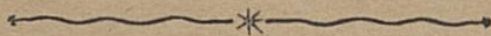


MINUTES

OF THE

KENTUCKY

EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION,



November 19th, 20th, & 21st, 1889,

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Bible Study to set forth the true position of Woman—
Mrs. Sallie H. Sawyer, London.

Political Study—Mrs. Mary C. Roark, Lexington.

Literature and Press Work—Mrs. Marion W. Huber
1940, Floyd Street, Louisville.

National Enrollment—Mrs. Sarah Clay Bennett, Rich-
mond.

Petitions and Legislative Work—Mrs. Josephine K.
Henry, Versailles.

Educational Opportunities for Women—Mrs. M. F.
Rogers, Clifton.

Industrial Opportunities for Women—Mrs. Isabella H.
Shepard, 31, East 12th. Street, Covington.

Hygiene and Dress Improvement—Mrs. Sara Randall
Boreing, London.

State Organizer—Mrs. Eugenia B. Farmer, 1026, Russell
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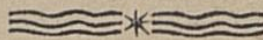
Work among Young People—Miss Ella Porter, Glas-
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Mrs. May R. Patterson, Berea.

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Suffrage Organizations.



Richmond Equal Rights Association.

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Organized November 7th, 1889, ten days previous to the Annual Meeting held in Lexington, with the following officers—

PRESIDENT—Mrs. James Bennett.

VICE-PRESIDENT—Mayor Jacob Collins.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY—Mrs. Hugh White.

RECORDING SECRETARY—Mrs. William Francis.

TREASURER—Mrs. Lucy McCann.

Twenty-two members and will meet monthly.

Mrs. Hugh White.

Miss Rollins Burnam.

Dr. J. M. Foster.

Mrs. George Pickles.

Mayor Jacob Collins.

Mr. P. M. Pope.

Miss E. Summers.

Miss Mary R. Shackelford.

Mrs. Shelby Irvine.

Miss Lizzie Wherrit.

Mr. Ed. McCann.



Mrs. Ed. McCann.
Mr. W. F. Francis.
Mrs. W. F. Francis.
Mr. Chas. Bennett.
Mrs. James Bennett.
Miss Belle Bennett.
Mrs. Mary B. Clay.
Mr. William Peyton.
Mrs. William Peyton.
Mrs. William Arnold.
Miss Ella Gibson.

Laurel County Equal Rights Association.

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PRESIDENT—Mr. W. Ramsey.
VICE-PRESIDENT—Mrs. Lucy Williams.
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY—Mrs. Sara E. Randall
Boreing.
RECORDING SECRETARY—Mrs. Sarah H. Sawyer.
TREASURER—Rev. E. H. Revell.

Organized in London, July 8th, 1889.

There are ten members, meet twice a month. Their first open meeting was addressed by the President on the property rights and privileges of married women, and was well received. Mrs. Sawyer has been very active and distributed a great deal of literature.

November 19th, 1889.

Names of Members:—

W. R. Ramsey.
Mrs. Sara R. Boreing.

Mrs. Sarah H. Sawyer.
 Rev. E. H. Revel.
 Mr. J. C. Caldwell.
 Mrs. Lizzie Catching.
 Mrs. Alice Jones.
 Mrs. L. J. Williams.
 Miss Addie Cochran.

*Fayette Equal Rights Association,
 Lexington, Ky.*

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Organized in Lexington, January 6th, 1888, with eight members. The following officers were elected:—

PRESIDENT—Miss Laura Clay, 78 North Broadway.

VICE-PRESIDENT—Mrs. Francis E. Beauchamp.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY—Mrs. H. B. Chenault, S. Broadway.

RECORDING SECRETARY—Miss Anna M. Deane, 118 S. Mill street.

TREASURER—Mrs. Mary C. Cramer, Clay avenue.

There are twenty-four members and they meet every Friday afternoon.

Mrs. M. J. Warfield Clay, 78 North Broadway.

Miss Mary S. Hamilton.

Prof. E. B. Walker.

Mrs. Pearl Chenault-Evans, E. K. Asylum.

Miss Minnie Walker.

A. P. Morton, 111 West Short street.

Mrs. Annie E. Allen, 142 East High street.

Mrs. Mary Gratz-Morton, East Short street.
Mrs. T. Cochran, East Short street.
Miss Mary Hodges, City Library.
Miss Mary S. Hoyt, North Upper street.
Mrs. M. H. Ketchum, North Upper street.
Mrs. Mary Barr-Crutcher.
Mrs. Emma D. Rees.
Mrs. Mary C. Roark, South Limestone street.
Mrs. S. A. Charles.
Mrs. Emma Chenault-Runyon, M. D.
Mrs. Kate Cochran, East High street.
Mrs. Josephine K. Henry, Versailles.

Glasgow Equal Rights Association.

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Organized April, 1889, with thirteen members.

VICE-PRESIDENT—Judge T. G. Reynolds.

CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY—Miss Ella Porter.

TREASURER—Mrs. Emma Evans.

