE WIGGINS, Sec'y

#### REPORT OF PLAN OF WORK COMMITTEE.

- 1 That we recommend that work for School Suffrage for all the women of the state be continued.
2. That we continue to press the claims of mothers for an equal co-guardianship with fathers of minor children.
3. That we continue the Free Lecture Bureau.
4. That the State Association provide programs and leaflets for the local associations for their monthly meetings, and send a circular letter quarterly to be read before the local association, and thus cement the union between the state and local work.

5 That the work for raising the age of protection be continued under the management of Mrs Sarah G. Humphreys.

6. That we petition the legislature to submit a constitutional amendment, relieving the women of the state from paying taxes until they are granted suffrage.

7. That we continue to petition Congress to submit a 16th Article to our National Constitution to the legislatures of the several states, which shall confer on men and women a right of exemption from discrimination in the exercise of the elective franchise on account of sex, by saying, "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States, or by any state, on account of sex."

And to protect women equally with men in the exercise of the right to vote for members of the Congress and electors of the President and Vice-President of the United States, in the several states of the Union, by a Federal law made in pursuance of that clause of the 14th Amendment of our National Constitution, which says, "No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States."

#### FRANKFORT COMMITTEE REPORT.

January 11, 1898.

The committee appointed by the State Convention, composed of Mrs. Henry, chairman; Laura Clay, Mrs Mary B Clay, Mrs Cramer and Mrs. Farmer. The last four named went to Frankfort January 11, to arrange for speaking in the House of Representatives, and were joined there by Mrs. Henry

January 13, the speakers for the evening were Miss Laura Clay, Mrs Josephine K. Henry and Mrs, Eugenia B. Farmer. Much enthusiasm was manifested. The three bills spoken for were placed in the hands of men, able and willing to present them—"Co-Guardianship of Father and Mother of Their Minor Children," "To Make Mandatory Placing Women Physicians in the Women's Wards of the Insane Asylums," "School Suffrage for All the Women of the State "

A bill having been presented for the "Age of Protection for Girls," our committee received and presented petitions for the same, also for School Suffrage.

January 17, all the members of the General Assembly had to be interviewed, and literature pertaining to our bills was freely distributed.

January 18, the School Bill was placed with the committee on Education.

January 20, session adjourned

January 24, no bills reported from the committees. A great many members interviewed.

January 28, no bills reported, and the committee returned home to go to the National Convention.

Two hundred and fifty leaflets each of "Woman Suffrage in the United States," "Would Woman's Suffrage Undermine the Foundations of the Government," and as many of "What the Ky. E. R. A. has done," were distributed among the legislators and others. "School Suffrage Petitions," and "For Age and Protection," were sent from Greensburg, Mt. Sterling, Harlan, Paducah, Hickman, Madisonville, Glasgow, Arlington, Grayson, Owensboro.

The bill making mandatory the appointment of at least one woman physician in each of the insane asylums, was passed in the House by a vote of 77 to 4, after an effective speech by Representative W. C. G. Hobbs, of Lexington. It was ably advocated in the Senate by Senator Charles J. Bronston, and passed by a vote of 26 to 1. It became a law by the signature of Gov. W. O. Bradley.

Mrs. S. A. Charles, committee from Ky. E. R. A. on Houses of Reform, visited Frankfort, and interviewed legislators in the interest of a bill to grant the running expenses of the institutions. The bill was successfully carried through, and the early opening of the Houses of Reform made possible

EUGENIA B. FARMER,

Secretary Frankfort Committee.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Miss Laura Clay, in account with Frankfort Committee of Ky. E. R. A.

