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REPORT

of the

Twenty-Third Annual Convention

of the

Kentucky Equal Rights Association

Held At

Lexington. Kentucky

in the

Arts Club Building

October 24th and 25th, 1913<sup>2</sup>

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

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Miss Belle H. Bennett, .....Richmond.

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Twenty-Third Annual Convention  
KENTUCKY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION  
Held at Lexington, Kentucky.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24th

9:00 a. m.

Plan of Work Committee.

10:00 a. m.

Convention Opens.

Devotional Exercises.

Report of Executive Committee.

Reports of General Officers: President, Miss Laura Clay; First Vice-President, Mrs. John C. Castleman; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Mary C. Cramer; Third Vice-President, Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Mary C. Roark; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck; Treasurer, Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard; Auditor, Mrs. Lucy A. Nield; N. A. W. S. A. Executive Com. Member, Mrs. Mary E. Giltner.

Appointment of Committees—On Credentials; Courtesies; Resolutions; Subscriptions to Woman's Journal.

Report of Chairman of Committee on Church Work—Mrs. A. M. Harrison.

Reports of Local Branches.

Reports of Plan of Work Committee. Discussion.

Report of Committee on Credentials.

Report of Member of National Executive Committee.

Noon Hour.

2:00 p. m.

Devotional Exercises.

Minutes of Morning Session.

Report of Legislative Committee.

Press Work—Mrs. Margaret W. Castleman.

Peace and Arbitration—Miss Laura R. White.

Industrial Problems Affecting Women and Children—Mrs. Lucy A. Nield.

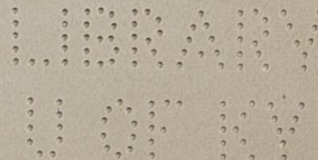
Some Results of Woman Suffrage in California—Mrs. Thomas J. Smith.

Address, "Organization"—Mrs. Murray Hubbard.

Suggestions from N. A. W. S. A. Discussion.

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**Thursday Evening.**

8:00 p. m.

Invocation.

Annual Address of President—Miss Laura Clay.

Some Objections Considered—Mrs. Ella S. Stewart, of Chicago.

**Friday Morning.**

9:00 a. m.

Plan of Work Committee. ....

10:00 a. m.

Devotional Exercises.

Minutes of Previous Meetings.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25th**

Final Report of Credentials Committee.

Appointment of Tellers.

Election of President, First Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary,  
Treasurer, Member of Executive Committee N. A. W. S. A.

Election of Officers of the Corporation of the Kentucky Equal Rights  
Association.

Election of Delegates to the N. A. W. S. A. Convention in Phila-  
delphia.

Auditor's Report.

Discussion of Plan Work.

**Friday Afternoon.**

2:00 p. m.

Devotional Exercises.

Minutes.

Election of Chairmen of Committees.

Miscellaneous Business.

3:15 p. m.

Address to Woman's Club of Central Kentucky and the Convention:  
"The Modern Basis of the Demand for Equal Suffrage"—Mrs. Ella S.  
Stewart, of Chicago.

Resolutions.

**Friday Evening.**

8:00 p. m.

Invocation.

Address: "The Meaning of the Woman's Movement"—Mrs. Ella S.  
Stewart, of Chicago.



## PLAN OF WORK COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee and the Plan of Work Committee met Thursday morning, October 24, at 9 o'clock, and proposed the following Plan of Work:

That we recommend that the convention appropriate three hundred dollars for a stenographer for the president.

That the headquarters shall, as far as possible, lay out routes for the speakers of the Lecture Bureau for the Kentucky Equal Rights Association.

That we make it our principal aim to obtain the submission of a constitutional amendment from the General Assembly of 1914, granting full suffrage to all women of Kentucky.

Committee rose.

## THURSDAY MORNING, Oct., 24th.

The convention was called to order at 10 o'clock and opened with Scriptural reading and prayer by the president.

Voted that the program be followed as the order of business.

Secretary gave a report of Executive Committee which was accepted.

## REPORTS OF GENERAL OFFICERS.

The president told of the work done in the campaign states of Ohio and Kansas, where she spent several months in the spring and fall. She said in part: "The vicious interests are the ones really opposed to woman's suffrage. The anti-suffrage women do us little or no harm. Many who go to hear an anti-suffragist speak come away converted to woman suffrage. I believe we are now on the 'home stretch' for full suffrage."

