

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

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

—OF THE—

*Kentucky Equal Rights Association,*

DECEMBER 10th, 11th and 12th, 1895,

COURT-HOUSE, RICHMOND, KY.

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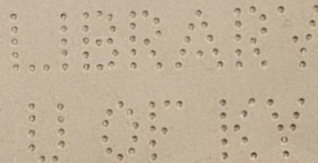
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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

LEXINGTON, KY., November 28, 1894.

An Executive Committee meeting was held at the residence of Miss Laura Clay. Meeting opened with prayer by Mrs. Farmer. The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to notify Mr. E. W. Bagby, of Paducah, of his appointment as Superintendent of Political Study in the place of Mrs. A. Harrison, who declined to serve.

One hundred copies of the National Minutes were sent by Mrs. Upton (Treasurer of the National Woman Suffrage Association) to Miss Clay, of the Southern Committee, for distribution.

The Kentucky Executive Committee decided to distribute copies to members of the association and others free, or for a small amount to defray freight expense.

It was decided that where there were Equal Rights Associations in the third and fourth class cities, that the work for amending their charters for school suffrage be left to them.

Adjourned.

EUGENIA B. FARMER, Secretary pro tem.

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
KENTUCKY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.

Tuesday Morning, December 10th, 1895.

The plan of Work Committee, consisting of Executive Committee and Superintendents of Departments, met in joint session to lay out a plan of work to suggest to the Convention.

Adjourned.

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Meeting opened with Scripture reading by Miss Clay and prayer by Mrs. Farmer.

The Recording Secretary, Dr. Sarah M. Siewers, being absent, Mrs. M. K. Stockwell, of Lexington, was elected Secretary pro tem.

The President announced the following committees:

## CREDENTIALS.

Mrs. Farmer.

Mrs. Shepard.

Mrs. Charles.

## FINANCE.

Miss Morgan.

Mrs. Shepard.

Miss Wood.

## PUBLICATION.

Mrs. J. L. McKee.

Mrs. Farmer.

Miss Morgan.

## COURTESIES.

Miss Belle Bennett.

Mrs. Gibson.

## AUDITORS

Mrs. Bennett.

Mrs. McCann.



The privileges of the floor were extended to all present to take part in the discussions.

The minutes of the Executive Committee were read and accepted. Report of the Credential Committee read with instructions regarding the rights and privileges of delegates. The Convention was composed of delegates from Covington, Newport, Lexington, Richmond, Wilmore, Owensboro and Versailles. The Convention proceeded to discuss the following recommendations of the plan of Work Committee:

1st. That the Association continue the school suffrage work, with a view to asking for full school suffrage from the next Legislature. Adopted.

2nd. That we vigorously continue the work to raise the "Age of Protection for Girls." The Committee, consisting of Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Humphreys, were continued, with the addition of Mrs. M. K. Stockwell, of Lexington, and Mrs. J. L. McKee. Adopted.

3rd. That we continue to work for Houses of Reform and urge the appointment of women on the Board of Managers. Mrs. Charles was continued as Chairman of this Committee. Adopted, and the mode of proceeding to be left to her discretion. It was decided to secure petitions from as many cities as was practicable. Miss Wood, of Newport, volunteered to circulate petitions in Newport, Covington, Ludlow, Bellevue and Dayton. Mrs. Clay and Mrs. Wiggons in Richmond. It was expected that the Humane Society of Covington would send in a large petition; also the Philanthropic department of the Woman's Club of Central Kentucky.

4th. That the State and local constitutions be revised and a committee be appointed therefor. Adopted. Mrs. Farmer, Mrs. Sawyer and Miss Clay were the committee.

5th. Moved that the teachers in the schools be requested to teach that there is no sex in intellect, ability, salary, right or wrong, or in suffrage, and local associations also were requested to see the teachers in their localities. Adopted.

6th. Moved that the local associations take up the department of Study in Political Science as proposed by the National Association. Adopted.

7th. That the Kentucky Equal Rights Association petition the Governor to appoint a woman on the Board of Education of the State Agricultural and Mechanical College. Adopted.

8th. Moved to continue the Free Lecture Bureau. Adopted.

Mrs. Stockwell having resigned as Secretary of the Convention, Mrs. McKee, of Danville, was elected in her place, with Mrs. Wiggons as Assistant Secretary.

#### TUESDAY EVENING.

Prayer—Rev. G. W. Young.

Annual Address—Miss Laura Clay.

#### PLAN OF WORK.

Wednesday Morning, December 11th, 1895.

Meeting opened with prayer by Mrs. Mary L. McKee.

The President read a letter from Mrs J. K. Henry, in which she

suggests that we press for Presidential suffrage and co-guardianship of fathers and mothers of minor children.

1. It was moved that we press the claims of mothers for co-guardianship with fathers of minor children in the next General Assembly. Carried.

2. It was moved that we continue to urge upon the General Assembly to make mandatory the appointment of assistant women physicians in the Insane Asylums of the State. Carried.

3. It was moved that we petition the General Assembly to extend municipal suffrage to women. A number of delegates took part in the discussion. Motion lost.

4. It was moved that we petition the General Assembly to grant to women the right to vote for Presidential electors. Carried.

5. It was moved that we invite Mr. Henry B. Blackwell, of Massachusetts, to address the General Assembly on Presidential suffrage for women. Carried.

6. It was moved that we petition the General Assembly to submit a constitutional amendment to the people to strike out the word "male" in the election clause of the constitution. After considerable discussion the following substitute was offered: That we petition the General Assembly to submit a constitutional amendment to the people that will allow the General Assembly to grant woman's suffrage at its discretion. Amendment carried.

Wednesday Afternoon, December 11th.

Convention opened.

Mrs. Sawyer conducted the devotional exercises, using for the basis of her remarks the 11th chapter of 1st Corinthians, and concluding with prayer.

The retiring Secretary, Mrs. Stockwell, read the minutes of yesterday's meeting.