Jan. 1, 1898, Received from Mrs Emma Roebuck, Campbell Co. E. R. A.....	\$5.00
This money was pledged to Mrs. DeVoe, and Mrs Roebuck specified it was for Frankfort work.	
Jan. 7, received from Mrs. I. H. Shepard money voted for Frankfort Committee.....	6.00
Surplus of money raised to pay Mrs DeVoe, and afterwards voted to the Frankfort work.....	46.45
Donated by Miss Clay .....	1.94
<b>Total Receipts.....</b>	<b>\$59.39</b>

Leaflets by Mrs Farmer.....	1.50	Paid by Miss Clay .....	\$1.50
Mrs. Farmer, to and from Lexington to Frankfort (1st trip).....	1.72	“ “ .....	1.72
Telegram to Mrs. Henry.....	.35	“ “ .....	.35
Printing and distributing dodgers.....	1.75	“ “ .....	1.75
Janitor's fee for evening of January 13.....	1.00	“ “ .....	1.00
Ticket of Mrs. M. C Cramer, from Lexington to Frankfort and back.....	1.72	Donated, Mrs. Cramer.	
Ticket for Mary B. Clay, from Lexington to Frankfort and back.....	1.72	Donated, Mrs Clay.	
Ticket for Laura Clay, from Lexington to Frankfort and back.....	1.72	Paid by Miss Clay. ....	1.72
Ticket for Mrs. J. K. Henry, from Versailles to Frankfort, Board for all the committee to date, Jan. 20.....	28.50	Donated, Mrs. Henry.	
Jan. 17 to 20, Mrs Farmer's second ticket.....	1.72	Paid by Miss Clay,....	28.50
Miss Clay's second ticket.....	1.72	“ “ .....	1.72
Baggage for party.....	.40	“ “ .....	.40
Jan. 24 to 28, (third trip) Mrs Farmer's ticket.....	1.72	“ “ .....	1.72
Miss Clay's ticket.....	1.72	“ “ .....	1.72
“ baggage.....	.10	“ “ .....	.10
Jan 27, Board to date for Mrs. Farmer and Miss Clay.....	13.00	“ “ .....	13.00
March 11 (fourth trip) by Miss Clay, ticket and dinner.....	2.47	“ “ .....	2.47
<b>Expenses.....</b>	<b>\$62.53</b>	<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>\$59.39</b>

Mrs. Farmer donated the expense of two trips back and forth from Covington and Lexington. Once she stayed over in Lexington between times.

IN MEMORIAM.

..1898..

MRS. MARGARET W. PRESTON,  
Lexington.

MRS. LUCY JENNINGS,  
Richmond.

DR. JOHN FOSTER,  
Richmond.

MRS. ROBINSON THOMAS,  
Covington.

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“They rest from their labors, and  
Their works do follow them.”

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

The Thirtieth Annual Convention of the National American Woman's Suffrage Association and the Fiftieth Anniversary of the first Woman's Rights convention, held in 1848, met in Washington Feb. 13-19. Thirty-eight states answered to the roll call, parts of which I quote:

"In 1848 the subjection of women was world wide, and of immemorial antiquity? It was rooted in the codes and customs of all nations—the thought of equality for women—their right to education, to a chance for self support, to the control of their own persons, children, earnings and property, had scarcely dawned upon even the most progressive minds."

In 1898, in the United States, as reported from these thirty-eight states, "a new world has been and is being enacted for women." For it is possible for them to do most of these things now, and the last stronghold of prejudice—the political field—has also been invaded, and four American states have bestowed the governing power upon the women people of these commonwealths—Colorado, Wyoming Idaho and Utah. Two hundred and ninety five cities and towns of Kansas exercise municipal suffrage; and President McKinley and the present Congress were elected in part by the ballots of women; and the consensus of opinion in this free republic is that the best women accept their responsibility and perform the duties of good citizens by voting for good officers.

In Colorado two women will serve in the coming legislature as Senator and Representative, on the Republican and Democratic sides. The suffrage amendment was defeated by a small majority in South Dakota.

In twenty two states women exercise school suffrage in some form. Europe has also made many concessions to the women of their countries.

Miss Anthony's seventy eighth birthday was also celebrated at this convention.