The following are members:

Col. J. Evan.
Mrs. J. Evan.
Miss Emma King.
Miss Margaret Bloomer, Elkton.
F. M. Warder.
Judge T. T. Reynolds.
Mrs. Judge Dohoney.
Bruce Dohoney.
Miss Angie Dohoney.
Miss Elise Aubert.
Miss Nettie Aubert.
Mrs. Nannie Deane-Girod, Elkton.

*Kenton County Equal Rights
Association.*

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Organized in Covington, October 22d, 1888, with six members.

PRESIDENT—Mrs. Eugenia B. Farmer, 1026 Russell street, Covington.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER—Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard, 31 East Twelfth street, Covington.

Two of the members of this Association were candidates for School Board Trustees—this required a great amount of work—the candidates were defeated, but the race was considered a good one. The Married Womans' Property Rights Petition was well circulated. The present membership is twenty-four—meet the second Tuesday evening and the fourth Monday afternoon of each month.

November 19th, 1889.

Names.

Mrs. Eugenia B. Farmer.
Dr. Anna M. L. Furber.
Mrs. N. W. Halsey.
Miss Rosa M. Johnson.
Miss Rose Shine.
Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard.
Miss Georgia Thurston.
Mrs. S. B. Walcott.
Mr. F. P. Walcott.
Mrs. C. E. Warner.

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Committee on Courtesies.

Mrs. Mary C. Cramer, Chairman, and Mrs. Francis.

Committee on Credentials.

Mrs. E. B. Farmer, Chairman, Mrs. Isabella Shepard.

Committee on Finance.

Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard, Chairman, Mrs. F. E. Beauchamp, Mrs. M. F. Rogers.

Committee on Publication.

Miss Anna M. Deane, Chairman, Mrs. Mary C. Roark, Mrs. E. B. Farmer.

Committee on Resolutions.

Mrs. F. E. Beauchamp, Chairman, Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard, Mrs. Francis, Mrs. H. Sawyer, Mrs. M. F. Rogers, Miss Louise Southgate.

Committee on Auditing.

Miss Louise Southgate Chairman, Mrs. W. F. Frances.

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of the previous day were read and adopted. Secretary then collected the credential cards.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report: General Officers, five; Superintendents of Departments, four; Delegates from

Local Associations, eleven; County Delegates, one; State Organizers, one.

Mrs. Mary B. Clay asked to be permitted to donate to the Kentucky Equal Rights Association the remaining twelve dollars of a sum of money which she collected from friends for suffrage work in the State, the greater portion of the original amount having been expended for legislative work at the last setting of that body. On a motion of Mrs. Beauchamp the donation was accepted with a rising vote of thanks.

The Treasurer reported \$27 25 in the treasury. This report was accepted, and referred to the Auditing Committee.

The Executive and Plan of Work Committee presented its report. We do recommend:

1st. That the Treasurer of each Local Association be required to report to the Treasurer of the State Association, semi-annually, by the 10th of April and the 10th of October, respectively. Adopted.

2d. Further, that the Corresponding Secretary of each Local Association be required to send a quarterly report of the work accomplished by her Association to the Corresponding Secretary of the State Association, the State Corresponding Secretary furnishing blanks for said reports. Adopted.

3d. That this Association consider the advisability of making the Woman's Journal, of Boston, Mass., the official organ.

4th. That each Local Association subscribe for at least one copy of this Journal, and also the Woman's Tribune, of Beatrice, Nebraska. Adopted.

5th. That the State Association become auxiliary to the National American Woman Suffrage Association. Adopted.

6th. That all the names of all members of this Association be printed in the minutes. Adopted. That all reports of Superintendents be cut down to the mere statement of facts before they are put into the hands of the Publication Committee. Adopted.

7th. That each Local Association be requested to elect Superintendents in each department that is adopted by the State Association. Adopted.

This report was considered and adopted, seriatim, and also as a whole.

By vote of the Convention, the President appointed Mrs. Beauchamp and Mrs. Francis a committee to ask Judge Johnston for the Chamber of Commerce, Circuit Court being in session the Common Pleas court-room was rendered very noisy by witnesses passing in and out. Committee reported that the Chamber of Com-

merce would be ready for the afternoon session.

Mrs. Cramer moved that the Convention adjourn at noon to meet in the Chamber of Commerce for the day sessions, and in the Common Pleas court-room for the evening sessions.

Afternoon Session.

Convention was called to order by the President. Mrs. Sawyer read the Scripture from Gen. ii: and iii: Luke iv: Prayer by Mrs. F. E. Beauchamp.

Minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

On motion of Miss Anna Deane, the first Vice-President, Mrs. Mary B. Clay was called to the chair while the President delivered her Annual Address.

The President delivered a very fine address. The applause which greeted this welcome was an evidence of its appreciation. President's address adopted.

Mrs. Sarah H. Sawyer conducted the drill in Parliamentary Law, which was both interesting and amusing.

Very interesting papers were then read by the following ladies: Mrs. Mary C Roark, Lexington, A Council of Women; Mrs. Mary H. Johnson, Louisville, Answer to Rose Terry

Cooke; Mrs. Isabella H. Shephard, Covington, School Suffrage; Mrs. Mary B. Clay read letters of greeting from Glasgow Equal Rights Association, and from Dr. C. S. McKinney, of Nashville, Tenn. The Convention adjourned.