It was moved that all discussions be expunged from the minutes. Carried.

After correction the minutes were adopted.

It was moved that at 3 o'clock we hold a Memorial Service for the members we have lost by death during the past year. Carried.

Mrs. Farmer, Corresponding Secretary, read the report of State work, including reports from Owensboro, Paducah, Richmond, Louisville, Newport, Lexington, Covington Colored Organization, Covington; Wilmore and Glasgow. Report accepted.

Memorial hour.

Mrs. Farmer read the list of those removed by death during the past year. Tributes of respect and appreciation were paid by several members of the Convention. It was

*Resolved*, That in the death of Mrs. Esther Somers, Mrs. Charity Warner, Miss Georgia Thurston, Mrs. Frank Hunt and Mrs. Ellen Battelle Dietrick, the State and locals have lost most valuable and efficient workers, and that this Convention hereby express their warmest sympathy with their families, and that the Secretary be instructed to convey

to the bereaved ones this action of the Convention, and to the Woman's Journal, and spread upon the minutes.

MRS M. B. CLAY,  
MRS. EUGENIA B. FARMER, } Com.

Richmond, Ky., December 11th, 1895.

It was moved that a memorial page be reserved in the minutes for the names of these departed members, and be enclosed in a black border. Carried.

After singing one verse of "Asleep in Jesus," the exercises closed with prayer, led by Mrs. Sawyer.



IN MEMORIAM.

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MRS. CHARITY WARNER,  
MISS GEORGIA THURSTON,  
MRS. ESTHER SOMERS,  
MRS. FRANK HUNT,  
MRS. ELLEN BATTELLE DIETRICK.

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The Secretary read a letter from Mr. J. J. Glenn in regard to working for an anti-cigarette law.

It was moved that the members of the Equal Rights Committee in Frankfort shall take opportunities to express themselves in favor of a law forbidding the sale of cigarettes to minors. Carried.

It was moved that Mrs. Humphreys and Mrs. Jones be continued as special committee on "Age of Consent" legislation, and that such assistance be given them by the Convention as they deem necessary. Carried.

It was moved that Mrs. Stockwell, of Lexington, and Mrs. M. R. McKee, of Richmond, be added to this committee. Carried.

Mrs. Humphreys presented an appeal that the age of protection for girls be raised.

Convention discussed ways and means of raising funds for carrying on this work. \$8.75 is subscribed toward placing a copy of the Arena containing symposium on "Age of Consent" in the hands of members of the legislature. Also discussed the best way of circulating petitions for raising age of consent.

Mrs. Sawyer and Mrs. McKee, in connection with their church work, promised to circulate a number of these petitions.

A committee, Mrs. Humphreys, Mrs. Stockwell and Mrs. McKee, was appointed by the chairman to confer about petition and put it in proper shape to present to the Convention next day. Carried.

Moved that we ask to have the "age of consent" raised to 21.

Discussed.

Motion lost.

Miss Wood read Miss Morgan's paper on "Advancement of Woman's Work in the Public School." Report was accepted.

It was resolved, That a vote of thanks be extended to Mrs. Mary Muggeridge for the beautiful gavel presented by her to the Kentucky Equal Rights Association.

It was moved that a copy of the resolution offered by Mrs. Farmer be sent to Mrs. Muggeridge.

Mrs. Mary B. Clay presented a gavel in the following words: "The Madison County Equal Rights Association, the first organized association in Kentucky, in 1879, in this work, presented to the State Association a gavel made from a tree near the site of the fort built by Daniel Boone, the first white settlement in the State, with the wish, May this gavel soon call the meeting together that celebrates the admission of Kentucky as the next State in which a true democratic government exists where the people, men and women, rule together."

It was moved that we accept. Carried.

Mrs. Susan B. Porter sent to the Convention \$5.00 for legislative work. This was accepted with thanks.

Adjourned.

#### EVENING.

Prayer—Mrs. S. H. Sawyer.

Paper—Mrs. S. C. Bennett.

Paper—Mrs. S. H. Sawyer.

Thursday Morning, December 12th.

The chairman called the meeting to order promptly at 10.

Devotional exercises led by Mrs. Sawyer.

Secretary read minutes of yesterday's meeting. Minutes were corrected and adopted.

Minutes of plan of Work Committee read and the recommendations adopted.

Mrs. Shepard read the Treasurer's report. It was referred to the Auditing Committee.

Moved to adopt the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That we instruct the Superintendent of Legislative and Petition Work to correspond with Hon. J. S. Clarkson, and if practicable to secure him for a speech before the General Assembly."

Carried.

Report of the National-American Woman Suffrage Executive Committee read and accepted.

Moved that a Legislative or Frankfort Committee be appointed by the Convention. Carried.

Moved that the President be made a member of this committee and have the power to select the other members, excepting the Superintendent of Legislative and Petition work, who already is chairman by virtue of her office. Carried.

The President then nominated Mrs. Farmer, Miss Shipp, Mrs. Sawyer, Mrs. Mary B. Clay, Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard. Nominations were approved.

Moved that the Corresponding Secretary write to each President of the locals asking that their society be requested to send contributions to help the Frankfort committee pay expenses this winter. Carried.

Mrs. Farmer read the report of the State Organizer. Accepted.

Report of Free Lecture Bureau read and accepted.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of officers. The following were elected:

Miss Laura Clay,	-	-	-	-	-	President.
Miss Mary B. Clay,	-	-	-	-	-	Vice President.
Mrs. Mary Cramer.	-	-	-	-	-	Second Vice President.
Miss Belle H. Bennett,	-	-	-	-	-	Third Vice-President.
Mrs. Eugenia B. Farmer,	-	-	-	-	-	Corresponding Secretary.
Mrs. J. L. McKee,	-	-	-	-	-	Recording Secretary.
Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard,	-	-	-	-	-	Treasurer.

Adjourned.

