

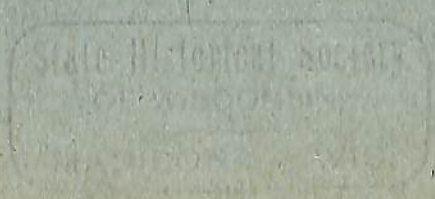
Proceedings  
OF THE  
Twenty-Ninth Annual Convention  
OF THE

National American  
Woman Suffrage Association



Held in Des Moines, Iowa, January 26-29

1897





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PROCEEDINGS

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AT

The Central Christian Church,

Corner Ninth and Pleasant Streets,  
DES MOINES, IOWA,

JANUARY 26th, 27th, 28th, and 29th, 1897

First Executive Committee Meeting in the Parlors  
of MRS. MARTHA C. CALLANAN, 7:45 p.m., Monday,  
January 25th.

Second Executive Committee Meeting at the Church,  
9 a.m., Tuesday, January 26th.

Final Executive Committee Meeting in the Parlors  
of MRS. MARTHA C. CALLANAN, 10 a.m., Saturday,  
January 30th.

All Public Sessions Free.

Hotel Headquarters at the Kirkwood House, Fourth and Walnut Streets.

EDITED BY RACHEL FOSTER AVERY.

Philadelphia:

PRESS OF ALFRED J. FERRIS, 29 N. SEVENTH ST.



## MONDAY, JANUARY 25th.

EVENING, 7.45 O'CLOCK.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING in the Parlors of MRS. MARTHA C. CALLANAN.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 26th.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, 9 A.M.

MORNING 10 O'CLOCK.

Convention called to order by the President, SUSAN B. ANTHONY.

Roll call of Officers, Vice Presidents and State Members of the Executive Committee, ALICE STONE BLACKWELL, *Rec. Sec.*

Minutes of the closing session of the 28th Annual Convention.  
Announcement of Committees on Finance, Courtesies, Credentials and Resolutions.

Report of Vice-President-at-Large, REV. ANNA HOWARD SHAW.

Report of Work at Headquarters by the the Corresponding Secretary, RACHEL FOSTER AVERY.

AFTERNOON, 2 O'CLOCK.

Annual address of President, SUSAN B. ANTHONY.

SHORT ADDRESSES BY STATE PRESIDENTS.

California, . . . . MARY G. HAY, *Proxy*.

Colorado, . . . . MARY C. C. BRADFORD, *Proxy*.

Illinois, . . . . CATHARINE WAUGH McCULLOCH, *Proxy*.

Iowa, . . . . ADELAIDE BALLARD.

Kansas, . . . . KATIE R. ADDISON.

Kentucky, . . . . LAURA CLAY.

"Equal Rights," ALICE STONE BLACKWELL, Massachusetts.

EVENING, 8 O'CLOCK.

Reception to the Convention at the home of MRS. F. M. HUBBELL, of Terrace Hill.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27th.

MORNING, 10 O'CLOCK.

Report of Committee on Campaign Conditions,

ANNIE L. DIGGS, Kansas.

Report of Committee on Presidential Suffrage,

HENRY B. BLACKWELL, Massachusetts.

Report of Treasurer,

Report of Committee on Credentials, }

HARRIET TAYLOR UPTON, Ohio.

Report of Committee on Plan of Work,

CLARA BEWICK COLBY, Nebraska.

AFTERNOON, 2 O'CLOCK.

Memorial Hour for

MARY GREW, Pennsylvania.

SARAH FREEMAN CLARK, Georgia.

HARRIET BEECHER STOWE, Connecticut.

DR. HIRAM CORSON, Pennsylvania.

HANNAH M. TRACEY CUTLER, Massachusetts.

SARAH B. COOPER, California.

J. ELIZABETH JONES, New York.

DR. CAROLINE B. WINSLOW, District of Columbia,  
and others.

Memorial Resolutions offered by CLARA BEWICK COLBY.

SHORT ADDRESSES BY STATE PRESIDENTS.

Louisiana, . . . . KATHARINE NOBLES, *Proxy*.

Massachusetts, . . . . HENRY B. BLACKWELL, *Proxy*.

Massachusetts National, . . . LAVINA A. HATCH, *Proxy*.

Michigan, . . . . ELIZABETH A. WILLARD, *Proxy*.

Minnesota, . . . . JULIA B. NELSON.

Missouri, . . . . ELLA HARRISON.

Montana, . . . . DR. MARY B. ATWATER, *Proxy*.

Nebraska, . . . . CLARA B. COLBY.



EVENING, 7.45 O'CLOCK,

Prayer, REV. A. L. FRISBIE, Pastor Congregational Church.

Addresses of Welcome:

FRANCIS M. DRAKE, Governor of Iowa, on behalf of the State.

JOHN McVICAR, Mayor of Des Moines, on behalf of the City.

DR. H. O. BREEDEN, Pastor Central Christian Church.

MATTIE LOCKE MACOMBER, on behalf of the Women's Clubs.

ADELAIDE BALLARD, Pres. Iowa Woman Suffrage Association.

Response by the President, SUSAN B. ANTHONY.

Vocal Solo, MRS. H. R. REYNOLDS.

Address, CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT, New York.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28th.

MORNING, 10 O'CLOCK.

Report of Committee on Federal Suffrage,  
SARAH CLAY BENNETT, Kentucky.

Report of Committee on Organization,  
Report of Committee on Course of Study, }  
CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT, New York.

Report of Committee on Legislative Advice,  
LILLIE DEVEREUX BLAKE, New York.

Election of Officers.

AFTERNOON, 2 O'CLOCK.

Training School for Organizers.

EVENING, 7.45 O'CLOCK.

Prayer, REV. MARY A. SAFFORD.

"All the Rights We Want,"  
CATHARINE WAUGH McCULLOCH, Illinois.

Vocal Solo, MR. W. B. RICE.

Address, GEORGE A. GATES, President Iowa College.

"Duty and Honor."  
CHARLOTTE PERKINS STETSON, California.

Address, REV. ANNA HOWARD SHAW, Pennsylvania.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29th.

MORNING, 10 O'CLOCK.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Discussion of Future Campaigns.

AFTERNOON, 2 O'CLOCK.

"As the World Sees Us," HARRIET TAYLOR UPTON, Ohio.

SHORT ADDRESSES BY STATE PRESIDENTS.

New Jersey, . . . . . PHEBE C. WRIGHT, *Proxy*.

New York, . . . . . MARIANA W. CHAPMAN.

Ohio, . . . . . ELIZABETH J. HAUSER, *Proxy*.

Pennsylvania, . . . . . MARY B. LUCKIE, *Proxy*.

Wisconsin, . . . . . ELLEN A. ROSE, *Proxy*.

Idaho, . . . . . MELL C. WOODS.

Discussion: "Resolved, That the Propaganda of the Woman  
Suffrage idea demands a non-partisan attitude on  
the part of individual workers,"

Led by LAURA CLAY, Kentucky.

HENRY B. BLACKWELL, Massachusetts.

EVENING, 7.45 O'CLOCK.

Prayer, MRS. COL. SPRINGER.

High School Glee Club.

Celebration of the Idaho victory:

Wyoming, . . . . . CLARA BEWICK COLBY.

Colorado, . . . . . MARY C. C. BRADFORD.

Utah, . . . . . EMMELINE B. WELLS.

Idaho, . . . . . MELL C. WOODS.

"The Point of View," REV. IDA C. HULTIN, Illinois.

Closing Address by the President, SUSAN B. ANTHONY.

Adjournment.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30th.

MORNING, 10 O'CLOCK.

Final Executive Meeting in Parlors of MRS. MARTHA C. CALLANAN.



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LUCY E. ANTHONY.

## LOCAL COMMITTEES:

*Arrangements*, MARY J. COGGESHALL.  
*Entertainment*, MARTHA C. CALLANAN.  
*Railroad Rates*, MARY G. HAY.  
*Convention Press Work*, HARRIET TAYLOR UPTON.

## MEETING OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE.

NOVEMBER 30, 1896.