Evening Session.

President called the Convention to order. The choir opened the exercises with the song, "Voting while we pray."

President read the Scripture lesson. Prayer by Mrs. Sarah Sawyer. Mrs. Mary B. Clay, speaker of the evening, was introduced, she gave a very earnest and interesting address on "Political Standing of Women." The choir sang "New America," and the Convention adjourned, with the benediction by Mrs. Josephine K. Henry.

SECOND DAY.

NOVEMBER 20th, 1889.

Convention was called to order by the President. Mrs. Sarah Clay Bennett read the Scripture lesson. Prayer by Mrs. S. H. Sawyer.

Minutes of the previous session read and adopted

Corresponding Secretary offered reports from

the following Associations: Fayette Equal Rights Association, Kenton County Equal Rights Association, Louisville Equal Rights Association, Glasgow Equal Rights Association, London Equal Rights Association, Richmond Equal Rights Association, and Cynthiana Equal Rights Association. All these reports show that these little bands of earnest christians are doing much for the advancement of women.

The following Superintendents presented excellent reports of their work: Mrs. Sarah H. Sawyer, Superintendent Bible Study; Mrs. Mary C. Roark, Superintendent Political Study; Mrs. Sarah Clay Bennett, Superintendent National Enrollment. Mrs. Mary B. Clay moved that the State Association bear the expenses of this Convention. Carried,

Mrs. Mary B. Clay moved that the Convention post a notice inviting men and women to attend its sessions; carried. Mrs. Clay was appointed to post the notice. Mrs. Clay moved that a note of invitation be sent to the court room inviting the men assembled there to attend the sessions of this Convention, as woman's freedom is in the hands of men; carried. Mrs. Clay was appointed to send the invitation.

Miss Mary S. Hamilton moved that this Association go in a body to the Kentucky University

the next morning and attend the Chapel services; carried.

Secretary was asked to read the minutes of Plan of Work Committee. Mrs. Josephine C. Henry was appointed Secretary, pro tem.

Mrs. Mary H. Johnson moved that Mrs. Mary B. Clay's address be printed in leaflet form for distribution; carried. Mrs. Clay did not want her address published.

Mrs. Shepard moved that the Superintendents submit all plans of work to the Executive Committee for approval during the interim of the Convention; carried.

Mrs. Sarah H. Sawyer moved that Mrs. J. O. Henry be appointed with Mrs. Roark to devise plans for leaflets on Political Study; carried.

Mrs. Mary B. Clay moved that a committee of three be appointed to report to the Executive Committee on the practicability of holding a Woman's Council, and that if they find it practicable, that they proceed to make plans and do all preliminary work necessary to the completion of arrangements. The Committee to consist of Mrs. Mary C. Roark, Lexington; Mrs. M. F. Rogers, Louisville; Mrs. E. B. Farmer, Covington. This committee to report at the next Annual meeting; carried.

Plan of Work Committee.

We do recommend: 1st. That the Association appoint an agent to take subscriptions for the Woman's Journal on the offer made by Miss Alice Blackwell. Adopted. Miss Louise Southgate was appointed agent.

2d. That this Association at once take steps to have its interests represented before the Constitutional Convention. Adopted.

3d. That the Woman's Journal be made the official organ of the State, and that the Corresponding Secretary be required to supply it with State news. Adopted.

4th. That the Association appoint the Superintendent of the Department of Legislative and Petition Work, and as many members of this organization, as is practicable, to go to Frankfort in the interest of the bills which we wish brought before the General Assembly. Adopted.

5th. That the practicability of the Woman's Council be considered. Adopted.

6th. That two new departments of work be added, viz: 1. The Advancement of Woman's Work in Public School Affairs. 2. Work Among the Young People.

7th. That the Executive Committee be instructed to issue another Kentucky edition of the Woman's Journal, if practicable. Adopted.

Convention adjourned.

Afternoon Session.

Convention was called to order by the President. Mrs. Sarah H. Sawyer gave a Bible Reading from Josh. 1, i-iii: subject—Courage. Prayer by Mrs. Bennett. Minutes of the morning session read and adopted.

The Vice-President was called to the chair. President read a paper, Co-operative House-keeping, by Mrs. E. B. Deitrick. Mrs. E. B. Farmer read an exquisite little poem, by Miss Light, of Covington. Dr. Juliet M. Thorpe, of Cincinnati, O., read a paper on Physical Culture which furnished good material for an interesting discussion. Mrs. S. G. Humphreys, of Versailles, read a paper, Man and Woman in the Bible. This paper led to a happy discussion in regard to woman and her mission. Miss Mary S. Hamilton read a good paper entitled, Genius. Mrs. Bennett's address on the 14th Amendment was very instructive, and was ably discussed, Convention adjourned.

Evening Session.

Convention was called to order by the President. Vocal selection by Mrs. H. R. Holliday. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Ward, of Christ's Church. Choir sang "Breaking Day."