#### AFTERNOON.

Mrs. Sawyer conducted the devotional exercises. Mrs. McKee led in prayer.

Mrs. Sawyer read the report of the Superintendent of Literature. Accepted.

Moved that the delegates to the National Convention be elected by acclamation. Carried.

The following delegates to the National American Woman's Suffrage Association Convention were elected:

Mrs. Sallie Clay Bennett was elected the member of the National Executive Committee.

## DELEGATES.

Miss Shipp, Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Sawyer,  
Mrs. Clay, Mrs. Stockwell.

## ALTERNATES.

Mrs. Charles. Miss Wood, Mrs. Mitchell,  
Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Kogar.

The Auditing Committee reported the Treasurer's account correct. Report accepted.

Mrs. Farmer read report of Committee on Revision of the Constitution. Accepted.

Revision of By-Laws also accepted.

Moved that the suggested form of local constitution be adopted as recommended by the Committee on Revision. Carried.

The following resolution, offered by Mrs. Bennett, was adopted:

That a memorial shall be written by Mrs. Sallie Clay Bennett in pursuance of this resolution, which, when signed by the President and Recording Secretary of this Association, shall be sent to Senator William Lindsay and Representative James B. McCreary, to be presented to Congress, and that copies of this resolution and memorial shall be printed and sent by Mrs. Bennett to the honorable members of Congress.

## MEMORIAL.

WHEREAS, The National-American Woman's Suffrage Association, of which the Kentucky Equal Rights Association is auxiliary, resolved at its last annual convention to petition Congress to secure to the women of this Republic, by appropriate legislation, the full rights of citizenship guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Judges of the Supreme Court of the United States have now held in their combined Virginia, Minor and Yarbrough decisions that the right of suffrage is one of the privileges or immunities of citizenship, and that the exercise of this right by citizens has been guaranteed the protection of Congress against the Statutes of the States by the first section of the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States; therefore

*Resolved*, That we, the members of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, in convention assembled, will petition Congress to protect equally with other citizens against State denial of the right of suffrage by a law made in pursuance of that clause of the first section of the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, which says: "No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States."

Moved that the report of Committee on Resolutions be read and acted upon as a whole. Carried.

Report of Committee for raising "The Age of Consent" was accepted, and the plea will be printed in the newspapers and also separately, if practicable.

The following Superintendents of Departments were elected :

Bible Study, to set forth the true Position of Woman, Mrs. S. H. Sawyer, Wilmore.

Political Study, Mrs. E. W. Bagby, Paducah.

Literature, Miss Amanthus Shipp, Owensboro.

Press Work, Mrs. S. G. Humphreys, Versailles.

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

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

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Hygiene and Physical Culture, Dr. Kate Roebuck, Newport.

Work Among Young People, Mrs. Dora Terry, Glasgow.

Advancement of Women's Work in the Schools, Miss Anna Morgan, Newport.

State Organizer, Mrs. Eugenia B. Farmer, Covington.

Minutes of the afternoon session read and approved.

Adjourned.

#### EVENING.

Prayer—Mrs. S. H. Sawyer.

Paper by Mrs. L. C. Obenchain "The Egotistical Sex," read by Miss Clay.

Report of school elections in Covington, Newport and Lexington, Mrs. E. B. Farmer.

The Executive and Plan of Work Committee met in joint session in the Court-house after adjournment of the Convention. The following appropriations were made: Twenty-five dollars for the State Minutes; that the Treasurer pay for postals, telegrams, etc.

It was moved that all the general officers be requested in the future to hand in a bill for their traveling expenses to the Treasurer at the close of the Convention.

Moved that we appropriate three dollars to the Superintendent of Bible Study.

Moved that we appropriate three dollars to the Corresponding Secretary.

Moved to appropriate six dollars to the Superintendent of Legislative and Petition work.

No appropriation made to State Organizer, as she had five dollars in hand.

Moved to appropriate ten dollars for Superintendent of Literature.

Moved to appropriate thirty dollars towards the expense of the Frankfort committee.

Moved that the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to send

a copy of the Minutes to general officers and as many as can be sent for one cent postage to local organizations.

Adjourned.

S. H. REPORT OF THE MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL-AMERICAN WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

It was with bright hopes and yet with some misgivings as to our success in the new departure of holding our first migratory convention in the South we wended our way to Atlanta, a field little known and untried, where so little agitation had been done in the way of establishing equal rights for women or even discussing the question, How would they receive us? Being an untried field turned to our advantage, because we had not much prejudice to get rid of, and fixed notions, the idea was new and interesting. Our Captain General, Miss Susan B. Anthony, went ahead, announced our coming and prepared the way with speeches and organizations, collecting southern membership. Her tour all along the line was one that made her great heart joyous. A handsome hall was secured by the local society, and through the instrumentality of the local association and the Howard family everything went off in the most orderly manner. The very best people of the city came to the reception given us at the Hotel Aragon. The Governor invited us to his home and gave us an afternoon reception, and other distinguished people invited us to partake of their hospitality and become personally acquainted with them. Our daily meetings were well attended and the evening speakings were crowded. Members were invited to fill the pulpits in many of the churches on Sunday, and spoke to crowded houses. Nearly all the Southern States had organizations and sent delegates—thirty-three in all—from ten Southern States, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Kentucky, South Carolina, Tennessee, North Carolina, Missouri Maryland. West Virginia has since been organized The Convention received an invitation from the Woman's Department of the Atlanta Exposition for our Association to appoint the 17th of October, 1895, for Suffrage Day, which was gratefully accepted. We raised a contribution of two thousand dollars for organization work, a large part of which was to be used in the South. Miss Anthony was unanimously elected our President again.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. MARY B. CLAY,

Member of Executive Committee N. A. W. S. A.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Another year has brought us together in convention, and we should feel amply repaid for the work of the past year by the interest manifested in new fields of labor. There are faces that will be missed here, for some of our members have been removed by death, but we that remain must labor with renewed energy to accomplish more in the coming

year than we have in the past. The work of organization and school suffrage has been carried on very successfully. The last convention decided to continue the school suffrage work with a view to asking for full school suffrage from the Legislature of 1896, and that Mrs. Farmer continue to have the work in charge. She has already arranged with a member of the Senate to draw up and present a bill for full school suffrage, and a member from the House to do the same.