Present, Susan B. Anthony, Rev. Anna Shaw, Rachel Foster Avery, Harriet Taylor Upton, Carrie Chapman Catt.

The meeting was called to order by the President. Lucy Anthony was appointed Secretary, pro tem.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning money, how more might be raised, and how expended. During this discussion Mrs. Avery, Chairman of the Headquarters Committee, read a report of Headquarters work to date. This report is given (brought up to January 1, 1897) at the Convention.

The Treasurer then presented a statement, that the Business Committee might estimate what funds could be depended upon for another year's work.

Discussion followed on Headquarters, Organization, Campaign work, the advisability of having an official organ for the Association. A letter was then read from Miss Clay, containing many valuable suggestions, which was also discussed informally. Adjournment.

DECEMBER 1.

Meeting called to order by the President.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Catt, that a meeting of the Business Committee be called for Monday, January 25th, 1897, and that an Executive Committee meeting be called for Tuesday, January 26th.

Mrs. Avery asked for instructions concerning the programme.

Voted that the afternoons be devoted to hearing the reports of the various States.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Upton, that the Corresponding Secretary instruct the State Presidents that, in electing proxies for the Presidents, Members of the Executive Committee and Resolutions Committee—this election would better be by ballot.

Voted that the Convention open Tuesday, January 26th, at 10 a.m.; that the first Executive Session be held Monday evening, with a Business Committee meeting Monday a.m., and that the Convention close Saturday, January 30th.



Voted that on one afternoon of the Convention a discussion be held on the question, Resolved: That the propaganda of the Woman Suffrage idea demands a non-partisan attitude on the part of individual suffragists, and that Miss Laura Clay and Mr. Henry B. Blackwell be invited to act as leaders in this discussion.

Voted that Lucy Anthony be instructed to have bannerettes made for the several States, and to co-operate with the local Committee of Arrangements at Des Moines, concerning details of the Convention.

Voted that all sessions of the Convention be free.

Voted on motion of Rev. Anna Shaw, that the Treasurer be instructed to accept dues from the Missouri Society of which Miss Harrison is President, and that in case dues were tendered from the second Society in the State, the Treasurer return them with the advice that such were the instructions of the Business Committee until the Convention could take final action.

Voted that Mrs. Avery's Headquarters report be accepted.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Catt, that the National Suffrage Bulletin, in its present form, be considered the national organ of this Association, until the time of the next Convention.

Voted on motion of Mrs. Avery, that a Committee consisting of Mrs. Catt and Miss Shaw be appointed, to report at the first Business Committee the possibilities of enlarging our national organ—"The National Suffrage Bulletin."

Voted on motion of Miss Shaw, that a committee of two—consisting of Mrs. Upton and Mrs. Avery—be appointed to consider the relation and affiliation of the enfranchised States to the Association, and to report at the next Convention.

Voted on Mrs. Avery's motion, that the Business Committee recommend that the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary be in connection with the Annual Convention in Washington, in 1898.

Mrs. Avery reported for the Committee appointed to consider the publication of Mrs. Ellen Battelle Dietrick's manuscript on "Woman in the Early Christian Church," that the Committee deemed its publication by the N. A. W. S. Ass'n inadvisable. As individuals the members of the Committee will interest themselves to secure its publication. The minutes of these sessions were read and accepted. Adjourned.

## MINUTES

OF THE

### Twenty-Ninth Annual Convention

OF THE

### National American Woman Suffrage Association.

Monday, January 25th, 1897.

9 A.M.

#### PRELIMINARY BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING.

Rev. Anna Shaw in the chair.

Carrie Chapman Catt, Chairman of a Committee appointed for the purpose, reported on estimates for a business organ of the Association. The Committee, consisting of Mrs. Catt and Miss Shaw, recommended that the "Bulletin," the present organ of the Organization Committee, be made the business organ of the whole Association, and be published semi-monthly.

It was voted that the cost of printing the Minutes for 1897 be limited to \$200.

Mrs. Upton reported that the probable income of the General Treasury for 1897 would be \$3,000.

Mrs. Upton reported a bequest of \$500 from Mrs. Eliza Murphy, of Mt. Royal, N. J.

It was voted to appropriate \$450 for stationery for officers, and for official expenses of Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary.

It was voted to appropriate \$400 for Treasurer's clerk.

It was voted that the discussion of the question of the Headquarters be postponed. Adjourned.



2 P.M.

## BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING.

The President, Susan B. Anthony, in the chair.

The Treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Upton, and approved with some suggestions of slight verbal changes.

It was voted that the rule concerning delegates from States which have not paid their dues by January 1st be strictly enforced.

The Corresponding Secretary's report was read by Mrs. Avery, and approved.

The report of the Organization Committee was read by Mrs. Catt, and approved with some slight changes suggested.

The report of the Course of Study Committee was read by Mrs. Catt, and the question of the book on the "Legal Status of Women," about to be published by Mrs. Catt, was discussed. Its selection to form part of the Course of Study was approved.

The Minutes of the morning meeting were read.

8 P.M.

## OPENING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

The President, Miss Anthony, in the chair.

The roll call by the Secretary showed that fourteen State Societies were represented, viz.: Colorado, Iowa, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Massachusetts National, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

Miss Anthony announced that the Business Committee had voted to recommend to the Executive Committee that no State should vote which had not paid its dues by January 1st.

It was voted, on motion of Miss Hatch, that the recommendation of the Business Committee be adopted.

It was voted, on motion of Miss Clay, that representatives from delinquent States be accorded the courtesies of the floor,

and be given seats under their State banners in the Convention.

It was moved by Mariana W. Chapman, of New York, and seconded by Clara Bewick Colby, that the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the first Woman's Rights Convention be held on the days of the original convention, July 19th and 20th.

After long and full discussion, it was voted that the matter be laid on the table.

Miss Anthony read a letter from Ellen Powell Thompson, Chairman of a Committee of the District of Columbia W.S.A., expressing anxiety that the \$600 lacking to pay Adelaide Johnson for the busts of Mrs. Mott, Mrs. Stanton and Miss Anthony, be made up, and desiring that the Executive Committee recommend the friends of suffrage to take an interest in raising this money.

Mrs. Colby read a letter on the same subject.

After a long and full discussion, it was voted that the matter be laid on the table.

Mrs. Catt expounded her views of the situation in Iowa.

Mr. Blackwell advocated Presidential Suffrage.

Mrs. Colby moved that the Iowa members of the Convention be appointed a committee to ask from the Legislature Presidential Suffrage, or whatever can be obtained.

Moved and carried, that the matter be laid on the table. Adjourned.



Tuesday, January 26th, 1897.

9 A.M.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

The President, Miss Anthony, in the chair.

The Minutes were read and accepted with a correction.

Miss Clay read an extract from a letter by Josephine K. Henry, asking that the Committee on Legislative Advice be continued.

It was moved and seconded that the powers of that Committee be defined.

It was moved by Miss Shaw as an amendment, and seconded by Mrs. Nelson, that its duties be limited to giving advice when asked.

It was voted, on motion of Mrs. Catt, that the matter be laid on the table.

Mrs. Colby read a form of memorial from State Legislatures to Congress, asking for the submission of a Sixteenth Amendment, and recommended that this be introduced in State Legislatures where no other suffrage measure is pending. Adjourned.

10 A.M.

The Convention was called to order by the President, Miss Anthony.

Prayer by Miss Clay.

The Minutes were read and accepted.

Committees were announced by the President as follows :

Committee on Credentials : Harriet Taylor Upton, Catharine Waugh McCulloch, Isabel Howland.

Committee on Courtesies : Mrs. M. Lloyd Kennedy, of Sioux City, and Mrs. Longley, Mrs. Purcell and Katharine Peirce, of Des Moines.

Committee on Finance : Mary G. Hay, California, Addie M. Johnson, Missouri, and Nellie Flint, Iowa.

The report of the Vice-President-at-Large was given by Rev. Anna H. Shaw.

The following report of the National Headquarter's Work was read by Mrs. Avery, and accepted.