Mrs. Josephine Henry, of Versailles, followed these exercises with one of her wonderful

speeches which must be heard to be appreciated. From the rounds of applause and the rapt attention given to her, it is evident that she is the peoples' favorite. The choir sang, "Give the Ballot to the Mothers," while they were taking the collection. Mrs. Sawyer pronounced the benediction, and the convention adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

Morning Session.

NOVEMBER 21st., 1889.

Convention called to order by the President. Mrs. Farmer conducted the devotional exercises. Minutes of the previous sessions read and adopted. Minutes of the Plan of Work Committee read and adopted seriatim.

1ST. We do recommend a bill for municipal suffrage to be brought before our coming Legislature.

2D. That the plan of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association preparing and publishing leaflets for political clubs be considered.

3D. That the Association retain the Free Lecture Bureau, and that we make it more efficient.

4TH. That 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. The traveling expenses of the lecturer shall be paid from the State treasury, and the Executive Committee shall appropriate for this purpose as much of the State funds as they deem expedient.

5TH. That the Superintendent of Bible Study be allowed to correspond with ministers favorable to our reform, and if she receive statements that would, according to her judgment, advance our work, that she be allowed to have them printed in leaflets for distribution.

Election of officers was made the next order of business. Mrs. Cramer and Miss Southgate were appointed to act as tellers. President asked the first Vice President to take the chair and retired.

On the informal ballot for President, Miss Laura Clay received 19 votes; scattering votes 3. On motion, the informal ballot was made the formal, and the Secretary was instructed to cast the vote for Miss Clay, making her election unanimous. Mrs. Beauchamp and Mrs. Sawyer were appointed to escort Miss Clay to the chair and introduce her. The convention arose with warm applause, and loving smiles to greet the good woman who was again to be our leader. When Miss Clay had touchingly accepted the office, she again took the chair and called for

nominations for first Vice President. The informal ballot resulted as follows: Mrs. Mary B. Clay, 14; Hon. W. R. Ramsey 5; Mrs. Mary C. Roark 3. A motion prevailed to make the informal ballot the formal and declare Mrs. Clay first Vice President. For second Vice President the informal ballot resulted as follows: Hon. W. R. Ramsey 18; Mrs. Johnson 3; Mrs. Farmer 1. The informal ballot was made the formal, and Hon. W. R. Ramsey was declared elected. The vote for third Vice President was announced as follows: Mrs. Mary H. Johnson 15; Mrs. Sawyer 7. The informal ballot was made the formal, and Mrs. Johnson was declared elected. The vote for Corresponding Secretary was announced as follows: Mrs. E. B. Farmer 17; Mrs. Henry 3; Miss Southgate 2. The informal ballot was made the formal, and Mrs. E. B. Farmer was declared elected. The vote for Recording Secretary was announced as follows: Miss Anna Deane 19; Miss Southgate 2. The informal ballot was made the formal and Miss Deane was declared elected. The vote for Treasurer was announced as follows: Mrs. Isabella Shepard 19; scattering 3. The informal ballot was made the formal and Mrs. Shepard declared elected.

Moved and carried that the delegates to the National American Suffrage Association, and

also that number of the Executive Committee sent by this Association, be elected in the same manner as is provided for in the election of officers in Art. iv, Sec. 1, of the Constitution.

By vote of the Convention the delegates and alternates to the National Convention were elected. Mr. H. C. Farmer, Mrs. Eugenia B. Farmer, Mrs. Mary B. Clay, Mrs. Sarah Randall Boreing, Miss Anna M. Deane, Mrs. Sarah Clay Bennett for the member of the Executive Committee.

Alternates, Mrs. Mary C. Cramer, Mrs. Josephine K. Henry, Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard, Mrs. M. W. Huber, Mrs. B. F. Avery. On a motion of Mrs. Beauchamp, a telegram, expressive of our good wishes be sent from this Association to Mrs. Sarah Randall Boreing and Judge V. Boring. Mrs. Roark was appointed to send the telegram.

Moved and carried that the programme of the morning be made the first order of business in the afternoon. Rev. Dr. Jos. B. Cottrell was introduced and spoke fitting words of greeting. Said that he had never before seen such an earnest and inspiring Convention as this.

Convention adjourned.

Afternoon Session.

Convention was called to order by the Presi-

dent. Mrs. Sawyer read Romans xii chapter. Prayer by Mrs. Mary Johnson. Minutes of the morning session read and adopted. Plan of Work Committee offers the following report:

1. RESOLVED, That we add to the first clause of our Constitution, Auxiliary to the National American Suffrage Association. Adopted.

2. That this Association so amend its Constitution as to require the local Association becoming auxiliary to the State Association pay 35 cents State dues 10 cents of which will go as National dues to the Treasurer of the National American Suffrage Association. Adopted. (Will not the change at the late National Convention make this void?)

Mrs. Beauchamp moved that after the Kentucky delegation reach Washington, they be empowered to fill all vacancies after the list of Alternates have been exhausted, with any member of the E. R. A. that may be present. Adopted.

Mrs. Bennett resigned her position as delegate to the National American Suffrage Convention. Mrs. Sarah Randall Boreing was elected to fill the vacancy.

Mrs. Mary B. Clay was called to the chair while the President read Mrs. Sarah Randall Boreing's report on Hygiene and Dress Improvement. Report adopted.