A committee composed of the Superintendent of Legislative and Petition work, with the State Executive Committee, presented resolutions to the State political conventions of three parties. The one to the Republican party was presented by Mrs. Farmer. No action was taken upon it. The resolutions committee of the Democratic convention listened very courteously to the resolutions presented to them by Miss Clay, Mrs. Bennett and members of the Louisville Equal Rights Association.

Mrs. Josephine K. Henry and Miss Clay, with the co-operation of the Louisville Equal Rights Association, presented their cause to the convention of the Populists.

We are glad to welcome two new associations to our membership.

The Secretary has distributed about three thousand pages of literature.

## REPORTS OF LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS.

### FAYETTE EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.

The Fayette Equal Rights Association decided to follow the plan of work laid out by State Association. Much of this work will be done this winter.

Acting upon Mrs. J. K. Henry's suggestion the Fayette E. R. A. secured space in our Lexington Exposition, which was held last winter. Had a booth in a desirable locality, prettily fitted up and decorated with appropriate mottoes—plenty of choice suffrage literature, which was gladly taken—a book in which all who favored Equal Rights could sign a petition for school suffrage for the whole State. Said petition shows 800 signatures

Early in January Miss Susan B. Anthony and Mrs. Catt lectured in Exposition Hall. People were delighted, and many men and women converted.

We now began to think of ways and methods to instruct and interest women in school suffrage and decided to have a "house to house visitation;" to request every minister in the city to preach a sermon on the "Duties of Citizenship," with special regard to women registering and voting; that we ask the co-operation of every woman's club and association in the city, religious and otherwise; that we appeal to the missionary societies in the various churches.

These various societies reported as "favorable to school suffrage." We deemed it advisable to have a joint committee from "Woman's Club of Central Kentucky," (the largest club of women in the city), the W.

C. T. U. and E. R. Association, this committee to confer and select four women candidates, one from each ward, for Board of Education.

The various clubs accepted and committees were appointed, which were as follows:

From Woman's Club—Miss Mary Harrison, Miss Anna Didlake, Mrs. Ed. DeLong, succeeded by Mrs. S. Shelby.

From W. C. T. U.—Miss Emma Shaw, Mrs. Nellie T. Arnsperger.

From E. R. Association—Miss Laura Clay, Mrs. Wm. Bruce.

Mrs. J. K. Henry was invited to lecture for us, which she did, giving two lectures to delighted audiences.

A series of meetings were held in the early summer in the various churches, addressed by Miss Laura Clay on school suffrage. These meetings were well attended; people listened attentively and numbers pledged to register. A short time before registration day a woman's mass meeting was held in the auditorium. A number of addresses were made and the four women whom the joint committee had selected, were unanimously nominated as the candidates of the Woman's Ticket. The candidates were Mrs. Mary C. Roark, Mrs. Ella Williamson, Mrs. Ida Withers Harrison, Mrs. Sarah W. Marshal.

The evening after the mass meeting "The Citizens' Association" endorsed and accepted the "Woman's Ticket."

The house to house visitation was decidedly educational to both visitor and visited. It set the intelligent to thinking, aroused interest, and those who were ignorant of the law were instructed. Many were opposed until it was fairly presented to them as a right and a duty. Very many had never heard of school suffrage, and did not know women were then on the School Board.

A committee was appointed to wait upon Prof. Russell, Principal of Fourth street Colored School. Prof. Russell very gladly promised to call his teachers together, explain to them school suffrage, and urge them to engage in the "house to house visitation" among their people, instruct them, and urge them to register. These teachers did a good work.

Early in September Judge Bullock decided to allow rooms in private houses to be used for women to register—one in each precinct—the registration officers all to be women—Clerk, Judges, Sheriff.

The women were appointed, sworn in, and did their duty nobly.

The Democratic and Republican parties refused to accept the Woman's Ticket. The women then selected a man from each ward in addition to the women already selected, making a full ticket of eight—four men and four women—a man and woman from each ward. This ticket was known as the "Woman's Ticket" or "Independent Ticket." The men selected were Mr. Wm. Bush, Rev. Mark Collis, Mr. E. P. Anderson, Dr. B. F. Coleman.

Owing to a legal technicality Precinct M. was thrown out. This precinct gave the largest majority for the "Woman's Ticket," notwithstanding we had a triumphant majority of upwards 400.

To show the popularity of the women on the ticket, and popularity of the idea of women on the School Board, the women ran ahead of the men on the winning ticket.

Our Association now numbers 43 members.

It is a sorrow to report that death has taken away another of our band, Mrs. F. K. Hunt. Mrs. Hunt was President of the "Owens Club," and made a National reputation by the good and effective work she did in the last Congressional race.

#### KENTON COUNTY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.

This association has held regular meetings twice a month, the President being present at every meeting. The force of the association has been devoted to school suffrage. A woman's school suffrage executive committee was formed to take charge of the campaign for the school election. Funds were necessary for certain expenses, which were secured among our own circle of women. Two persons were secured to take the census of the city to ascertain the number of qualified women voters. Instructions to eight thousand women were given as to residence of ward, registering and voting precinct, time allowed to vote, and qualifications of voters. Days were set for instruction in registering and voting. The colored people were greatly interested in this movement. Their preachers gave instructions from their pulpits, and evening meetings were held for full information as to their duties.