In opening National Headquarters, the thought of the Association was to have a sort of bureau of exchange for the work, in which should centre all inquiries in regard to suffrage work and from which should be sent out reports, press articles, correspondence, the "National Suffrage Bulletin," and supplies of all kinds suitable for the work.

The Headquarters were opened early in October, 1895, and have, therefore, been in operation fifteen months at the present writing.

### SUPPLIES.

THE MANUAL.—The Manual for Political Equality Clubs, while not as yet a source of income to the Association, seems to be one of the things which we ought to have and a valuable ally to the organization work. Its report is as follows :

Cost 3,000 copies, . . . . .	\$109 30
Postage, . . . . .	11 58

\$120 88

Sale of 613 copies, . . . . .	47 95
Balance due, . . . . .	72 93

On hand, . . . . .	about 1,950 copies.
Gave to N.Y. Ass'n for the MS. "	300 copies.
Sent out as samples, . . . . .	" 100 copies.
Sold, . . . . .	" 600 copies.

THE STATIONERY.—On the stationery we do not make as much profit as I would like owing to the heavy postage involved. We have sold twelve thousand sheets and twelve thousand envelopes, partly by the quire and partly by the hundred.



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Cost of 20,000 sheets and 20,000 envelopes,	\$86 25
1,000 Boxes, .....	22 40
Wood cut and Electrotpe of Design,.....	2 50
Postage to date, .....	25 55
Total cost, .....	\$136 70
Receipts from sales, .....	112 05
Balance due, .....	\$24 65
With 8,000 sheets and 8,000 envelopes, and 750 boxes on hand.	

THE BADGE.—The Badge account is in somewhat the same condition as the Stationery, having a debt of \$43 84, but to its credit 107 Badges.

Cost of 100 Badges, Style No. 1,.....	\$65 00
Cost of 100 Stick Pins,.....	75 00
Cost of 50 Badges, Style No. 2, (Caldwell's make), .....	45 00
Postage, .....	2 00
	\$187 00

Sale of Badges, .....	\$86 16
Sale of 57 Pins, .....	57 00

Balance due, .....	\$143 16
	\$ 43 84

THE POLITICAL EQUALITY SERIES.—The account of the leaflets is more encouraging. It includes the issue for January, as, in order to get lowest prices in printing, we print two or three numbers at one time. Of ten monthly issues of ten thousand each, which are already out, we have disposed of sixty thousand. To subscribers to the Political Equality Series at ten cents per year, we send each month three copies of the month's issue in one wrapper. To our direct members who pay one dollar or more into the national treasury, we send one copy of each month's issue. We have over three hundred subscribers, and send to between six and seven hundred direct members.

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Cost of 100,000 Leaflets,.....	\$78 00
Postage and Wrappers, .....	14 21
Receipts from Subscribers, .....	\$33 25
Receipts from sales by the hundred, .....	58 96
	\$92 21
	\$92 21

On hand about 40,000 leaflets.

No small part of the work at the Headquarters has been the keeping of the detailed accounts of the sales of the articles above reported. We have also had in charge the sale of photographs and autographs, with returns as follows :

## PHOTOGRAPHS,

By sale, .....	\$21 00
Cost 100 Photographs, .....	\$15 60
By profit paid National Treas.,....	5 40
	\$21 00
	\$21 00

## AUTOGRAPHS,

Sale 11 Autographs, .....	\$2 78
Profit paid to National Treas.,.....	\$2 78
	\$2 78
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## NATIONAL PRESS WORK.

1896 has seen the beginning of an effort by our N.A.W.S.A to use the mighty lever of the public press in behalf of our work.

We have sent out in regular weekly issues since March, 1896, hundreds of copies of good equal suffrage articles. These go into the hands of Press Committees in forty-one States, and now between six and seven hundred papers publish them each week. Of forty-one different articles by about thirty different writers, 24,800 copies have been distributed to newspapers. These articles reach, in their own local papers, not less than one million readers weekly.

The Press work, of course, is all outgo and no income, but it seems to me one of the most important departments of our work.



I asked the Business Committee for an appropriation of two hundred dollars for this work, and this sum has covered all the expense involved and leaves on hand a good supply of paper for mimeographing and some mimeograph supplies as well as a new mimeograph.

40,000 sheets paper, .....	\$54 40
Varnish and ink, .....	10 70
250 sheets stencil paper, .....	15 00
Wrappers and postage, .....	61 18
Mimeograph, .....	40 00
Contributions, .....	\$12 50
Received from National Treas., ..	168 78

\$181 28      \$181 28

THE NATIONAL MINUTES have also been edited at this office, and this in itself involves considerable correspondence as well as tedious work in preparing the MS. and double proof reading.

We have taken charge of the "National Suffrage Bulletin" which is edited by the Chairman of the Organization Committee, have had it printed in Philadelphia and mailed from the Headquarters. In the past twelve months there have been wrapped and sent out separately 17,700 copies of the "Bulletin."

#### CLERICAL HELP.

We have had in the Headquarters two clerks constantly employed. The salary of one has been paid by the National Treasury for my work as Corresponding Secretary. This Secretary would have been involved had the Headquarters not been in existence. The salary of the other was necessitated by the opening of the Headquarters and the enlargement of the work which I, as Corresponding Secretary, had had in my hands. They have directed and mailed 26,500 "Bulletins" and Leaflets in separate wrappers, have mimeographed and sent out in small packages 24,800 Press articles, have wrapped and mailed about 700 other packages, have kept the accounts involved in the sales, have forwarded posters to our organizers in the field under the direction of the National Chairman of Organization Committee, have wrapped and mailed one

thousand copies of the National Minutes, in addition to the typewriting and mailing of 2177 letters.

#### EXPENSES.

The following is a detailed account of amount paid out for the Headquarters from January 1, 1896 to January 1, 1897.

Rent for one year, .....	\$360 00
Janitor for one year and three months, .....	64 00
Clerk for one year and one month, .....	853 25
Furnishings, .....	8 85
Moving, express, etc., .....	12 53
Supplies (Advertising Cards, Wrapping Paper, Twine, etc.), .....	19 75
Filter, \$6 50; Ice, \$7 25, .....	13 65

Total of expense paid between January 1, 1896 and January 1, 1897, ..... } \$1,332 03

\$69.53 of this was on account of salary and sundries belonging to 1895, but paid in January, 1896. Deducting this we find the year's cost of National Headquarters to have been less than thirteen hundred dollars.

This has been defrayed by special contributions of \$900 of the \$1,000 given to Miss Anthony by Mrs. Southworth for the establishment of Headquarters, or any other purpose which Miss Anthony might prefer, and \$400 from the New York State Association, from the Clapp bequest to Miss Anthony.

The one year cannot fairly be considered a test of the question of sales and profits. At the end of another year we shall be able to decide what is best to continue, and what to discontinue.

Though this last year the Headquarters has been provided for by special contributions, and therefore no direct cost to the General Treasury, it would be impossible for the Headquarters at Philadelphia not to be a charge to the Association this year. To make as little expense as possible I recommend, after consultation with Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, Chairman of Organization Committee, that the National Headquarters be transferred to New York, and the work of the Organization Committee be done in the said Headquarters.

Of the value of this work to the Association the Convention must be the judge.

RACHEL FOSTER AVERY, Cor. Secretary.



The Committee on Resolutions was announced as follows :

California,.....	Charlotte Perkins Stetson.
Colorado,.....	Mary C. C. Bradford.
Illinois,.....	Kate Hughes.
Iowa,.....	Julia Clark Hallam.
Kansas,.....	Elizabeth M. Wardall.
Kentucky,.....	Sarah C. Bennett.
Massachusetts,.....	Henry B. Blackwell.
Mass. National,.....	Lavina A. Hatch.
Michigan,.....	Elizabeth A. Willard.
Minnesota,.....	Martha Scott Anderson.
Missouri,.....	Ella Harrison.
Montana,.....	Dr. Mary B. Atwater.
Nebraska,.....	Abbie Gay Dustin.
New Jersey,.....	Phebe C. Wright.
New York,.....	Henrietta M. Banker.
Pennsylvania,.....	Mary B. Luckie.
Wisconsin,.....	Jessie N. Luther.