Mrs. Josephine C. Henry, Superintendent of Legislative and Petition Work, read her report. This showed great earnestness on the part of the Superintendent, and an immense amount of work done. It is a department very broad in its work, and capable of doing incalculable good. The report was generously applauded by the Convention, after which it was adopted. At the suggestion of Mrs. Mary B. Clay a rising vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Henry for this excellent report. Moved and carried that Mrs. Henry's report be put in the newspapers.

Mrs. Eugenia B. Farmer, State Organizer, made her report. This is one of the most important of all our lines of work. This report led to a very pleasant discussion in regard to various plans of organizing.

The Resolution Committee reported, through the chairman, Mrs. F. E. Beauchamp. The report was adopted as a whole.

Mrs. H. B. Chenault read a most interesting paper on Education. President called attention to the literature table. Miss Louise Southgate read a good paper entitled Protection of the Home, by Mrs. M. W. Huber. Mrs. E. B. Farmer read a humorous paper on School Board Election. Miss Louise Southgate asked for subscriptions to Woman's Journal, and reported 23 subscribers.

President C. L. Loos, of Kentucky University was introduced and gave a cordial welcome, and spoke encouragingly of our work in the State.

Auditor's report, showing a balance of \$27 25 in the State Treasury. Adopted.

The Executive Committee recommended the following Superintendents:

THIRD DAY.

Evening Session.

Convention was called to order by the President. Vocal selections by Miss Martha Van Cleve. Prayer by President C. L. Loos.

Dr. Jos. B. Cottrell was introduced, and gave one of his able Woman Suffrage speeches.

Choir sang "The Equal Rights Banner," while the ushers took the collection.

Benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. R. Deering, and the Second Annual Convention stood adjourned.

Executive Committee Meeting.

FRIDAY MORNING, Nov. 22.

Miss Clay in the chair. Moved that we do appropriate \$3 00 to the Superintendent of

Bible Study. Adopted. That we appropriate \$3 00 to Superintendent of Legislative and Petition Work. Adopted. That we appropriate \$10 00 to the Free Lecture Bureau. Adopted. That each member of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association edit a column in her county papers. Adopted. That we try to issue five thousand free copies of the "Woman's Journal," paying for them by securing advertisements at \$25 00 per column, or \$1 50 per inch. Adopted.

Report of Superintendent of Legislative and Petition Work.

This department having fallen in the hands of a tyro, has been pushed with all the ability of the Superintendent, who entered the work unequipped for so great a responsibility, save the deep conviction that Right and Justice, with trust in God, are always invincible against Wrong and Injustice. Deeming the securing of equal property rights for married women the most important position of the subordination of women to attack, to petition our General Assembly for the granting of these rights was decided upon. To create sentiment and pave the way for this work, numbers of articles, show-

ing the discriminations against women, were sent to a number of papers in the State, who kindly lent their columns to advance the cause. In due time a pamphlet was issued showing the present laws of Kentucky on this subject, and containing a summary of property rights laws in all the States and Territories. These pamphlets were disseminated over the State, with petitions to our Legislature asking that married women be given the same property rights that married men enjoy, also for an equalization of Curtesy and Dower. Each newspaper in the State has been supplied with a copy of the pamphlet, many of them heartily commending the work. Each legislator has been appealed to in a personal letter, with pamphlet, asking their careful examination of the laws on this subject, and many have responded, all saying that for the honor of the State something should be done, and others offering to champion the cause. So far 1,482 letters have been written, and 767 responses received, and a number of petitions have been returned containing the names of ministers, lawyers, county and State officials, and numbers of the most influential people in the State. The outlook is quite cheering that a monster petition

will be presented to the General Assembly. Through the State and Local organizations, and personal friends, ample means have been provided to carry on this work.

To advance the cause of Equal Rights other bills should be brought before the Legislature, namely, a bill for school suffrage for women, removing the restrictions now in the school suffrage clause of the statutes. A bill for municipal suffrage, that women may have a voice in the laws of their municipalities. Also, a bill praying that assistant female physicians be placed in the female wards of our State Lunatic Asylums.

Owing to the herculean task of advancing the Property Rights Work, the Superintendent of this department has placed the school suffrage bill in the hands of the Kenton County Association, the female physician's bill in the hands of the Fayette County Association, and the energy and efficiency of these workers will daily advance the cause toward the goal.

Our gratitude is extended to the press, members of the Legislature, and legions of friends who have encouraged us and held up our hands, while combatting civil law and social custom, in asking the poor privilege for women that men

consider an inalienable right, the use and disposition of their own property. Encouraged by the work of the Kentucky women, the women of Georgia are following in our footsteps, and will appeal to their law-makers for more just laws. This is certainly the seed-time for the work, and if we faint not we shall reap in due time. The Legislature meets on the 30th of December, and all the local organizations will be appealed to to send delegations to Frankfort to work for our bills. Petitions will be presented from 78 counties. Placing our trust in the God of Justice let us not falter, nor count the cost of the great blessings that will come to the women of our own time and those who will come after us. The day is hastening in this Commonwealth when "Equality before the law" will be proclaimed in our legislative halls. God speed it.