The first vice president was not present.

The second vice-president reported good work done for school suffrage in Lexington.

The third vice-president related how the women of Covington combatted the outrageous stories told of the women who registered several years ago, by Mr. Harry Myers, one of their legislators.

The corresponding secretary was not present.

The recording secretary reported much interest in school suffrage in Newport.

The treasurer, Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard, having removed to Texas, acting treasurer, Mrs. Emma Roebuck, read the financial report and the books were placed in the hands of the Auditor.

The auditor, Mrs. Lucy A. Nield, not being present, Miss Laura R. White was appointed auditor pro-tem.

Committees appointed by the chair were:

Credentials—Mrs. Emma Roebuck, Mrs. Warfield C. Bennett.

Courtesies—Miss Linda Neville, Mrs. Edith Cox.

Resolutions—Mrs. Charles Firth, Mrs. W. T. Lafferty, Mrs. James Bennett.

Publications—Mrs. Emma Roebuck, Miss Lucy Shelby, Mrs. Howard



Gratz. Miss Shelby was asked to give particular attention to securing subscriptions to the Woman's Journal.

The local associations reporting good work done in their localities were: Ashland E. R. A.; Campbell County E. R. A.; Covington E. R. A.; Harrodsburg E. R. A.; Fayette E. R. A.; Louisville E. R. A.; Madison E. R. A.; Franklin County E. R. A.; Oldham County E. R. A.; West Point E. R. A.

Mrs. James A. Leach, of Louisville, told several amusing and pathetic experiences of women while canvassing for school suffrage in her city.

A very cordial invitation was given by the Fayette Equal Rights Association to the delegates to luncheon and supper during the convention. These meals were served at Mrs. Kimbrough's next door to the convention hall, so that the delegates enjoyed a social hour and rest between the session.

Adjourned.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Opened with devotional exercises by Mrs. James Leech, of Louisville. Mrs. Ella S. Stewart, of Chicago, president of the Illinois Suffrage Association, was introduced to the convention, and the courtesies of the floor were extended to her.

Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Reports of locals continued:

Mrs. James Bennett read a most satisfactory report from the Madison E. R. A.

Secretary read reports from Pewee Valley, Oldham county, and from the West Point E. R. A.

Secretary read the proposed Plan of Work.

Voted that the several items of the Plan of Work be considered seriatim.

Item that we appropriate \$300.00 for the employment of a stenographer for the president, carried.

Item that headquarters shall, as far as possible, lay out routes for the speakers of the Kentucky E. R. A. Lecture Bureau, carried.

Item that we make it our principal aim to obtain the submission of the Constitutional Amendment from the General Assembly of 1914, carried.

Mrs. James Leech told of the offer of Judge Frank Peak, of Louisville, to do any specific work for suffrage in his power.

Mrs. A. M. Harrison, Chairman of Committee on Church Work, said in her report that it was impossible to forward any movement in the churches without referring to the advantage of woman's suffrage.

Mrs. Mary A. Giltner, Member of National Executive Committee, read a full report of the Forty-third National Convention, held in Louisville in 1911. (This is printed in State minutes of 1911.)

Mrs. Desha Breckinridge gave a most interesting account of work done by the Legislative Committee of the Kentucky Federation of Woman's Clubs in the interest of school suffrage.

Mrs. Margaret W. Castleman, Superintendent of Press Work, was not present to report, but Mrs. James Leech said that never before was suffrage news so voluntarily published in the Louisville papers.



Miss Laura R. White, Chairman of Committee on Peace and Arbitration, reported on the progress of the peace movement. Miss White having mentioned that there was some disposition to drop this Department in the National Association, it was voted by the convention that the National Association be requested by the Kentucky E. R. A. to maintain the Department of Peace.

Mrs. Thomas J. Smith, president of the State Federation of Woman's Clubs, read a paper on "Some Results of Woman's Suffrage in California," in which the results were shown to go far to prove its efficacy for the general good.

Committee on Credentials presented a partial report, which was accepted.

Mrs. Murray Hubbard being ill, her very able paper on Organization was read by Mrs. Charles Firth.

Adjourned.

#### THURSDAY EVENING.

Invocation voiced by Prof. W. S. Giltner.  
Annual Address of the President.....Miss Laura Clay.  
Some Objections Considered .....Mrs. Ella S. Stewart, of Chicago.

#### FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 25TH.

Convention opened at 10 o'clock with scripture reading and prayer by the president.