There were eleven southern states represented, and active work reported in Missouri, N Carolina, S. Carolina, Georgia, W. Virginia, Virginia, Tennessee, Louisiana; and it is evident from these reports that our southern sisters are coming rapidly to the front in demanding their full civil and political liberty.

Our state delegation was full, consisting of Miss Laura Clay, who gave a report on the Tennessee Exposition day, which was interesting, showing the consideration and courtesy shown our delegates there.

Mrs. Farmer gave our state report which was a creditable one to us. We returned to the National the fifty dollars contributed in Mrs. DeVoe's lectures. We also pledged ourselves to raise fifty dollars more for the National fund. We contributed in dues and private gifts ninety three dollars.

Mrs. S. C. Bennett's report of her work as chairman of Federal Suffrage Committee met with frequent applause, and Miss Anthony moved that it be received with thanks by the convention.

The other delegates were Mrs. Elizabeth H. Catching, Mrs. Mary Cramer and Mrs. Mary B. Clay, Ex. Committee. I quote two of the resolutions:

2nd, That in every state we demand for women citizens equality with male citizens in the exercise of the elective franchise, upon such terms and conditions as the men impose upon themselves.

3rd, That we appeal to Congress to submit a sixteenth amendment to the U. S. Constitution, thereby enabling the citizens of each state to carry this question of woman suffrage before its Legislature for settlement.

The convention was a success in all respects, and adjourned to meet in Grand Rapids in April, 1899. Resp'y submitted.

MARY B. CLAY, Ex. Com.

#### REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERAL SUFFRAGE COMMITTEE.

I sent an appeal to our Congressmen asking them to protect white and black women equally with black men against state denial of the right to vote for members of the Congress and electors of the President and Vice President of the United States by a law made in pursuance of that clause of the fourteenth amendment of our National Constitution, which says: "No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States," in accordance with the combined *Minor vs Happersett* and *Yarbaugh* decisions of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the United States.

The appeal was presented to Congress as a petition by quite a large number of our congressmen, and Senator Hoar and Representative Henderson, chairmen of the Judiciary Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives, have written me that the appeal shall be considered by the members of those committees.

SALLIE CLAY BENNETT, Chairman.



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 REPORTS OF SUPERINTENDENTS.
 

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## NATIONAL ENROLLMENT AND PETITION WORK

Sent out nearly 200 petitions, with Circular Letter for "Age of Protection" and "School Suffrage" bills.

S. M. HUBBARD, Supt.

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN.

A number,—six I think,—graduated from the Homeopathic Medical School here in the late winter. A new medical school just organized includes a woman, Dr. Florence Brandeis, among its professors; so that women will surely be admitted as students, and that will open the way for women in all the medical schools

CAROLINE APPERSON LEECH,  
Supt., Louisville.

## LEGISLATIVE WORK.

The final success of the Woman's Physician's Bill in the last Legislature is herein recorded. The success of this bill making it mandatory to have women physicians in the female wards of the State Lunatic Asylums, is due in a great measure to their appointment by Gov. Wm. O Bradley. These appointments proved so satisfactory, that the Legislature made it a statutory law that all the State Lunatic Asylums must have at least one woman physician in the female wards of those state institutions.

The bills for School Suffrage, Co-Guardianship, and Constitutional Amendment, were all defeated.

JOSEPHINE K. HENRY, Supt.

## PRESS WORK.

Up to November, 1897, sent off eight articles every week to papers all over the state 102 papers on regular list,—and besides sent many articles to other papers. The following papers agreed to publish—some weekly, some monthly—articles:

All the Lexington and Richmond papers; Louisville Courier-Journal and Evening Post; Maysville Public Ledger; Crittenden Press; Winchester Democrat; Paducah News; Corinth Messenger; Mountain Echo, London; Harrodsburg Sayings; Interior Journal, Stanford; Kentuckian-Citizen, Paris; Mt Sterling Advocate; Monitor, Taylorsville; The Kentucky Bell (no longer published); through Mrs Obenchain, the Bowling Green papers publish two weekly articles.