JOSEPHINE K. HENRY,
Supt. Leg'tive & Pet'on W'k, Ken. E. R. A.
VERSAILLES, KY.

Report of Resolution Committee.

Recognizing that the duty of every individual is self-development, and

WHEREAS, Suffrage under a representative government is conducive to personal independence, mental growth, and the development of the true individual, therefore

Resolved, That as the ballot is almost universally conceded to be the most efficient means of defence, and necessary to the securing of an equal protection in life, liberty and property, that it is the sense of this Association that a petition for the ballot for women be brought before the Constitutional Convention.

2. That since one of the fundamental principles of this government is that taxation without representation is tyranny, resolved, that woman should be exempt from taxation by the State so long as she remains without the ballot, which is essential to representation.

3. Believing that much of the corruption of politics is attributable to ignorance, we favor an educational test, only for the ballot.

4. That women be urged to help women as men help men. Help establish industrial institutions for the benefit of women; help build institutions that protect women; also give attention to co-educational institutions, and condemn all measures where any discrimination is made

in salaries where women do the same work as men.

5. That we hail with joy the evidence that the churches are fast coming to the Gospel standard that there is neither male nor female in Christ Jesus. And commend the action of those ecclesiastical bodies that have recognized the eligibility of women to seats as delegates in their church courts. And that it is the sense of this Association that there should be no bar to the ecclesiastical emancipation of women. We rejoice in the political emancipation of the women of Wyoming, and express our appreciation of the noble fathers, husbands, brothers and sons of that Territory, who were so loyal to our cause. And it is the sense of this Association that we desire the Congressmen from Kentucky to vote for the admission of Wyoming into the Union as a State.

6. That the hearty thanks of this Convention are hereby rendered to those railroads that granted reduced rates to delegates to this Convention. To Local Associations for all kindness shown visiting delegates. To the citizens of Lexington for their hospitality in opening their doors to the "stranger within the gates." To

clergymen, who by their presence and words of encouragement have recognized the justice of our cause. To the press, for favors received. To Mr. H. C. Farmer, for pencils and tablets presented to each member of the Convention, and for his influence in procuring reduced railroad rates, and others.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRANCES E. BEAUCHAMP,
Ch'n Resolution Committee.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be given to Miss Laura Clay for her donation of \$1 50 to the lecture of Dr. Cottrell.

Department of Bible Study.

The Superintendent stated that the time given to the work had in consequence of sickness and death in her family, been very limited.

Donations to the amount of \$7.60 had been received for department work.

Amount expended for literature.....\$7.60

Amount expended for postage.....1.60

Amount of literature distributed 3,783 pages.

Also a number of copies of Rev. J. W. Bash-

ford's little booklet "*Bible and Woman*," and some copies of "*Woman's Journal*" and "*Woman's Column*." The leaflets found most useful for general distribution. "Does the Bible Allow Women to Preach?" and "Bible for Woman Suffrage," by Rev. J. W. Bashford, D. D. "Jesus Christ the Emancipator of Woman," by Rev. C. C. Harrah. "Woman Suffrage," by Rev. James Freeman Clark. "Clergymen for Woman Suffrage," and "Woman Suffrage in Wyoming," all of these can be obtained from the Woman's Journal Office, Boston, Mass.

She also heartily recommended the "Bible and Woman," by Rev. J. W. Bashford, D. D., and "May Women Speak," by Rev. G. P. Hays, D. D., L. L. D., Pastor 2d Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, Mo., but which were too expensive to distribute gratuitously to any great extent. These can be obtained from the W. T. P. A., La Sale street, Chicago, Ill.

At least two thirds of the literature distributed had been to clergymen, and they, as a class, had kindly received it, and not a few endorsed and commended our work. * * *

There are about 600 women preachers and evangelists, some of them ordained pastors. She

recommended the appointment of local Superintendent in this department in each Auxiliary Association, whose duty shall be to distribute literature, communicate the preachers within the bounds of the Association, and send quarterly reports to the State Superintendent. Also, that a portion of the time allotted to each meeting be given to the study of the Scriptures, selecting such passages as are generally used by the opponents of our cause, and endeavoring to find their true meaning which must accord with the plain teachings of justice, that some member may be appointed at each meeting to prepare the Scripture lesson for the subsequent meeting.

*Report of Superintendent of Hygiene
and Dress Improvement.*

I have drawn no money from the treasury for my department this year; but I believe I have done more good than at any time since I have been interested in the work. I have induced quite a number of women to make a change in their dress. Have presented the subject before the lady teachers at our County Institute. It at least set them to thinking. I find that it is a

waste of time and money to distribute too much literature in this department. Often a ten minutes' talk will do more good than many pages of literature.

I wish that we might engage Mrs. Emma P. Ewing to give lessons in cooking in some of our large towns.

MRS. SARAH E. BOREING, London.

*Report of the Superintendent of the
National Enrollment.*

I wrote many letters to ladies throughout Kentucky, sending them heading, and asking them to receive signatures of both men and women. I received some names from Covington and Louisville, which with the names I secured in Richmond, I reported to the proper person in Washington City.