Minutes of Thursday afternoon read, corrected and approved.

The chair appointed Mrs. T. J. Smith and Mrs. James Leech to write to Judge Frank Peak, thanking him for his offer of assistance.

Report from the Bowling Green E. R. A., read and accepted.

Mrs. T. J. Smith gave a verbal report of work done for the suffrage cause at Frankfort.

Final report of the Committee on Credentials was read and accepted.

Miss Madge E. Nave, 307 Kentucky Title Building, Louisville, who is serving as assistant State Labor Inspector, was introduced and addressed the convention. She told of the excellent new Labor Law regulating the hours of work and requiring appliances for the convenience of working women.

The election for the ensuing year of the five officers whose term of office constitutionally expired being the next order of business, the chair appointed Mrs. Mary C. Cramer, and Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin as counting tellers, and Miss Emma Hast and Mrs. T. J. Smith as distributing tellers.

Pending the counting of the votes Mrs. Amanda T. Million, the first woman who ever held the office of County Superintendent of Schools in Kentucky, was introduced and addressed the convention. She told very interestingly of her many trials and final success in that position.

The election resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. Desha Breckinridge, Lexington.



\*First Vice-President—Mrs. Mason Maury, Louisville.  
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Laura Clay, Lexington.  
Treasurer—Mrs. Warfield C. Bennett, Richmond.  
xNational Executive Committee Member—Mrs. John Little Louisville.

Voted that a letter of affectionate remembrance be sent to Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard, who so faithfully served as treasurer for many years.

Before the election of the officers of the Corporation of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, it was voted to amend the constitution, Article VI, after the words "the end of every term of three years" by adding the words "and the hold-over officers mentioned in the articles of incorporation."

Mrs. Desha Breckinridge, and the other officers of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, except the auditor and the member of the National Executive Committee, who are not included in the Articles of Incorporation, were then elected the officers of the Corporation of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association.

It was voted that the chair appoint a committee, with the Corresponding secretary as chairman, to suggest changes in the constitution which seem necessary, especially to bring the constitution into harmony with the articles of incorporation; and to prepare the report to present at the next annual convention. The chair appointed Mrs. James A. Leech and Miss Laura R. White to act on this Committee of Revision.

The delegates to the National Convention to be held in Philadelphia were elected as follows:

Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin, Mrs. Harry Hanger, Mrs. Thompson Burnam, Mrs. Warfield C. Bennett, Miss Mary Neville, Mrs. Mary C. Cantrill, Mrs. Mary C. Cramer, Mrs. Emil Tachau, Mrs. Mary E. Giltner, Mrs. James A. Leech, Miss Emma Hast, Mrs. E. L. Hutchinson, Mrs. Mason Maury, Miss Laura R. White, Mrs. Mary C. Garth, Mrs. Charles Firth.

Alternates—Mrs. Murray Hubbard, Mrs. Lee Bernheim, Prof. W. S. Giltner, Mrs. F. C. Thomas, Mrs. Charles A. Nield, Mrs. Sarah Charles, Mrs. C. M. Freeman, Mrs. Agnes Eifort, Miss Daisy Willis, Miss Carolyn Leech, Miss Willie Kennedy, Mrs. Samuel Roberts, Miss Mary Mason Brown, Miss Margaret Brown, Mrs. C. H. Berryman.

Voted that the first alternate fill the first vacancy, the second alternate the second vacancy, and so on.

Voted that if when the delegates arrive in Philadelphia there should be a vacancy, the delegates present there be empowered to fill that vacancy from any member of the Kentucky E. R. A., there present.

The retiring president, Miss Laura Clay, was then called upon for a speech. Miss Clay thanked the convention for its courtesy to her in electing her to the office of corresponding secretary, and for the con-

\*On resignation of Mrs. Maury, Mrs. E. L. Hutchinson was appointed by the Board.

xOn declination of Mrs. Little, Miss Belle H. Bennett was appointed.



fidence that courtesy showed. She took occasion to speak of the new president, Mrs. Desha Breckinridge, who was not present at the elec- which had been constantly shown to her during the twenty-four years of her presidency. During that time the association had grown from less than eighty members at its organization to about two thousand at the present propitious time. She reminded the convention that one person could not make an association, but that one person, such an ardent suffragist as the able new president was, backed by the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, could do wonders.

Adjourned.

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON.**

Scripture reading and prayer by Mrs. T. J. Smith.