Mrs. Upton reported various plans for keeping up the interest in the N. A. W. S. A. in the enfranchised States. Emeline B. Wells, of Utah, and her daughter, Mell C. Woods, of Idaho, were introduced to the Convention, and presented views from the position of enfranchised women.

It was voted, after discussion, that action on this subject be postponed till after the report of the Committee on Plan of Work.

The report of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association was read by Miss Clay and accepted.

It was voted, on motion of Miss Clay, that all resolutions presented to the Convention come through the Committee on Resolutions.

Miss Clay recommended Virginia D. Young's novel, "A Tower in the Desert."

Miss Hatch moved, and Miss Clay seconded, that a committee of three be appointed to look after getting subscriptions to the suffrage papers.

Mariana W. Chapman moved as an amendment that the committee be appointed "to promote the circulation of the suffrage papers." The amendment was accepted by the mover.

Miss Blackwell moved as an amendment, that the committee of three have power to add to their numbers. The amendment was accepted by the mover.

The motion was then put to a vote and lost. Adjourned.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 26, 1897

The President, Miss Anthony, in the chair.

Prayer by Rev. Anna H. Shaw.

The Minutes were read and accepted.

The following annual address of the President was listened to with close attention by the Convention and a crowded audience :

The year 1896 witnessed greater successes than any other since the first pronouncement was made at Seneca Falls, N. Y., July 19th, 1848.

On January 6th the President proclaimed Utah to be a State, with a Constitution that does not discriminate against women. Thus we have two States coming into the Union with the principle of equal rights to all women guaranteed by their Constitutions.

On November 3d, by a majority of some 6,000, the men of Idaho declared in favor of woman suffrage, and for the first time in the history of judicial decisions upon the enlargement of women's rights, civil and political, the Supreme Court of Idaho—Judges Houston, Morgan, and Sullivan—unanimously decided that the amendment so carried was constitutional. This decision is the more remarkable because the Constitution might as easily have been inferred to require amendments to receive a majority of the total vote cast at the election, as a majority of the votes cast on the amendment. By the former construction the amendment would have been lost, notwithstanding that of all who cared to express an opinion, two to one were in favor.



If any one will go through the history of our woman suffrage movement since the days of reconstruction and the adoption of the 14th and 15th amendments to the Federal Constitution—taking the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States in the cases of Mrs. Myra Bradwell for the protection of her civil rights, and of Mrs. Virginia L. Minor for the protection of her political rights, and the decision of the Supreme Court of the State of New York on the law giving women the right to vote for County School Commissioners, and various other decisions—he will find that in every case the Courts have put the narrowest possible construction upon the spirit and the letter of the Constitution. The judges of Idaho did themselves the honor to make a decision in direct opposition to judicial precedent and prejudice. The Idaho victory is a great credit, not only to the majority of men who voted for the amendment, but to the three judges who made this broad and just decision.

The National Association furnished speakers to Idaho—Mrs. DeVoe in 1895, Mrs. Johns and Mrs. Catt in 1896, and they, with Mrs. Bradford and Miss Reynolds, of Colorado, held meetings and organized suffrage clubs in the different settlements throughout the State. Many of the resident women also took active part in the campaign.

We also had pending in California a woman suffrage amendment. Your President, Vice-President-at-Large, and National Organizer, together with Miss Yates, Miss Hay, Miss Mills and Mrs. Sweet and Miss Lucy Anthony, gave more or less time to speaking and working in that State for eight months. Never have I known of a more thorough and effective educational work done in any one of the thirteen suffrage amendment campaigns we have had since 1867. Could we have counted out the two largest cities, San Francisco and Oakland, the amendment would have been carried by 500 majority. In this connection, I want to call your attention to the immensity of that State, stretching nearly a thousand miles north and south, and with an area greater than all New England, New York and Pennsylvania combined. The railroad facilities of California are very poor, and long and weary stagings are necessary to reach the men who are scattered over the ranches and mines of that great territory.

San Francisco is to California what New York City is to the

Empire State. All the rural counties can be educated so that a majority vote will be given for any measure of justice, but the cities of San Francisco and Oakland contain a very large ratio of foreign-born voters and native-born Chinamen, who have just come of age, and these weighted down the intelligence not only of these two cities, but of the rest of the State.

California's defeat is simply victory deferred, for the Legislature is sure to re-submit the amendment, and the educational campaign carried on for the last two years will be continued the coming two, when a large enough number will be converted to overcome the slum vote, and November, 1898, will add to our flag California's star.

But, friends, it is not only in California that we are likely to have amendment campaigns during the coming two years, but Nevada and Oregon, and, quite probably, Washington and Montana, and it behooves us to study well the plans and methods, not only of the two campaigns of last year, but of all those preceding, and to try to devise something better if possible. I think the one and only sure thing to carry an amendment is through the organization of a club in every voting precinct of every County of the State. For example look again to California. In every county thus organized, with an active committee in every voting precinct, who visited every voter and distributed leaflets in every family, the amendment received a majority vote. This ought to be sufficient to teach the women of all the States that what we need is house to house educational work throughout every voting precinct. We may carry amendments with education short of this, but we are not likely to. I believe if the slums of San Francisco and Oakland had thus been organized even those men could have been made to see that it was for their interest and the interest of their wives and their daughters to vote for the amendment. But, while the suffragists had no committees in those low-down districts, the "liquor men" had an active committee in every possible saloon, dive and gambling house throughout that entire section. I am, therefore, more and more convinced that it is educational work that needs to be done. It is little use for us to make our appeals upon state or national political party conventions, or Congress, or the State Legislatures for resolutions in favor of woman's enfranchisement, while no appeal comes up to them from the rank and file of the voters.



Our work, therefore, for the coming year is to push local organization more thoroughly than ever before, and to do that work precinct by precinct, even if we compass but one county of a State during the year. Just a suffrage club in one city and another doesn't reach the voters. For instance, in my city of Rochester, with a population of 150,000, we have one club; whereas we have some twenty wards and I don't know how many voting precincts, but the business of that one club should be to find persons in each one of those precincts to take the poll list and go from house to house, leaving literature, holding meetings, etc., etc., within the boundary lines of that one precinct. Until we do this kind of house to house work we can never expect to carry any of the States in which there are large cities. Had Idaho had San Francisco, with all of its liquor men and foreigners banded together, she would have had as hard a struggle to carry her amendment, and would probably have been defeated as was California.

So, friends, I am not in any sense disheartened, and while I rejoice exceedingly over Idaho, I also rejoice exceedingly over the grand work done in California. It was a thousand times more and better than that ever done in any other amendment campaign. So, study the methods of California and Idaho and improve on them as much as you possibly can.

Mary G. Hay read the State Report of California, written by Ellen Clark Sargent, and Mary C. C. Bradford the State Report of Colorado, written by Theodosia G. Ammons; Catharine Waugh McCulloch presented the State Report of Illinois, Adelaide Ballard the Iowa Report, and Katie R. Addison the Kansas Report.

Brief addresses were made by Miss Blackwell and Senator J. A. Rowen, of Iowa. Adjourned.

Wednesday, January 27th, 1897.

10 A.M.

The President, Miss Anthony, in the chair.

Prayer by Miss Stever.

The Minutes were read and accepted with some corrections.

Mrs. Colby gave notice of several amendments to the By-Laws which would bring them into harmony with the new Plan of Work as prepared by her committee.

The report of Annie L. Diggs, as Chairman of the Committee on Campaign Conditions, was read by the Secretary.

It was voted, on motion of Mrs. Catt, seconded by Mrs. Colby, that the consideration of Mrs. Diggs' report be postponed till the Executive Committee meeting on Saturday morning.

Miss Shaw moved that no other committee report be read before the Convention until it had been read before the Business Committee. After discussion, the motion was lost.

It was voted, on motion of Miss Clay, that Mrs. Catt's motion to postpone the consideration of Mrs. Diggs' report be re-considered.

It was voted unanimously, on motion of Miss Clay, that the Convention declines to accept Mrs. Diggs' report.