Mrs. E. B. Farmer was received very kindly by the ministers of the various churches in Covington when she applied for permission to speak to the women on school suffrage. Many of the ministers, according to promise, preached sermons on the duties of Christian citizenship the Sunday previous to the election. Three women candidates were accepted by the Republican Executive Committee, subject to the action of the primaries—Mrs. Eugenia B. Farmer, Mrs. Mary B. Trimble and Mrs. Esther Baldrige. These were voted for in the primaries and placed upon the regular Republican ticket, thus completing the required number of candidates (twenty in all) for the Board of Education of the city of Covington. By a combination of circumstances these women were defeated and failed of an election by about twelve hundred in a vote of thirteen thousand—five thousand women having voted. We were disappointed in the result but are more determined than ever to carry on this work to a success in the future.

Early in January, 1894, Mrs. Lillie Devereux Blake delivered an address for our association while en route to the National Suffrage Convention held in Atlanta.

We have taken up the study of Civil Government, and a large class is promised, through which we hope to increase our membership.

We have lost by death this year Mrs. Charity Warner, Miss Georgia Thurston and Mrs. Ellen B. Dietrick. The last two were charter members of the Kenton County and State Associations.

A quantity of suffrage literature has been purchased. Some of this with the Woman's Journal has been well distributed.

#### LOUISVILLE EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.

At our first meeting, November 10th, 1894, the association adopted a resolution to make school suffrage our work for the year. A committee



was appointed to visit the members of the School Board and another to visit teachers to obtain an expression of opinion from them on the question. The result was an almost unanimous expression in favor of the desirability of school suffrage for women. On January 12th Miss Susan B. Anthony and Mrs. C. C. Catt lectured in the Unitarian Church under the auspices of the Equal Rights Association. The room was not large enough to accommodate all who came, although it was the coldest night of the winter. The meeting was quite enthusiastic and new members were added to our list, among them several gentlemen. At the April meeting a committee was appointed to visit the city editors to arrange with them if possible for the insertion each week of articles on school suffrage and the other subjects included in the association work, the articles to be furnished by the committee. The proposition was graciously received by the editors and readily acceded to and work was begun at once, continuing without intermission until November, articles appearing each week in the four leading papers of the city. To arouse interest in raising the Age of Consent members have kept in circulation quite a number of copies of Helen Gardner's "Pray You, Sir, Whose Daughter?" The work of supplying the press with articles will be continued, now that the election is over, and any items of interest from points throughout the State, if sent to that committee, will be gladly received and publication secured.

#### MADISON COUNTY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.

We have kept up our meetings tolerably well during the past year. A new impetus was given to our society by a visit from the State President, Miss Laura Clay, who gave us some important information. She also delivered a lecture at the Court-house in our city August 15th, 1895. Subject: "Why should women vote?" This lecture was well attended by the people of our city.

We have distributed at our Fair, in August, and elsewhere throughout our city, 400 leaflets on subjects pertaining to our work. We have added to our society five members; it now numbers 30. They have all paid their dues well and cheerfully. Outside interest is increasing rapidly; many that have never joined expressing a desire to do so at an early date. We have adopted resolutions to have readings at our monthly meetings on law and to study parliamentary rules.

It will be with great pleasure that we shall welcome the members of the State Convention in December.

#### CAMPBELL COUNTY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.

The suffrage work has progressed this year, notwithstanding our financial difficulties, as lack of funds makes it impossible to do the work the association would like by having public meetings, with good lecturers, to keep our cause growing, for we find the majority of people only need instructing in the cause of "human rights" to become our friends and supporters.

We have made "Civil Government" and the "Election Laws of Kentucky" a study, and have distributed quite a number of our leaflets,

“What the Kentucky Equal Rights Association has done and the work for the future” with good results. Mrs. Farmer gave us a talk on the “Election Laws of the State,” and also a report of the campaign work in Covington.

Have had no headquarters for some time, but at present by invitation of Dr. Katherine Roebuck meet every Tuesday evening at her office, corner of Third and York.

Thinking our sisters would like to hear how we worked our first campaign, and the result, I will try to give them a brief report. The first work we tried for the instruction of women on school suffrage was to hold “parlor meetings,” which we found a failure. Then a member was appointed to visit the ministers and city officials and present each with a leaflet and ask the ministers to preach a sermon on school suffrage for women, which was another disappointment, excepting two ministers. August 20th two of our members began canvassing the city for the double purpose of letting the women know they had school suffrage and also to find the number of women who were willing to avail themselves of the privileges on registration day. The result was a great surprise, for 2,800 women registered, which we feel reflects much credit on our canvassers and shows how thoroughly their work was done.

Our desire was to place two women candidates on each ticket, but the Republicans ignored the ladies at their nominating convention, as they said it was “too soon for women suffrage.” But the Democrats willingly placed the names of two of our candidates on their ticket, and were very courteous and obliging in every way. The Democrats were “snowed under” and of course our candidates were “under the snow,” but received as many votes as the men on the same ticket. More women should have voted for the women, but I am sorry to say the men still own the majority of the women in Newport, and their advice was “don’t vote for the women or you will split the ticket, as most of the women who registered as Republicans voted their ticket straight.”

We feel very much encouraged, and now know that hereafter our cause will not be a mystery to the women of Newport, so we hope to be more successful at the next election.

#### WILMORE EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.

This association is by no means dead, but because of the overworked condition of the chosen leaders of the association made it impossible to hold regular meetings; but much literature has been distributed, between ten and twenty woman’s columns are taken. The equal rights of women with men has been advocated from the Methodist pulpit and from the platform of Asbury College, a co educational institution. Dues were collected and sent State Treasurer for eighteen members, but this by no means fully represents the membership of the association. We need stirring up, and have written to Mrs. Elizabeth Greenwood, of Brooklyn, N. Y., to secure her for a lecture. The town is largely built up by those who have come to educate their children in this distinctively religious school, and that makes it necessary to present the religious phase of the work almost altogether.

**OWENSBORO EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.**

This being a new organization no work has been done. The State President, Miss Clay, gave an address in February last. Dues have been paid and one delegate will be sent to the State Convention. We have decided to have during the winter several speakers from the State and National lecturers, and meetings where by agreement our very able gentlemen will address us.