MRS. JAMES BENNETT,
Superintendent of National Enrollment,

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
—OF THE—
Kentucky Equal Rights Association.

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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 equal 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 fund 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 fund the amount of one dollar.

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 constitute 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.

ARTICLE VI,**ANNUAL MEETING.**

The Annual Meeting shall be composed of the Executive Committee, the State Superintendents of Departments, the State Organizer, one delegat-at-large, and one for every ten paying members from each auxiliary association, ~~and one delegate at large from each county in which there is no auxiliary.~~

The time and place of the Annual Meeting shall be chosen by the Executive Committee, and at this meeting the general officers 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, through the Recording Secretary, call special meeting of the Executive Committee when he or she may deem it necessary, in response to the written request of any five members of the Executive Committee, and shall perform other duties usual to such officer.

SEC. 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.

SEC. 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; shall send to each member of the Executive Committee a proper notice of each meeting, and designate, in said notice, the topics which are to be considered at the meeting; 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.

SEC. 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.

SEC. 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 of 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 and Press Work.
4. National Enrollment.
5. Petition and Legislative Work.
6. Educational Opportunities for Women.
7. Industrial Opportunities for Women.
8. Hygiene and ~~Dress Improvement.~~
Physical Culture.

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 Ex-

ecutive Committee shall constitute, ex-officio, a Lecture Bureau, and shall from time to time arrange such lecture tours for State Organizer, 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 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 the absentees. ~~Members present of the State Equal Rights Association, coming from a county where there is no Auxiliary Association, may choose one of their number as the county delegate.~~

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 by the formal vote of the meeting.

SEC. 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.

SEC. 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 Business, on Resolutions. The last shall consist of one delegate from each delegation; chosen by the delegation.

SEC. 2. The Superintendents shall organize as a committee, electing a chairman and secretary, for consultation as to mutual interests and subjects pertaining to department work.

SEC. 3. The Executive Committee and Committee of Superintendents 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.

SEC. 4. The Executive Committee shall be the Business Committee of the Annual Meeting.

SEC. 5. An Auditing Committee and a Committee on Railroad rates shall be appointed by the general officers in the interim of the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VI.

DUTIES OF COMMITTEES.

On Credentials.

SECTION 1. The Committee on Credentials shall consist of three, 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.
4. ~~County Delegates.~~

On Finance.

SEC. 2. The Finance Committee shall consist of three, 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 Publication.

SEC. 3. The Committee on Publication shall consist of three, 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.

SEC. 4. The Committee on Resolutions shall perform the duties usual to such a committee.

On Courtesies.

SEC. 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 Associations through their respective 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.

SEC. 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.



FORM OF CONSTITUTION

—FOR A—

LOCAL EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.

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ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This Association shall be known as the
—Equal Rights Association, auxiliary to
the Kentucky Equal Rights 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 person may become a member of this
Association by signing the Constitution, and
paying the sum of \$1 (onedollar) annually into
the treasury, of which ~~twenty-five~~ ^{thirty} cents shall
go to the State Equal Rights Association. No

distinction on account of sex shall be made in membership, or in eligibility to office in this Association.

ARTICLE IV.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

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

ARTICLE V.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. President.—to call to order and open the meetings; to announce the business before the meeting in the order in which it is to be acted upon; to put to vote all questions which have been regularly moved and seconded, and to announce the result; to preserve order and to decide, when referred to, all questions in points of order and practice which may arise; to append her signature, when necessary, to all orders and proceedings of the Association; to have a general oversight of the Association, and in conjunction with the Executive Committee to plan for its best interests and the

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good of the cause; to call special meetings when deemed advisable, due notice being given to all members.

SEC. 2. Corresponding Secretary.—To conduct the correspondence of the Association; to report ——— to the Corresponding Secretary of the State Association, upon receipt of blank form from the State Secretary, having first submitted her report to the 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 progress of the work.

SEC. 3. Recording Secretary.—To keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings of the Association; to notify the public of its meetings; to read all papers, etc., which may be required; to notify committees of their appointment and of business referred to them; to take charge of all papers and documents of the Association; to make reports annually or quarterly as required by the Association.

SEC. 4. Treasurer.—To collect the membership dues, and to devise ways and means to increase the funds of the Association; to forward to the State Treasurer, ~~quarterly~~, twenty-five cents for each member, as required by the Constitution of the State Equal Rights Association;

to hold all money collected by the Association, paying bills on order of the President and Recording Secretary; keeping an exact book account and making a quarterly report to the same.

SEC. 5. Vice-President.—To preside at meetings in the absence of the President, and to perform all duties of the President in case of absence from any account, and to assist the President in arranging and carrying out plans for the benefit of the Association.

ARTICLE VI.

MEETINGS.

The regular meetings of the Association shall be held ——— every ———. Three members shall constitute a quorum. Public meetings may be held as often as the interest of the work demands, and, if practicable, mass meetings quarterly. The Executive and other committees shall meet as often as deemed advisable.

ARTICLE VII.

AMENDMENTS.

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

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.**METHODS OF WORK.**

To forward the objects of this Association the following lines of work may be taken up, and each may be placed in charge of a superintendent, or conducted otherwise, as deemed expedient.