The following report of the Committee on Presidential Suffrage was given by its Chairman, Henry B. Blackwell:

Your committee has not succeeded during the past year in getting presidential suffrage for women considered in any State Legislature. On the eve of a national election the issue looms so large in the minds of politicians that they will pay no attention to the subject. Not so when the next presidential election is four years hence. The great advantage of a presidential suffrage law is that it presents the subject as a national measure and as a purely political question, complicated with no local or sectarian issues.

Your committee recommends that every auxiliary State Society be invited to bring the matter before its Legislature,



now or soon to be in session, and to petition for the extension of presidential suffrage to women. Such action taken by one State would attract the attention of the entire country, and might have most important results.

We would suggest the following form of petition :

"Whereas the Constitution of the United States, the supreme law of the land, expressly confers upon the Legislature of every State the sole and exclusive right to appoint or to delegate the appointment of presidential electors, in article 2, section 1, paragraph 2, as follows : 'Each State shall appoint in such manner as the Legislature thereof may direct a number of electors equal to the whole number of Senators and Representatives to which the State may be entitled in the Congress,'

"Whereas, in some of the States said appointment has been repeatedly made by the Legislature, in person, and whereas, women equally with men are citizens of this State and of the United States, therefore, the undersigned, citizens of the State of ———, 21 years of age, and upwards, respectfully petition your honorable bodies to so amend the election laws as to enable women to vote in the appointment of presidential electors."

It was voted that the reports of this and all other committees be accepted so far as the report of the work done is concerned, but that the recommendations concerning plans of work be referred to the Plan of Work Committee.

On motion of Mrs. Col. Springer, seconded by Miss Shaw, a rising vote of thanks was given Mr. Blackwell for his work for equal suffrage.

Mr. Blackwell accepted it, with thanks, on behalf of his wife, to whom he said all he had done was due.

The report of the Committee on Credentials was given by Mrs. Upton, showing fifty-one delegates present from twenty paid-up States.

Adelaide Ballard moved that General Officers who are also State delegates have two votes on the election of officers and in similar cases.

The motion was put and apparently lost.

Miss Clay called attention to the fact that by the Constitution any General Officer who happened to be the only delegate present from her State could undoubtedly cast the whole vote of her State in the election of officers, or on roll call by States; and could cast her own one vote as an officer in addition; but, except in the election of officers or on roll call by States, she could cast only her own one vote. This view seemed to be unanimously accepted by the Convention.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Mrs. Upton :

Your Association has this year been able to meet all obligations, and its Treasurer reports a balance of \$159.93 with which to begin the new year. We have been able to do this because of your generosity and because your officers have, as always, given their time to the work without compensation.

Six years ago our receipts amounted to a little over \$2,000; this year to \$11,823.30. This really represents our growth.

If the work of the coming year is to be as great as that of the year just passed, we shall have to raise \$2,400 more than we raised last year, because last year Louisa Southworth, of Ohio, gave Miss Anthony \$1,000 to be used for National Headquarters, or for anything which Miss Anthony saw fit, and Eliza Clapp, of New York, left a bequest to Miss Anthony, \$400 of which she turned in to the General Treasury. Within the year both of these sums have been expended for Headquarters. Mrs. Doyon, of Madison, Wis., bequeathed \$1,000 to the Association, and this has been used, partly for Headquarters, partly for general expenses.

With all our effort the last few years we seem to have been unable to impress upon local societies the importance of paying their auxiliary fee into the County or the State Society, as the case may be. These two points, that of paying, and of paying promptly, would constitute our strength if carried out, and do constitute our weakness since they are not. It is undoubtedly true that a majority of the States pay into the National Treasury ten cents for each of their paid-up members. It is also true that other States do not pay in the whole of this auxiliary fee, and that still others pay a larger fee than



they have membership. There are some States which pay the same fee, year after year, and either their membership stands at exactly the same number, or their officers do not understand the necessity of having their fee show the number of members. The Treasurer hopes that after a time this irregularity will be overcome.

Three or four years ago the Association decided to have the Treasurer close her books on January 1st, and the Executive Committee voted that no State should be allowed delegates in the Convention whose dues had not been paid prior to that time. At the next Convention there were so many States delinquent that the Executive Committee rescinded its vote. This has been done each year. Last year it was argued on the one hand that until States were shut out from representation for delinquency there would always be delinquent States, and on the other hand it was argued that as this delinquency was lessening each year, after a time it would cease to exist, and the Executive Committee was begged to admit the seven delinquent States. Many of these were newly organized States. This year, however, we have thirteen States not paying dues until after the closing of the Treasurer's books. They are Alabama, Arizona, Florida, Indiana, North Dakota, New Hampshire, Mississippi, Idaho, Oregon, South Carolina, Utah, Vermont, Washington. Of these the following have paid since the new year: Washington, South Carolina, Idaho, Oregon, New Hampshire.

The States which have paid a smaller fee this year, showing a loss of paid-up members in the State, are: Arkansas, Connecticut, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, National, New York, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee and West Virginia. The States showing neither gain nor loss, that is, the fee remaining the same, are: Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, District of Columbia. The States in which there have been gains (and the Treasurer would like to say that where there have been losses, the losses have been slight, while many of the gains have been large) are: California, Colorado, Delaware, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, Ohio, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin. Of these some have shown great gains. Iowa added \$18 to her dues this year; Pennsylvania added

\$25, Montana nearly doubled her dues, Michigan did double hers, Missouri more than trebled hers, Nevada paid \$7.10 last year, and \$25 this year, which is a splendid gain for that little State. But California, despite her defeat, brought herself from about the middle of the list of States, with dues of \$36.60, to the second place this year, with a fee of \$145.70.

Last year Mr. and Mrs. Catt offered to give \$250 to the State west of Minnesota, which should show a suffrage organization based on club membership equal to 500 for each 100,000 of its white population. They also offered \$100 to the State east of this line which would show a membership of 250 for each 100,000 of its white population. No State, east or west, was able to increase enough to obtain this money. The first eight States in the order of their rank, based on population, are: Nevada, Montana, California, Delaware, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Iowa.

In closing this report the Treasurer would like to say that no one person has ever been to the treasury what Miss Anthony has been and is. Every dollar given to her for any purpose whatever she feels belongs to the work, and is most happy when she has checks to turn in. On the other hand the Association does very little for Miss Anthony. She pays her own traveling expenses, her own clerk hire; and it is to be hoped that this is the last year we may be so neglectful in this direction.

Rev. Mr. and Rev. Mrs. Crum were presented to the Convention.

The report of the Plan of Work Committee was read by its chairman, Clara Bewick Colby.

It was voted, on motion of Miss Hay, that the report be considered seriatim.

By consent of Mrs. Colby and her Committee, the clause making the District of Columbia W. S. A. the Congressional Committee was dropped.

It was voted that further consideration of the Plan of Work be postponed until 10 a.m. on Thursday. Adjourned.



WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 27, 1897.

Miss Anthony in the chair.

The Minutes were read and accepted.

The following State reports were presented: Missouri report by Ella Harrison, Minnesota report by Julia B. Nelson, Montana report by Dr. Mary B. Atwater, and the Louisiana report by Katharine Nobles.

A large bunch of yellow jonquils from Mrs. F. M. Hubbell, was presented to Miss Anthony.

Katharine M. Peirce presented Miss Anthony with a copy of "A Tower in the Desert" and a letter from Virginia D. Young.

Mrs. Colby reported the following memorial:

During the past year many persons connected with the earlier history of the movement for woman's enfranchisement or distinguished in its support, have passed from the limitations of earth life to the larger, freer life beyond.

Among those we would especially remember are:  
OLIVE FRAZER INGALLS, of New York, who in 1848 signed the call for the first Convention which demanded the ballot for women.

SARAH B. COOPER, of California, an officer of this Association, whose labors for the enfranchisement of the women of the Pacific coast will be ever remembered and honored equally with her beneficent work in founding and sustaining free kindergartens. To all that promoted justice, truth and mercy Mrs. Cooper devoted her life.

MARY GREW, who began her life work for freedom as Corresponding Secretary of the Philadelphia Female Anti-Slavery Society in 1834, a position which she held until its mission was accomplished. She was one of the founders of the New Century Club of Philadelphia, and of the Pennsylvania State Woman's Suffrage Association, of which she was President for twenty-three years.