**GLASGOW EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.**

No report to make, as we organized on October 3rd, 1894, in time for representation at the State convention in Richmond, Ky.

**BOWLING GREEN EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.**

Having so recently organized there is no work to report.

**COVINGTON EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.**

The principal work of this association has been for school suffrage. The colored women took an active part in the campaign, canvassing and electioneering. Mrs. Farmer gave us an address and instruction in registering and voting.

**PADUCAH EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.**

At the meeting of the W. C. T. U. State Convention held in our city in the month of September, 1894, Miss Laura Clay so presented the cause of woman's suffrage as to arouse the interest of a number of earnest-minded progressive men and women, and to enlist their co-operation in organizing what was practically an unheard of thing in our conservative city—an Equal Rights Association.

Miss Clay remained a day after the convention closed, addressed a large and representative audience, at the close of which address we went into formal organization with fourteen members. Just prior to the Atlanta Convention in January, Miss Anthony and Mrs. Catt visited us, and though the weather was fearfully inclement they were heard by a magnificent audience, and did us incalculable service in awakening and enlightening the people.

During the meeting of the N. A. W. S. A. we distributed throughout our city, county and to various persons at a distance, nearly one thousand copies of the Atlanta Constitution containing full reports of the convention.

Mrs. Clara Hoffman did valiant work for our cause in her two addresses delivered in our city in February of this year.

On the evening of August 29th Miss Laura Clay and Mrs. Eugenia B. Farmer addressed our citizens at the county Court house, Mrs. Farmer speaking more particularly on the line of School Suffrage. This visit was especially significant to our E. R. A. in view of the fact that some of our most prominent citizens were interested, one in particular, who for many years has been considered the leading member of the local bar, and distinguished for conservatism in matters of reform, having pledged his support in case of the question of school suffrage arising.

Just previous to the recent election a committee, consisting of the President and Treasurer of our E. R. A., interviewed a number of candidates, securing very flattering promises from about half the subsequently elected Councilmen, and very strong assurances from our Representative-elect, Major Ashcraft.

On October 31st the E. R. A. met in regular session and elected its board of officers for the coming year.

Our association sustained a severe loss in the recent death of our former Treasurer, Mrs. E. W. Bagby.

The Paducah E. R. A. has adopted school suffrage as its particular line of work, and is preparing to enter into active and aggressive efforts towards securing necessary legislation for placing Paducah in the list, with all privileges of second-class cities.

Respectfully submitted.

EUGENIA B. FARMER,  
Corresponding Secretary.

#### REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LITERATURE.

Literature distributed 7,219 pages. Published for department use one leaflet, "What the Kentucky Equal Rights Association Has Done," 3,000, all of which have been distributed except about fifty, but only 650 included in this report, as others were bought and distributed by other parties. Have mailed 255 Congressional documents. Wrote to editor of the Arena to arrange to have "New Woman of the New South" published in leaflet form, but could not get terms that would justify having it issued.

Received from State Treasurer.....	\$20 00
Received from sale of leaflet.....	3 90
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	\$23 90
Expended for literature.....	7 55
Expended for postage.....	1 00
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Balance.....	\$14 35

This balance has been returned to the State Treasurer. Made enquiries and got the addresses of many persons in different parts of the State who would probably distribute literature, but was unable, on account of other pressing work, to get out a circular letter. The Lexington Association has done a great amount of work in this department. Many thousand leaflets distributed during the Exposition in that city. Richmond association distributed fifteen hundred pages, Covington three thousand. No report from Newport, Owensboro, Paducah and Bowling Green. Miss Clay, Mrs. Farmer, Mrs. Henry and other individual members have circulated literature throughout the State.

MRS. SARAH H. SAWYER,  
Superintendent.

TREASURER'S REPORT—1894-95.

Balance Oct. 24, 1894.....	\$57 84	Disbursements as per vouchers Mrs. E. B. Farmer for school suffrage and Corresponding Secretary work.....	\$13 00
Collection at Lexington.....	14 58	Mrs. Josephine K. Henry for Legislative work.....	11 00
Donation of one dollar each by Mrs. M. B. Clay, Mrs. S. C. Bennett, Mrs. M. K. Jones.....	3 00	Mrs. Sawyer, literature.....	20 00
Balance of amount received by Miss Laura Clay for lecture at Carrollton after paying all expenses.....	2 60	Annual Dues and National Association.....	20 00
Donation from Mrs. Porter, of Versailles, for Legislative work.....	5 00	Printing Minutes.....	18 00
Additional dues collected at Convention .....	15 00	Balance in bank.....	84 82
Dues from State members...	7 00		
Annual Dues from			
Richmond .....	10 00		
Lexington.....	15 05		
Paducah.....	3 50		
Newport.....	9 10		
Louisville .....	5 95		
Covington.....	4 90		
Owensboro .....	7 00		
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RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we as a body express our commendation of the women who faithfully did their duty at the late election for School Board in the second-class cities, and hope that more will vote at the next election.

2nd. That in the massacre of the Armenians and the silence of the so-called Christian nations in remonstrance, the Turkish government indicates the want of political influence in government of the more humane sex, women.

3rd. That we seek the co operation of all organizations of men and women which are in sympathy with the principles of political equality.

4th. That the Association extend most grateful thanks to the ladies of Richmond who have so courteously entertained our members; to Mr. H. C. Farmer for paper and pencils for use of the Convention; to the press for excellent notices; and to the ministers for courtesies shown us.