Minutes of the morning session read and approved.

Report of acting auditor was read: "I have examined the books and find them correct, with a balance of \$1,206.13."

(Signed)

LAURA R. WHITE, Acting Auditor.

Report accepted.

Voted that the chairmen of the various committees be appointed by the Executive Committee.

Voted that the constitution be so amended as to make chairmen of all committees members of the convention.

Voted that the words "State Historian" be stricken out of the constitution, and the office dropped.

Moved that the convention adopt as a badge a medal or button bearing the motto "In Unity Invincible." Motion lost.

The secretary asked for free will offerings and the following pledges were made:

Miss Laura Clay .....	\$10.00
Miss Laura R. White .....	\$10.00
Mrs. Mary B. Clay .....	\$ 5.00
Mrs. M. C. Cantrill .....	\$ 5.00
Mrs. James Bennett .....	\$ 5.00
Mrs. Mary E. Giltner .....	\$ 5.00
Miss Emma Hast .....	\$ 5.00
Mrs. T. J. Smith .....	\$ 5.00

(Note by Miss Laura Clay. In the summer of 1912, Mrs. S. M. Hubbard, of Hickman, Ky., apprised Miss Clay that she intended soon to give the Kentucky Equal Rights Association one thousand dollars. She said she wished the principal to be invested until such time as a constitutional amendment or some other measure granting full suffrage to Kentucky women should be pending, when the officers of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association might use principal and interest in the campaign. In the meanwhile the interest should be used for current expenses of the association. A short time after the close of the convention Miss Clay received the \$1,000 from Mrs. Hubbard, and placed it to the credit of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association in the Savings Department of the Lexington Trust Company.)

After the pledges of free will offerings the convention took a recess; and as the guest of the Woman's Club of Central Kentucky, whose regular meeting was in the Arts Club at this hour, heard a brilliant discourse from Mrs. Ella S. Stewart, on "The Modern Basis of the Demand for Equal Suffrage."

The convention resumed business after the address.

The Resolutions Committee made its report and the resolutions were adopted.



The convention instructed the secretary to send the following messages of sympathy:

Resolved, That in the death of Mrs. Mary B. Trimble the association loses one of its pioneer and most valuable members, and that the secretary send a letter of deepest sympathy to her family.

Resolved, That the secretary write a letter of condolence to Mrs. Eugenia B. Farmer on the death of her husband, and of affectionate remembrance from the convention.

The Twenty-third Annual Convention of the Kentucky E. R. A., then adjourned.

#### FRIDAY EVENING.

Invocation Prof. W. S. Giltner.

Address—"The Meaning of the Woman's Movement.—Mrs. Ella S. Stewart.

Closing Executive Committee meeting was held Saturday morning, October 26, 1912, at the residence of Mrs. Kimbrough.

President, Mrs. Desha Breckinridge, in the chair.

Chairmen of standing committees, as voted by the convention, were appointed as follows:

Educational Committee.....Mrs. H. R. Whitesides, Louisville.  
Peace and Arbitration.....Miss Laura R. White, Louisville.  
Church Work.....Mrs. A. M. Harrison, Elm Tree Lane, Lexington.

Voted that the appointment of Press Superintendent, Chairman of Prize Contest Committee, Chairman of Industrial Problems Committee, and Advisory Board be left to the president.

Appropriations for expenses were made as follows:

For Press Work and other office expenses.....	\$150.00
Expenses for officers:	
Board to Mrs. Kimbrough .....	\$ 12.65
Traveling Expenses .....	\$ 14.50
For three lectures and board for Mrs. Ella Stewart .....	\$ 55.40
For printing minutes .....	\$ 25.00
Printing cards and leaflets .....	\$ 12.00
Prize Contests .....	\$100.00
Stationery—Left open.	
Programs .....	\$ 3.50
Stenographic work on minutes of 1911 .....	\$ 10.00
Telegrams and Telephone .....	\$ 2.25
Postage for Recording Secretary .....	\$ 6.00
Postage for Corresponding Secretary .....	\$ 6.00
Postage for Treasurer .....	\$ 4.00
Committee rose.	

#### REPORTS.

##### Treasurer's Report.

Kentucky Equal Rights Association. Treasurer's Report for 1911-1912.