1. Bible Study, to set forth the true position of woman.
2. Political Study.
3. Literature and Press Work.—Distribution of tracts and other literature. Increasing circulation of Woman's Journal and Woman's Column. Editing columns in local press.
4. National Enrollment.
5. Petitions and Legislative Work, (circulating such petitions as are recommended by State Superintendent of this department.)
6. Educational Opportunities for Women.
7. Industrial Opportunities for Women.
8. Hygiene and Dress Improvement.
9. Public Meetings and Lectures.

An 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 Association.

ARTICLE II.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE.

1. Scripture Reading.
2. Prayer.
3. Reading Minutes.
4. Report of Committees.
5. Report of Superintendents.
6. Report of Corresponding Secretary.
7. Report of Treasurer (quarterly.)
8. Unfinished Business.
9. New Business.

ARTICLE III.

BOOK OF REFERENCE

Roberts' Rules of Order are adopted as a book of reference on all points of order.

ARTICLE IV.

AMENDMENTS.

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

*Another Form of Constitution For A
Local Equal Rights Association.*

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WHEREAS, The duty of every individual is self development, and the lessons of self-sacrifice and obedience as exclusively taught to women, have been fatal, not only to her own best interests, but imparted by, and exemplified in her have also dwarfed and degraded the higher possibilities in the race, and

WHEREAS, Suffrage under a representative government conduces to personal independence, mental growth, and the development of the true individuality. Therefore, we, the citizens of _____, do associate ourselves for the purpose of securing to every properly qualified woman, her citizen's right to vote.

ARTICLE I.

This organization shall be called the _____
_____ Equal Rights Association, Auxiliary to
the Kentucky Equal Rights Association.

ARTICLE II,

The object of this Association shall be to secure for women political equality with men and to effect such changes in the laws as shall give women equal protection. It shall also

give practical consideration to the important questions which grow out of the relations of the individual to society, and the effects of existing institutions upon individual development. It shall be independent of sect, party, and social cliques. The basis of membership being earnestness of purpose, love of truth, and a desire to promote the best interests of humanity.

ARTICLE III.

The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurer, and Auditor.

ARTICLE IV.

The President shall preside at the regular meetings and entertainments of the Association, enforce its rules, and be considered an ex-officio member of standing committees.

The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of all the regular meetings of the Association, and shall call the roll, read the minutes at each regular meeting, and report at the annual meeting.

The Corresponding Secretary shall send notices for all meetings and entertainments of the Association, notify new members of their elec-

tion, conduct the general correspondence, and report at the annual meetings.

The Treasurer shall collect all moneys and keep account thereof; she shall disburse the same at such times and for such purposes as the President may direct, and shall report at the annual meeting.

The Auditor shall examine the accounts of the Treasurer, and report at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE V.

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the officers of the Association, ex-officio, and the chairman of Standing Committees. All business transacted by the Executive Committee shall be reported at the regular meetings of the Association, and the chairman of the Executive Committee shall prepare a report for the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VI.

There shall be ——— Standing Committees, each of which shall have its chairman, whose duty it shall be to collect and arrange reports and to present them to the Association. All this to be attended to at some previous meeting of the Executive Committee. These Standing Committees shall represent the following divisions.

1. Legislation.
 2. Representation of work of the Association before influential bodies.
 3. Social Science, including Benevolence, Prevention of Crime, Industries, and Moral questions generally.
 4. Education, Political Economy, and Associate Study,
 5. Domestic Science, Hygiene and Physical Culture.
 6. Press Work.
- Other Committees may be appointed at any time by the Association or by the President.

ARTICLE VII.

The chairman of the Standing Committee shall be elected at each Annual Meeting, and shall have power of filling their own committees. They shall have charge of all matters relative to their several departments, and shall send to the President memoranda of the matter which they will furnish for the programme one week in advance of the meeting at which their respective committees will be represented. The chairman shall also present a report at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VIII.

All officers of the Association, and the chairman of Standing Committees, shall be elected by ballot.

ARTICLE IX.

The name and address of each candidate for membership must be presented to the Executive Committee in writing, accompanied by the names of two members of the Association as vouchers. The names of the candidates which have been unanimously accepted by the Executive Committee, will be presented to the Association at a regular meeting and be balloted for. To become a member, a candidate must be elected and pay the membership fee of———. Three adverse votes shall reject. In case of rejection, the person presenting such application for membership can demand the reason for same. In case of such demand, the President shall notify those who have voted against the admission of the applicant that they present their reasons for the same, to her in writing, unsigned, which she shall read at the next regular meeting. If the reason for such rejection be deemed insufficient, a second ballot may be ordered by the President, at which five adverse votes shall be required for rejection.

ARTICLE X.

The Annual Meeting for the election of officers, hearing reports, and transacting such business as may regularly be brought before the Association, shall be held on — — —.

ARTICLE XI.

This Constitution may be amended at any annual or special meeting, by two-thirds vote of the members present. The proposed amendment having been presented at a previous meeting of the Executive Committee, and notice to amend having been appended to the call of the meeting.



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