"So strong, so mild, combining still,  
The tender heart and queenly will,  
To conscience and to duty true."

Such, Whittier said, was Mary Grew.

HANNAH TRACY CUTLER, of Illinois, one of the earliest and most self-sacrificing of woman suffrage lecturers, who was especially well-known by the older workers of Ohio, Illinois, and other Western States.

DR. CAROLINE B. WINSLOW, of the District of Columbia, the earliest woman physician in the district; the fourth to graduate from a medical college. Intrepid as a journalist, successful in practice, a leader in many lines of reform, a helpful, sympathetic friend to all women, the underlying motive of her life was the devotion to justice and purity which led her to demand equality for both sexes before the law and before the bar of public judgment.

HARRIET BEECHER STOWE, of Connecticut, who, although the apostle of freedom in another field, yet held as firmly and expressed as steadfastly her allegiance to this cause.

JOHN B. CAMPBELL, of Illinois, who, with his wife, Margaret B. Campbell, long a resident of Des Moines, rendered invaluable aid to the cause in localities where there were no suffrage societies, by preceding his wife and making arrangements for her lectures. In this way they pioneered in several Western States, laying the foundation for our present success.

ELIZA MURPHY, of New Jersey, who bequeathed \$500 to this Association.

CLARA L. MCADOW, of Michigan, the announcement of whose death saddened the close of our Convention last year, but was too late to receive mention, was often a marked participant in our conventions and contributed liberally to the support of the work.

SARAH FREEMAN CLARKE, of Georgia, sister of Rev. James Freeman Clarke, of Boston, and the last of a group of high souls, such as Miss Peabody, Emerson, and others, who gave this generation an unconquerable impulse towards freedom and light.

JANE ELIZABETH JONES, of New York, a pioneer in anti-slavery and woman suffrage, who helped to manage the first convention in Ohio in 1850.

REV. LOUISE S. BAKER, for many years a Congregational minister in Nantucket, Mass.



CHARLES E. WILBOUR, of Rhode Island, a distinguished Egyptologist, whose wife was the founder of Sorosis, whose family have been intimately connected with our work.

BENJAMIN C. DUNIWAY, of Oregon, who ever furthered the labors of his wife, our Vice-President, Abigail Scott Duniway.

JUDGE O. P. STEARNS, who was a tower of strength to his wife, Sarah Burger Stearns, in her labors for many years as President of the Minnesota State Association.

JUDGE E. G. MERRICK, of New Orleans, whose house was ever the home of woman suffrage lecturers in that section, and who, by his eminent public and social position as chief justice of the State of Louisiana for many years, sustained his wife, Caroline E. Merrick, our Vice-President for that State, in work which in earlier days but for him would have been impossible.

I. E. BOWMAN, of Kansas, who for many years aided the suffrage cause and cheered its workers by his genial presence and wise counsels in its conventions in his own city, Topeka, and who contributed freely of his means to the furtherance of the suffrage cause in Kansas.

Others who should be remembered are :

MRS. MARY T. CHANNING, Mrs. E. P. Vater, Maria G. Porter, Kate Field, George S. Hunt, Dr. Grace A. Preston, an early graduate in medicine of California ; Elizabeth McClintock Phillips, J. Alice Davis, of Rhode Island, Pauline Brunson, of South Carolina, Dr. James M. Aldrich, Dr. William Cranch, Dr. Fifield, Abby E. Davis, Margaret Penn Granger, Bessie Squire Lockwood, Cornelius Bramhall, Sarah Hussey Southwick, Jonathan Drake, Gov. Greenhalge, and Hon. Chas. Carleton Coffin, of Massachusetts ; Kate Uline Folger, Corresponding Secretary of the South Dakota Woman Suffrage Association ; Eben H. Charlton, of Wisconsin ; Clarissa Lord Caswell, of West Virginia ; Olive J. Amies, of Pennsylvania, and Dr. Hiram Corson, of Pennsylvania, who stood for the opportunities of woman in medicine, and secured the opening to them of the conservative medical societies of Philadelphia ; Elias Rogers and George W. Taylor, of New York ; Louisa P. Filley, of Missouri, and Nicolas Stott Shaw, mother of our own Rev. Anna Howard Shaw, of Michigan.

The best that comes to this world comes through the love of liberty. These were souls of noble aspiration and undaunted

courage. We enter into their labors ; we will enshrine them in the history of the suffrage movement, and bear them gratefully in our hearts forever. May our lives be as fruitful as theirs, and when we, too, pass away may we

"Join the choir invisible  
Of these immortal dead who live again,  
In minds made better by their presence ; live  
In pulses stirred to generosity,  
In deeds of daring rectitude, in scorn  
Of miserable aims that end with self,  
In thoughts sublime that pierce the night like stars ;  
And with their mild persistence urge men's minds  
To vaster issues."

A letter was received from Parker Pillsbury about Mrs. Jones and Mary Grew.

Miss Anthony spoke of J. Elizabeth Jones, Mary Grew and Sarah B. Cooper. Mrs. Avery paid a tribute to Mary Grew ; Mrs. Springer, to Nicolas Stott Shaw, and Mrs. Colby to Mr. J. B. Campbell. Mr. Blackwell and Miss Blackwell spoke of Mrs. Tracy Cutler and Miss Grew.

The Memorial was adopted by a rising vote.

Reports were presented as follows : Massachusetts W. S. A., by Henry B. Blackwell ; the Massachusetts National, by Lavina A. Hatch ; Michigan, by Elizabeth A. Willard, and Nebraska by Clara Bewick Colby and Mary Smith Hayward.

Miss Anthony announced that she had received a letter from Erastus Child, of Bedford, Iowa, who said he was a charter member of the Liberty party of 1840.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from the State Librarian, Elena H. Cope, inviting the members of the Convention to visit the State Library.

It was voted, on motion of Miss Shaw, that the Convention tender cordial thanks to the Librarian and accept her invitation as far as practicable.

The Corresponding Secretary read the Nevada report by Elda A. Orr. Adjourned.



7.45 P.M.

The opening prayer by Rev. A. L. Frisbie, was followed by the addresses of welcome on behalf of the State, the city, the Women's Clubs, and the woman suffragists, and some eloquent words by the Pastor of the Church in which the sessions were held.

Miss Anthony responded briefly, after which there was a finely rendered vocal solo, and Carrie Chapman Catt's address concluded the programme. (See page 5.)

The great crowd rendered necessary an overflow meeting in the Sunday-School Room, presided over by Mariana W. Chapman, and addressed by Henry B. Blackwell, Emma Smith DeVoe, Carrie Chapman Catt, Susan B. Anthony, Rev. Anna H. Shaw, Mary C. C. Bradford, Clara B. Colby and Charlotte Perkins Stetson.

Thursday, January 28, 1897.

10 A. M.

Miss Anthony in the chair.

Prayer by Rev. Mary A. Safford.

The Minutes were read and accepted.

The report of the Plan of Work Committee was taken up.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Nelson, that speeches be limited to three minutes, and that no one speak twice on the same question while others are waiting to speak.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Catt, that the question whether the Chairmen of standing committees shall be added to the Business Committee be first considered.

Mrs. Bradford moved to strike from the Plan of Work the clause recommending this change. After prolonged discussion, the motion was carried, 35 to 19.

The discussion of the Plan of Work occupied the rest of the morning.

It was voted to convene at 2 p.m., and at 2.30 to proceed to the election of officers. Adjourned.

2 P. M.

Miss Anthony in the chair.

The discussion of the Plan of Work occupied the first part of the afternoon. It was the sense of the meeting that the amended report of the Plan of Work Committee be put in shape by its Chairman, and read on Friday morning.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of officers.

The chair appointed tellers as follows : Mary G. Hay, Isabel Howland, Julia Clark Hallam, Mary C. C. Bradford, Addie M. Johnson, and Delilah C. Reid.