##### RECEIPTS.

###### 1911.

Oct. 19.—To balance as certified by Auditor .....		\$ 642.45
Pledges, Louisville .....	\$ 25.00	
Mrs. M. E. Giltner .....	\$ 5.00	
Additional dues from Louisville .....	\$ 2.00	
Postage returned by Treasurer .....	\$ 2.00	
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Oct. 10.—To cash balance to Mrs. Roebuck, Treas. pro-tem .....	\$555.23
Oct. 19.—Local Dues.	
Ashland .....	\$ 6.00
Bowling Green .....	\$ 4.00
Campbell County .....	\$ 14.70
Covington .....	\$ 35.00
Harrodsburg .....	\$ 3.50
Lexington .....	\$ 77.50
Louisville .....	\$ 35.00
Richmond .....	\$ 87.50
West Point .....	\$ 6.10
Total .....	\$269.30
Oct. 23.—To National dues, by Miss Clay.....	\$ 50.00
To National dues, by Mrs. James Bennett....	\$ 35.00
Madison County Free Will Offering.....	\$ 100.00
Mrs. Susan Cook Avery, by Miss Clay.....	\$ 100.00
Mrs. S. M. Hubbard, by Miss Clay.....	\$ 100.00
Mrs. Lida C. Obenchain, by Miss Clay.....	\$ 20.00
Miss Laura R. White .....	\$ 10.00
Returned expense money—Miss Clay.....	\$ 88.00
Delayed dues from Frankfort .....	\$ .50
	\$1328.03

**DISBURSEMENTS.**

1911.	
Oct. 26.—Traveling expenses of officers .....	\$ 34.50
Printing .....	\$ 4.25
Postage for Secretary and Treasurer.....	\$ 6.00
Oct. 25.—Telegrams .....	\$ .77
Oct. 26.—Additional expenses .....	\$ 1.50
National Dues from Ky. E. R. A. ....	\$ 74.20
	\$ 121.22
Balance Sept., 1.....	\$ 555.23
	\$ 676.45
1912.	
Oct. 20.—By Printing Reports .....	\$ 36.90
National dues, by Miss Clay .....	\$ 50.00
National dues, by Mrs. James Bennett.....	\$ 35.00
Total .....	\$ 121.90
By balance .....	\$1206.13
	\$1328.03

**AUDITOR'S REPORT, OCT. 25. 1912.**

I have examined the books and find them correct with a balance of \$1,206.13.

LAURA R. WHITE,  
Acting Auditor.



## REPORT OF STATE MEMBER OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Report of the Louisville Convention, 1911, was printed in the minutes of 1912.

Representatives of the Ky. E. R. A., who attended the Philadelphia Convention of 1912 were as follows: Miss Mary Neville; Mrs. Charles Firth; Mrs. Mary E. Giltner; Mrs. Mary C. Cramer; Mrs. Mary C. Cantrell; Miss Lide Faut; Mrs. Emil Tachau; Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin; Miss Emma Hast; Mrs. James A. Leech; Miss Laura Clay.

### REPORTS OF LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS

#### Ashland E. R. A.

The Ashland Equal Rights Association has held six meetings since the last convention. The Ohio meeting was the first. Mrs. J. B. Eifort, our representative, gave an interesting account of the National and State convention.

Have 15 members enrolled and 40 enrolled members, 55 in all. We sent six dollars dues this year through our (acting) state treasurer, Mrs. E. M. Roebuck. We are glad it is as much as it is. Have spread literature and are wearing Votes for Women. Take seven copies of the Woman's Journal. Two of our members moved to other states this year.

Hope this may prove the best convention. Greeting to all.

(MRS.) W. H. BAGLEY, Secretary

#### Bowling Green, Warren Co. E. R. A.

Our Association numbers 128 and many of the cards given out to the W. C. T. U., last year have never been collected. They were signed, and if collected and placed in the hands of the President would substantially increase the membership.

We had very few meetings during the past year, but we placed a copy of the Woman's Journal in the reading room of the Y. M. C. A., got three new subscribers for the Journal, supplied literature for four suffrage debates, distributed literature and had a lecture from Miss Clay.

There is no vacancy in our School Board at present and only 70 women registered, as they reasoned that it was useless to register until they had an opportunity to vote. This opportunity will come next year and we hope to make a good showing.

Our most mortifying failure is our failure to get members who are willing to pay dues, but we try to atone for this by sending all the money to the state treasury.

LIDA CALVERT OBENCHAIN,  
President Bowling Green E. R. A.