## REPORT OF STATE ORGANIZER.

Miss Laura Clay with the State Organizer arranged for a short tour for organization during August last in the following places: On the evening of the 26th we spoke in the Court-house at Glasgow, Ky., to a large audience and secured the names of some suffragists; collection, \$1 71. On the evening of the 27th at Bowling Green in the Court-house, organized with eleven members; collection, \$4 11. On the evening of the 28th at Elizabethtown in the Court-house; collection, \$2 78; secured the names of several who were sympathizers in the cause, but not quite ready for organization. From there we went to Paducah, where there is an association. We spoke there on the evening of the 29th in the Court-house to a large audience. Much interest was manifested by the men and women where we arranged to speak, for the weather was hot, but the Court-houses were crowded with people who were anxious to hear the subject discussed. The collections were used to assist in defraying expenses of trip, but there not being sufficient Miss Clay generously provided for all deficiencies. EUGENIA B. FARMER, State Organizer.

## REPORT OF THE FREE LECTURE BUREAU.

Miss Laura Clay spoke in Owensboro and Hawesville in March, at Richmond in June, and five times in Lexington on the school question. Mrs. S. H. Sawyer spoke in Williamstown, Stanford, Wilmore and other places on "Woman as a Co-worker."

Mrs. E. B. Farmer spoke three times in the Colored Methodist Church in Covington to men and women on the subject of school suffrage. She spoke also for the W. C. T. U. women of Ludlow in the Presbyterian and Methodist churches, preparing them to petition their Council for school suffrage. EUGENIA B. FARMER, Secretary.

## FREE LECTURE BUREAU.

The following members of the 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 Lecture Bureau:

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..... Wilmore, Ky.  
 Mrs. Sarah G. Humphreys.....Versailles, Ky.  
 Mrs. Eugenia B. Farmer.....911 Scott St., Covington, 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 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 Secretary,  
 911 Scott Street, Covington, Ky.

# CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

—OF THE—

## Kentucky Equal Rights Association.

### MOTTO:

“If ye abide in My word, ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

### CONSTITUTION.

#### ARTICLE I—NAME.

This Association shall be known as the “Kentucky Equal Rights Association,” auxiliary to the National-American Woman Suffrage Association.

#### ARTICLE II—OBJECT.

Its object shall be to advance the industrial, educational and legal rights of women, and to secure suffrage to them by appropriate State and National legislation.

#### ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP.

Any local Equal Rights Association may become auxiliary to the State Equal Rights Association by endorsing the Constitution and paying dues to the State Treasurer. Any person may become a member of this Association by endorsing the Constitution and paying dues to the State Treasurer. No distinction on account of sex shall be made in membership or eligibility to office in this Association.

#### ARTICLE IV—FINANCE.

Each local association shall pay annually to the State Treasurer the amount of thirty-five cents per member of each auxiliary; ten cents of which shall go to the National-American Woman Suffrage Association. Each member of the State Equal Rights Association, not a member of an auxiliary local association, shall pay annually to the State Treasurer the amount of \$1.

#### ARTICLE V—OFFICERS.

The officers shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary and a Treasurer. These general officers shall constitute an Executive Committee to provide for and control the general interest of the work, of whom three shall con-

stitute a quorum when assembled, or a majority may act by correspondence in response to a circular letter addressed to every member of the Executive Committee, not less than ten days beforehand, by the President.

*State Dept. of Public Works*

#### ARTICLE VI—ANNUAL MEETING.

*State Historian,  
State House  
West of N. St.  
W. S. Dr. B. Bone*

The Annual Meeting shall be composed of the Executive Committee, the State Superintendents of Departments, the State Organizers, one delegate-at-large, and one for every ten paying members from each auxiliary association. The time and place of the annual meeting shall be chosen by the Executive Committee, and at this meeting the general officers and delegates to the National-American Woman Suffrage Association Convention shall be elected.

#### ARTICLE VII—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual meeting.

### BY-LAWS.

#### ARTICLE I—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Section 1. President—The President may call special meetings of the Executive Committee when he or she may deem it necessary or in response to the written request of any three members of the Executive Committee, and shall perform other duties usual to such officer.

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Section 2. Corresponding Secretary—It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence; to send to each Corresponding Secretary, at least two months before the annual meeting a blank for her report for the current year. She shall then collate from such reports her own annual report; she shall also inform Superintendents of new associations.

Section 3. Recording Secretary—The Recording Secretary shall also be Secretary of the Executive Committee. He or she shall attend all meetings of the Association and the Executive Committee, and keep correct record of their proceedings; and shall apprise members of committee of their appointments. At the first session of each Annual Meeting she shall read the minutes of all sessions of the Executive Committee since the last Annual Meeting, in their proper order, subject to the approval of the annual meeting, and shall perform such duties usually pertaining to such office.

Section 4. Treasurer—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements of money, and present a detailed report thereof to each Annual Meeting. He or she shall pay no bills except on an order signed by the President and Recording Secretary. The fiscal year shall terminate one week previous to the Annual Meetings, and the books shall be closed.



Section 5. It shall be the duty of Superintendents to originate, to devise and to direct plans of work relating to their several departments: to correspond and co-operate with local superintendents, and report to the Annual Meeting, and to the National Superintendent, work proposed and work accomplished. They shall be required to give an itemized account of their receipts and expenditures in department work.

#### ARTICLE II—PLAN OF WORK.

To forward the object of this Association the following lines of work are adopted, and for their more efficient prosecution each shall be placed under the charge of a Superintendent.

1. Bible Study, to set forth the true position of woman.
2. Political Study.
3. Literature.
4. Press Work.
5. National Enrollment.
6. Legislative and Petition Work.
7. Educational Opportunities for Women.
8. Industrial Training for Women.
9. Hygiene and Physical Culture.
10. Work Among Young People.
11. Advancement of Women's Work in the Schools.

Any other lines of work consistent with the aims of this Association may be taken up when recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by the annual meeting. One or more State Organizers shall be appointed. The Executive Committee shall constitute, ex officio, a Lecture Bureau, and shall from time to time arrange such lecture tours for State Organizers or other public speakers as Ways and Means shall seem to justify.

#### ARTICLE III—VOTING.

Each Local Association may cast the full vote to which it is entitled as set forth in Article VI of the Constitution. Superintendents and Organizers shall vote in person, and their vote can not be cast otherwise. Local delegates present may cast, pro rata, the vote of absentees.