From November, 1897, until August, 1898, was deterred from work by sickness. Beginning in August, up to the time of leav-

ing Kentucky, October 27, only kept up with my weekly instalments of literature. Owing to an absence of probably six months each year from the state, I regretfully tender my resignation as Superintendent. I suggest that a fund be raised in the Association to supply my successor with postage for the work.

Respectfully submitted

SARAH G. HUMPHREYS.

### REPORTS OF LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS.

#### MADISON COUNTY.

We have forty-five paid-up members, and anticipate an additional number. Mrs. S C Bennett, promised to raise \$50.00 for National Work. We have \$25.00 of it in hand. Two suffrage papers are taken—Women's Journal.

MRS. S. C. BENNETT, Pres.

#### KENTON COUNTY.

We meet regularly every alternate week. We have ten members. We took up the subjects of Civil Government and Tariff, under our President, Mrs. Farmer, and we greatly miss her, and deeply regret her removal to Brooklyn, N. Y.

J. H. SHEPARD, Sec'y.

#### ARLINGTON, KY.

Our membership, though small, are very much in earnest. We organized a year ago, and held our meetings regularly, through winter and spring. We submitted papers for publication, until our town editors flatly refused them, when we sent them to a neighboring paper. Our dues are promptly paid.

MRS. IDA STANLY, Pres.

M. B. McCONNELL, Cor. Sec.

#### BOWLING GREEN.

We have distributed literature as usual. I have written an article for our press department, and it was widely circulated, even appearing in papers totally opposed to Woman's Suffrage. I am writing an article every week for the Oklahoma campaign. Think we can send \$3.00 or \$3.50 dues soon.

L. C. OBENCHAIN

#### LOUISVILLE.

I send you \$2.10. There being six members who have paid, Mr. Bradberry, Mrs. Hibbard, Mrs. Bradberry, Mrs. Watts, Mrs. Leech and Miss Leech.

MRS. W. H. BRADBERRY, Treas.

## HICKMAN:

We organized in September, 1897, with three members. Mrs. DeVoe lectured for us in October, and three regular and five honorary members were added. Four others been added since, and have lost four. Have taken up course of study. Had two lectures from home talent, and a lecture from Mrs. Hoffman. Distributed over 3,000 papers and leaflets. Sent dues to treasurer.

S. M. HUBBARD.

## FAYETTE COUNTY

Hold our monthly meetings in Women's Club Parlors. One lady donated \$1.00 a month for the year. Mrs Catherine Reid, though not a member, donated \$10.00 to be used as Miss Clay preferred. Miss Clay used \$2.00 for the Kentucky Bannerettes at the N. A. W. S. A. Convention, and placed the remainder in the local treasury.

Mrs. Mary Cramer represented the Association on a Joint Committee composed of a member each from the Woman's Club and W. C. T. U., to see about getting out a good ticket for the school trustees. The committee did excellent work. Mrs Cramer had a brief account of the Association and the names of its officers placed in the corner-stone of the new court house.

We contributed about two hundred comfort bags, which the W. C. T. U. gave to the Kentucky soldiers. Many of our members were active in the Soldier's Aid Society.

IDA W. HARRISON, Sec'y.

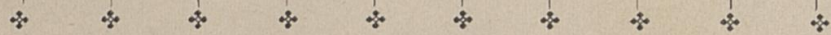
## REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, Kentucky University, one of the foremost educational institutions of the state, and one of the first to recognize the right of women, and their demand for higher and broader education, by opening its doors to them, has recently established a medical department at Louisville, Ky., making no provision in its charter for the admittance to its classes of that large and increasing number of our women who are adopting medicine as a profession;

RESOLVED, That we earnestly protest against this retrograde movement, and respectfully petition the management of the University to correct the matter, and admit women to this department, on the same terms, and under the same conditions, as men;

RESOLVED, Furthermore, that this resolution be forwarded to Col. Henry L. Stone, the legal member of the faculty of the





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