#### Clark Co. Equal Rights Association.

The following ladies are officers of the Clark Co. E. R. A.:

Mrs. J. G. Johns, President;  
Mrs. H. C. Thompson, First Vice-president.  
Mrs. H. H. Phillips, Second Vice-president.  
Mrs. J. W. Poynter, Third Vice-president.  
Mrs. J. T. Beckner, Treasurer.  
Miss Susan W. Buckner, Secretary.



### Campbell County Equal Rights Association.

During the past year our Association held ten meetings and had a regular plan of work. We studied the Legal Status of Women in other countries; also current events were discussed.

We distributed a great deal of literature—had it delivered directly to the lady of the house. After trying for three years we succeeded in getting "Peace Day" observed in the public schools. One hour was set aside on May 18th in every school room by order of Mr. Hammond, Superintendent. We gained some new members, but lost two by death—Mrs. William H. McCormick and Mr. Charles Smith. We have 142 enrolled members.

There are only 508 women registered, but we are happy to say that it was the more intelligent element that did so.

Respectfully,

HANNAH L. SPRING,  
Secretary.

### Covington Equal Rights Association.

The Covington Equal Rights Association meets regularly the second Friday of each month at the Public Library. The gaining of this regular meeting place is a signal victory, because for years it has been denied on account of the Association's being considered political. During the year a reception and an open evening meeting were held to which invitations were issued, and at which good speakers made suffrage speeches.

In June this Association organized what is known in Covington as "The Citizens' Public School League," whose chief business is to nominate and elect good men for the Board of Education and otherwise to look to the needs of the Public Schools.

Ten new members, interested enough to pay a stipulated amount in dues, have been added to the Association. These members are not "the ashamed to be heard and seen kind," but are earnest workers, reliable and energetic, and ready to sacrifice some things for the sake of woman suffrage. A subscription to the Woman's Journal has been renewed for another year for use in the Public Library and about fifteen other subscriptions have been secured by this Association, five of which were by outside people whom we wish to convert.

Our Corresponding Secretary sent a letter of congratulation and commendation to President Taft on his appointment of a woman, Miss Julia C. Lathrop, head of the Children's Bureau. She also sent letters of appeal to the President and to the Chairman of Appropriations, urging the passage of the bill appropriating \$250,000 for the prosecution of those engaged in the white slave traffic.

Two of our members assisted with speeches during the amendment campaign in Ohio; many assisted on election day (Sept. 3rd) and some money was also sent. In response to an invitation from the Editor of the Kentucky Post an exhibition of dolls was made at Ludlow Lagoon Aug., 11th to 20th, which comprised 60 dolls and four horses (toys) representing the New York Suffrage parade of last May. Each toy suffragist carried a banner bearing a pertinent suffrage argument. The display was pleasing, amusing and instructive, and from reports, it is evident that this piece of advertising made quite a few converts. This Association keeps the subject before the public by answering newspaper articles wherein women are even in the least involved.

We have met with great losses in the deaths of Mrs. Mary B. Trim-



ble and Mrs. Mary L. Reynolds, two valued members, whose moral and financial support were important factors in the growth and success of this Association.

JESSIE E. FIRTH, President.  
NANCY M. DUKE, Secretary,

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#### Fayette Equal Rights Association.

The Fayette E. R. A. reports that in the past year it has received about fifty-eight new members and also that in this time it has seen many indications of an increased interest in woman suffrage among the people of Fayette County.

KATE S. PAYNE, Secretary.

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#### Harrodsburg Equal Rights Association.

From a letter from the president.

You may be interested to know that although we have no school election in Harrodsburg this November (1912) 169 women registered out of only 800 who registered at all. At least a good beginning! 31 members enrolled.

Trusting for better things and believing in them for the future.

Very sincerely yours,

(MRS.) FRANCES SMITH RIKER,  
President Harrodsburg E. R. A.

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#### Louisville Woman Suffrage Association.

The Woman Suffrage Association of Louisville reaped a rich harvest of enthusiastic recruits from the Convention of the National Association growing from a membership of 225 to one numbering 425. Because of this large membership it was thought expedient to divide the city into 21 district groups with chairmen of those groups as members of a central committee to meet with the executive board when called. These chairmen distributed literature and buttons, arranged meetings with Parent-Teacher Association along the line of work planned by the Special Meetings Committee, thus adding 25 new members, and held meetings in their own groups.