The report of the Credentials Committee was read by the Secretary, as follows :



## MINUTES OF THE SUFFRAGE CONVENTION.

	Entitled to.	Present.	Fee.
ARKANSAS	5	0	\$3 00
CALIFORNIA	19	2	145 70
Mary G. Hay, Charlotte Perkins Stetson.			
COLORADO	5	1	2 00
Mary C. C. Bradford.			
CONNECTICUT	6	0	10 00
DELAWARE	6	0	16 70
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	6	0	10 00
GEORGIA	5	0	2 20
ILLINOIS	10	5	50 00
Angelina Craver, Emma Smith DeVoe,			
Julia Mills Dunn, Kate Hughes, Catharine			
Waugh McCulloch.			
IOWA	12	12	78 00
Adelaide Ballard, Eunice T. Barnett, Nar-			
cissa T. Bemis, Martha C. Callanan,			
Mary J. Coggeshall, Jane Denby, Julia			
Clark Hallam, Ella Moffatt, Emily Phillips,			
Mrs. Col. Springer, Rowena Stevens,			
Roma W. Woods.			
KANSAS	7	3	20 00
Katie R. Addison, Annie C. Wait, Eliza-			
beth M. Wardall.			
KENTUCKY	6	2	14 70
Sarah Clay Bennett, Laura Clay.			
LOUISIANA	5	1	2 70
Katharine Nobles.			
MAINE	6	0	15 00
MARYLAND	6	0	10 00
MASSACHUSETTS	16	2	113 50
Alice Stone Blackwell, Henry B. Black-			
well.			
MASSACHUSETTS (National)	5	1	1 30
Lavina A. Hatch.			
MICHIGAN	7	1	28 90
Elizabeth A. Willard.			
MINNESOTA	6	4	10 50
Martha Scott Anderson, Martha Adams			
Thompson, Lydia R. Eastwood, Julia B.			
Nelson, Delilah C. Reid.			
MISSOURI	6	3	19 65
Alice Blackburn, Ella Harrison, Addie M.			
Johnson.			
MONTANA	7	1	25 60
Mary B. Atwater, M.D.			
NEBRASKA	6	3	10 00
Clara Bewick Colby, Abby Gay Dustin,			
Mary Smith Hayward.			

## MINUTES OF THE SUFFRAGE CONVENTION.

	Entitled to.	Present.	Fee.
NEVADA	7	0	25 00
NEW JERSEY	5	1	8 50
Phebe C. Wright.			
NEW MEXICO	5	0	3 00
NEW YORK	21	10	160 00
Mary S. Anthony, Susan B. Anthony,			
S. Augusta Armstrong, Henrietta M.			
Banker, Carrie Chapman Catt, Mariana			
W. Chapman, Isabel Howland, Mary N.			
Hubbard, Angelia M. Sargent, James			
Sargent.			
NORTH CAROLINA	5	0	2 00
OHIO	9	3	47 60
Martha McClellan Brown, Elizabeth J.			
Hauser, Harriet Taylor Upton.			
OKLAHOMA	5	0	3 70
PENNSYLVANIA	14	4	98 40
Lucy E. Anthony, Rachel Foster Avery,			
Mary B. Luckie, Nicolas M. Shaw.			
RHODE ISLAND	6	0	16 30
SOUTH DAKOTA	5	0	7 00
TENNESSEE	5	0	5 80
TEXAS	5	0	2 50
UTAH	1	1	
Emmeline B. Wells.			
VIRGINIA	5	0	1 30
WEST VIRGINIA	5	0	3 00
WISCONSIN	7	3	22 50
Louisa M. Eastman, Ellen A. Rose,			
Jessie Nelson Luther.			
GENERAL OFFICERS	7		
Susan B. Anthony, Rev. Anna Howard			
Shaw, Rachel Foster Avery, Alice Stone			
Blackwell, Harriet Taylor Upton, Laura			
Clay, Carrie Chapman Catt.			
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On motion of Harriet Taylor Upton, Emmeline B. Wells was—by unanimous vote—made a voting member of the Convention.

The election of officers resulted as follows :

President, Susan B. Anthony.

Vice-President-at-Large, Rev. Anna Howard Shaw.

Corresponding Secretary, Rachel Foster Avery.



Recording Secretary, Alice Stone Blackwell.  
 Treasurer, Harriet Taylor Upton.  
 Auditors, Laura Clay and Catharine Waugh McCulloch.  
 Chairman Committee on Organization, Carrie Chapman Catt.

Miss Anthony introduced Senators Rowen, Kilburn and Byers, who brought the following invitation from the Iowa Senate :

DES MOINES, IOWA, Jan. 28, 1897.

Miss Susan B. Anthony,  
 President National Woman Suffrage Association.

Dear Madam :

I have the pleasure to inform you of the passage of the following Resolution by Iowa Senate, this date :  
 Resolved, That the Senate invite the members of National Woman Suffrage Association to visit this Chamber at eleven o'clock, a.m., Friday, January 29th, 1897, and that representatives of Association be requested to address this body.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Geo. A. Newman,  
 Secretary of Senate.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. McCulloch, that the invitation be accepted with thanks, and that the President of the N. A. W. S. A. choose the speakers.

Brief addresses were made by Senators Byers and Kilburn.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Avery, that the report of the Federal Suffrage Committee be postponed until Friday morning, that the report of the Committee on Legislative Advice be also deferred, and that the reports of the Organization Committee and Committee on Course of Study be now taken up.

The report of the Organization Committee was read by the Chairman, Mrs. Catt.  
 Mrs. Colby moved a change by a slight omission. After discussion, the motion was carried.

Mrs. Bradford, in behalf of Colorado, which was won for suffrage by the Chairman of the Organization Committee, moved the acceptance of the report with a rising vote of thanks to Mrs. Catt, which was given.

#### REPORT OF ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.

Last year we aided the work of organization in some thirty States ; this year our work has been confined to ten States. However, although the results do not appear so bold, the work has been far more systematic and thorough than last year. We have somewhat stepped beyond our prerogatives as a Committee on Organization within the States of Idaho, Oklahoma and Delaware. The hope of securing concessions from the Legislatures in Oklahoma and Delaware, and the expectation of carrying the amendment of Idaho, have seemed to justify this overstepping of our restriction and, in the main, all money paid for work in these States has been raised for that purpose alone.

During the year we have aided the work of organization in Delaware, Ohio, Wisconsin, Montana, South Dakota, Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma. The most thorough work has been done in Delaware, Oklahoma and Idaho. In Delaware a Constitutional Convention is now sitting, and there we hope to secure some concessions in the new Constitution. In Oklahoma, we hoped to secure full suffrage from the Territorial Legislature, while in Idaho a Constitutional amendment was pending.

IDAHO. The amendment was submitted before any organization existed. Last year, our Committee sent Mrs. DeVoe through the State and the foundation of an organization was at that time effected. A Convention followed, at which State officers were elected. We had supposed our National duty concerning the State was then ended, but the new officers, untrained in campaigns, failed to plan for the needed work, and many clubs in different parts of the State implored us to send further aid. Repeatedly the report came to us that men interested in the amendment were losing faith in it because of the inactivity of the women, and it was evident the need of work was of immediate and vital importance. The clubs were sadly in need of advice as to local methods of work, and this



could be accomplished only by the personal visit of an experienced worker. We, therefore, addressed a letter to each State officer, asking permission to send Mrs. Johns into the State. By unanimous consent we were authorized to take this step, and a thorough tour of the State was planned and carried out. She remained in Idaho nearly four months. Many towns dated their first work for the amendment from her visit, and campaign clubs were formed at nearly all points visited. A special duty of Mrs. Johns' tour was to interview politicians and secure pledges of political endorsement for the amendment. In this work she was very successful and in most places the work was loyally continued after her departure by the local women. During the spring Mrs. Emily Richards, a member of our Committee, made a brief but effective trip into the State, securing further pledges of endorsement. In August the four political Conventions were held in Boise, and the Chairman of your Committee joined Mrs. Johns in the capital city. Large public meetings preceded each Convention and hearings were readily granted by each of the four parties, not only by the platform committee, but by the Conventions as a whole, and in each case a satisfactory, plainly stated plank endorsing the amendment was the result. A brief tour of the chief points of Southern Idaho was also made by the Chairman of the Committee, who remained one month in the State. We next planned to send Mrs. Mary C. C. Bradford, of Denver, into the State for the fall campaign. To this end we were greatly aided by the ladies of Colorado, who, under the leadership of the President of the Suffrage Association, Mrs. Katharine A. G. Patterson, raised \$100 toward her expenses. Mrs. Bradford remained six weeks, and was the only speaker outside the State. Her tour was as thorough as the time permitted, and her practical refutation of objections from the standpoint of experience in Colorado won numerous converts wherever she went. Her appointments were ably managed by Mrs. M. C. Athey, Secretary of the Idaho Association. It will be seen from these statements that Idaho was constantly aided throughout the year by our Committee, yet it must be fully understood that this assistance was extended with the full authority of the Idaho Association, and was offered only in a spirit of co-operation in an effort to strengthen the work within the State. There were many noble