#### ARTICLE IV—ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Section 1. The officers shall be elected on the morning of the last day of the annual meeting, and in the following manner: Tellers having been appointed by the meeting an informal ballot shall be cast for each officer separately, and the members of the Convention shall then proceed to vote by ballot for the person thus nominated, or the informal ballot may be made the formal by vote of the meeting.

Section 2. Superintendents and State Organizers shall be nominated by the Executive Committee and elected by the annual meeting. Their election shall be by acclamation, unless otherwise ordered.

Section 3. The Executive Committee may fill any vacancies occurring in the interim of the annual meeting.

#### ARTICLE V—COMMITTEES.

Section 1. The following committees shall be appointed on the first morning of the annual meeting: On Credentials, on Finance, on Publication, on Auditing, on Resolutions.

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Section 2. The Executive Committee, Superintendents and Organizers shall meet in joint session previous to the annual meeting, to prepare a plan of work to be submitted to said annual meeting, and shall hold another meeting at the close of these to complete arrangements for the ensuing year's work.

*Secone* Section 3. The Executive Committee shall be the Business Committee of the annual meeting.

Section 4. A Committee on Railroad Rates shall be appointed by the general officers in the interim of the annual meeting.

#### ARTICLE VI—DUTIES OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Section 1. The Committee on Credentials shall consist of two or more, of whom the Corresponding Secretary shall be Chairman. They shall receive and examine credentials of delegates, and approve such as are signed by the President and Corresponding Secretary of Local Associations represented; shall report to the Convention, setting forth the whole number of delegates present, and in the following order:

1. General officers.
2. Superintendents of Departments and Organizers.
3. Delegates from Local Associations.

#### ON FINANCE.

Section 2. The Finance Committee shall consist of two or more, who shall arrange and provide for public collections, and advance such other measures as may seem wise to meet the expense of the Convention and raise funds for State work. The Treasurer shall be Chairman of this Committee.

#### ON PUBLICATIONS.

Section 3. The Committee on Publication shall consist of two or more, and shall provide for the publication of the minutes and all other papers ordered to be published by the Convention. The Recording Secretary shall be chairman of this committee.

#### ON RESOLUTIONS.

Section 4. The Committee on Resolutions shall perform the duties usual to such committees.

#### ON COURTESIES.

Section 5. The Committee on Courtesies shall have charge of all introductions to the Convention.

#### ARTICLE VII.

All documents and announcements from general officers shall be sent to Local Corresponding Secretaries.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

Section 1. The expenses of general officers in traveling to and from Convention, also postage and stationery, shall be paid from the State Treasury.

Section 2. Appropriation of department work may be made by vote of the Executive Committee.

#### ARTICLE IX—BOOK OF REFERENCE.

Roberts' Rules of Order are adopted as a Book of Reference on points of Parliamentary Law.

#### ARTICLE X.

These By-Laws may be amended by a two thirds vote of the members present at any annual meeting.

CONSTITUTION OF LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS

AUXILIARY TO THE

National-American Woman Suffrage Association.

ARTICLE I—NAME.

This association shall be known as the..... auxiliary to the State....., and through that association auxiliary to the National-American Woman Suffrage Association.

ARTICLE II—OBJECT.

Its object shall be to advance the industrial, legal and educational rights of women, and to secure suffrage to them by appropriate State and National legislation.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP.

Any person may become a member of this Association by signing the Constitution and paying the sum of.....annually into the treasury, of which thirty-five shall go to the State..... This must be paid before the annual meeting in..... No distinction on account of sex shall be made in membership or eligibility to office in the Association.

ARTICLE IV—ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, a Treasurer and Auditor. These general officers shall constitute an Executive Committee and shall be elected annually in.....

ARTICLE V—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1—President—The President shall preside at all regular and called meetings, and have a general oversight of the Association and in conjunction with the Executive Committee, to plan for its best interests and the good of the cause; to call special meetings when deemed advisable, due notice having been given.

SECTION 2—Vice-President—The Vice-President shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the President, and perform all duties of the President in case of absence of that officer, she shall also assist in arranging and carrying out plans for the benefit of the Association.

SECTION 3—Corresponding Secretary—The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Association; she shall report the

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local association work to the Corresponding Secretary of the State Association, having first submitted her report to the local Association, giving such facts and items of general interest as will enable the State Secretary to judge correctly of the condition of the Association and the amount of work accomplished during the year.

SECTION 4—Recording Secretary—The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings of the Association, notify the public of its meetings, notify committees of their appointment and of the business referred to them; take charge of all papers and documents of the Association, and make reports annually or quarterly as required by the Association.

SECTION 5—Treasurer—The Treasurer shall keep an exact book account of all receipts and expenditures. Thirty-five cents from the dues of each member must be entered at the time of its payment in a separate account under the head of State dues. The amount in this fund must be forwarded annually to the Treasurer of the State Association, and must not be used for other purpose whatsoever. The Treasurer shall pay bills only on the orders signed by the President and Recording Secretary.

SECTION 6—Auditor—It shall be the duty of the Auditor to examine and verify the books of the Treasurer, and to report thereon at each annual meeting.

ARTICLE VI—MEETINGS.

SECTION 1—The regular meetings of the Association shall be held every..... Three members shall constitute a quorum. Public meetings shall be held as often as the interest of the work demands, and, if practicable, mass meetings quarterly.

SECTION 2—During the month of.....the annual meeting shall be held. Before this meeting the Treasurer shall have collected all the membership dues unpaid, and closed her books for the fiscal year; and shall offer her report to the Association. The report must be passed upon by the Auditor before approval. The Corresponding Secretary shall offer her report of the year's work, and after its approval may forward it to the State Corresponding Secretary. The election of officers shall then take place.

ARTICLE VII—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be amended at a regular meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present, notice having been given at the previous regular meeting.

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