Public meetings were held the third Friday of each month in the Library. The President of the Association spoke at Socialist Hall and debated the question of full suffrage at one of the Social Centers.

All summer and fall the Association was busy with the house to house canvass to bring out a full registration. The eleventh ward which was assigned to the Association registered 1,415 women—the city at large nearly 12,000. Members of the Association were to be found working in all of the wards, either as chairmen or precinct workers.

It seems fitting and proper before closing this report to speak of the removal to New York of Miss Virginia P. Robinson, who for several years was President of the Association. Under her leadership we grew from a membership of 165 to one numbering 450. Miss Robinson carries the wishes of the Association for success in her new work.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA J. WOERNEY, President.



### Madison E. R. A.

The Madison Co. E. R. A., has done a good deal of work this year. It has some more members, men and women, and has arranged to make canvass of the county for new members.

It has secured a room down town for an indefinite time in which to hold meetings.

It has secured some new subscribers to the Woman's Journal.

It has paid state and national dues on 350 members, amounting to \$122.50.

It secured a copy of the three volumes of the History of Woman's Suffrage and voted to present them to Berea College.

It appointed three members who attend to putting items favorable to woman suffrage in the three newspapers of Richmond.

It has given ten dollars as a prize for the best speech in favor of woman suffrage at the State Normal School of Eastern Kentucky.

It has put up posters about woman suffrage in the windows of the principal stores in town; and has placed a black-board on the Speakers' Stand in the Courthouse yard, on which from time to time some suffrage item is written, such as "Women now vote at all elections on the same terms as men in Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Washington and California. Why not in Kentucky?"

The placard is read with much interest by the people; and has induced some men to make public speeches in favor of woman suffrage.

Respectfully submitted,  
(MRS.) SARAH C. BENNETT, President.

### Meade and Hardin Counties' Equal Rights Association.

The Meade and Hardin Counties E. R. A., has a membership of 94 men and women.

We have had quite a number of parlor speakings and also a debate. Subject: Should Woman be enfranchised? Some of our most prominent people took part in the discussion. The verdict was given in favor of Woman Suffrage.

Mrs. Ada Withers Bunger addressed the Willing Workers in the West Point Baptist Church, and distributed copies of the Woman's Journal through the crowd. Several names were secured and some enthusiasm displayed. One woman declared she would get a soap box and speak for "Votes for Women."

Our club workers are sending literature to those they think are most in need of instruction and have paved a way that is leading to good results.

Respectfully submitted,  
(MRS.) ADA WITHERS BUNGER.

### Oldham Co. Equal Rights Committee.

Extract from letter to Miss Clay.

"I hoped to get more signatures to send you. So far I have only six. We have a fine community here, but the people are not educated on woman suffrage. Yours, I think, is the only address ever given here on that subject."

Yours, sincerely,  
FLORENCE BARLOW,  
(Chairman of Committee.)



### Report of Credentials Committee.

This Committee reported that the officers and delegates present were entitled to cast 104 votes.

Among the out of town officers and delegates who attended were: Covington and Newport—Mrs. Charles Firth, Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin, Mrs. Sedden Duke, Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Giltner, Mrs. M. Roebuck, Miss Junie Scales.

Madison County—Mrs. Mary B. Clay, Mrs. Hattie Buchanan, Mrs. James Bennett, Mrs. Warfield Bennett, Mrs. Walter Parks, Mrs. William Parks, Mrs. D. M. Phelps.

Frankfort—Mrs. T. J. Smith.

Louisville—Mrs. James Leech, Miss Emma Hast, Miss Laura R. White.

Georgetown—Mrs. James E. Cantrill.

#### The Resolutions of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association.

Resolved, That we favor the International Court of Arbitration; and the continuance of the Peace Department by the N. A. W. S. A.

Second, That we petition the next Kentucky General Assembly to submit an amendment to the constitution of the State conferring full suffrage upon women.

Third, That we rejoice that all of the political parties in the State of New York, New Jersey, Arizona, Montana and Iowa have put Woman Suffrage planks in their platform because we hope that this action will help establish full suffrage for women in those states.

Fourth, That we tender our thanks to the press for their very full and favorable report of our convention.

Fifth, That we express to the Fayette Equal Rights Association our grateful appreciation of their generous and gracious entertainment and to all friends for their many kindnesses.

(Signed)

MRS. JAMES BENNETT,  
MRS. CHARLES FIRTH.  
MRS. W. T. LAFFERTY.



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