Idaho women who made much sacrifice that the good work might go on, while many men in all parties gave to the amendment from the first the heartiest and most cordial support possible. The Idaho Association will present its own report to this Convention, and, without doubt, will explain in detail the work done directly under its own auspices. We will therefore, not duplicate this report by mentioning the names of State workers who aided the campaign, but we wish all to understand that we thoroughly appreciate the able work performed by the Idaho Association. We do not wish to arrogate to ourselves honors which should not be ours, but we are free to say in our opinion the Idaho amendment could not have been carried without the aid volunteered by the National American Woman Suffrage Association. On the other hand the campaign would not have been won by the labors of the National Woman Suffrage Association.. It was won by the co-operation of these two forces. We may say that four chief causes united to bring success: First, the fact that within the State of Idaho a large colony of people reside who were formerly residents of Utah at the time when the women were voters there, and who were then converted to this measure; second, the educational and organization work of the National Committee; third, the labors of the various branches of the Idaho Suffrage Association; fourth, the political endorsement by all political parties. The last cause was a result of all other causes, but may well be classified as greater than any of them. During the fall, the Chairmen of all four State Central Committees met together and jointly resolved to request all their candidates and orators to speak in behalf of the amendment in all political addresses. This has been the result the National body has devoutly hoped for in many campaigns, but it is the first time it has been accomplished. The brave, true men of Idaho have at last set the example which will prove of incalculable value in future campaigns. Every political meeting became a suffrage meeting, and the plea for woman's political equality reached many a man who would have never have ventured into the usual suffrage meeting. The political endorsement came because the parties knew there was a strong organization in the State behind the request made at the conventions. In return, the endorsement proved a complement to suffrage organization, and the suffrage propaganda was carried



into every precinct. The cost of the Idaho campaign will prove a matter of interest to our workers. During the two years of the agitation of the question, the Idaho Association reports that only \$500 has been raised and expended directly by them. In addition to this, the National has expended upon Idaho, \$1,718.58. Of this amount, \$738.31 was raised by the various organizers and speakers in collections, or was paid into our fund by the clubs of the State. \$980.29 was raised entirely outside of Idaho and expended there in the two years. The total cost of the campaign, including the expenditures of both National and State for 1896, exclusive of court expenses, was \$2,218.58. It is manifestly unfair to compare a State with a scattered population like that of Idaho with a more densely populated State like California, yet it will also prove of interest, and of possible future value, to note the fact that the approximate cost of the Idaho campaign was six cents for each registered voter, proving again, if proof be needed, that, for the present, so far as we are able to control the order of campaigns, states of small population may be campaigned and won at comparatively small cost, while larger ones are as yet entirely beyond our resources. The victory in Idaho must not be belittled because of its limited population. It must be remembered its territory is nearly equal to the whole of New York and Pennsylvania together and that its industries, yet in their infancy promise a civilization which will one day occupy a proud place in our galaxy of States. To-day, its population is less than 200,000. Within a generation, it is not unreasonable to suppose, in the rapid transition of American progress, that the same territory may contain a million of people. Yet whatever change may come, however vast the population may grow, let us remember the privilege of political equality is guaranteed to all within its borders. Two more Senators and one more representative sit within the halls of Congress, who may count women among their political constituents, and who will be sure to stand for woman suffrage when the need comes. Last year, a gentleman who had contributed \$100 to our fund said, "I'll give another hundred if the Committee will put another star on the flag." The Committee may claim the \$100 for another year, for the fourth star is shining forth re-splendent from our suffrage field of blue, and its name is Idaho.

Upon every side the signs of the times indicate that the day of our final victory is near at hand. If we will but continue our policy of organization, the end is surely not far off. Let us not forget that we are all citizens of the same Republic, striving to accomplish the establishment of the political liberty of women. Let us not forget that our work will never be complete so long as the women of a single State remain in the bonds of inequality, and that it can make no difference to us in what State or Territory the victory comes first. It certainly is our duty, as one united band, to strike together at whatever point appears the most vulnerable, and to win a victory wherever we can. This may be accomplished only when we all understand that there is no local, State or National division which brings us any difference of duty, interest or obligation. Our duty is the same in each, and we implore one and all to lay aside any personalities or petty jealousies which may threaten to enter our Association with their dissensions, that we may all stand together, a united, solid, determined organization which can know no discouragement and brook no defeat.

### OFFICE ACCOUNT ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

#### WITH NATIONAL TREASURER.

#### RECEIPTS. DISBURSEMENTS.

To cash received from Jan. 1 to Jan. 23, 1896, and reported in last year's minutes, . . . . .	\$597 87
To cash, Collections of Organizers, . . .	1391 79
To cash, Contributions from Individuals and States, . . . . .	3414 90
To cash, Contributions of Clubs, including pledges paid and May benefits, . . . . .	842 09
To cash, Profit on Calendars, . . . . .	127 40
To cash, receipts on Bulletin, . . . . .	59 67
By cash, Expenses Jan. 1 to Jan 23, and reported in last year's minutes, . .	\$597 87
By cash, to Organizers in salaries and expenses, . . . . .	4121 36



THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1897—7.45 P. M.

In Miss Anthony's absence Mariana W. Chapman presided. After the opening prayer by Rev. Mary A. Safford, Catharine Waugh McCulloch gave a very striking résumé of the laws of her State as they affect woman. After the vocal solo, George A. Gates read a fine paper, in the course of which he said many things for womanhood which came most gratefully from a man's lips. Mrs. Stetson called the attention of the mothers to their great responsibility, and read her own poem, "The Mother to Her Child;" the hour being late, Rev. Anna Shaw did not make an address, but closed the session briefly.

By cash, for Printing, Leaflets, Advertising, etc., .....  
 By cash, Typewriter, .....  
 By cash, Furniture for Office, .....  
 By cash, Office Expenses, .....  
 By cash, Cost of Bulletin, .....  
 Amount on hand, Jan. 1st, .....  
 \$138 50

Received from National Treasurer, .....  
 Clerical help in office, .....  
 Stamps and Postals, .....  
 Sundries, Telegrams, Express, etc., .....  
 Typewriting Supplies, Stationery, Printing, etc., .....  
 Office Rent, .....  
 Amount on hand, Jan. 1, 1897, .....  
 Totals, .....  
 \$6433 72

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 28 62  
 \$840 75  
 96 51  
 13 57  
 \$1194 74

Mrs. Catt made an appeal to the Convention for funds for the work of the Organization Committee.  
 Mariana W. Chapman pledged \$1,000 from friends in New York State.

Mr. and Mrs. Sargent pledged \$25 more for New York from the Woman's Journal 25,000 each of the leaflets, "Whyom-ing Speaks for Herself" and "Colorado Speaks for Herself."  
 Mrs. Ballard pledged \$100 for Iowa.  
 Mrs. Luckie, of Pennsylvania, said that the gentleman who had promised to give \$100 if a new star were added during the past year lived in Pennsylvania, and thus the victory in Idaho ensured \$100 from that State.

Mrs. Margaret W. Campbell, of Iowa, was introduced to the Convention as one of the pioneer workers for suffrage in Colorado and many other States. Adjourned.



Friday, January 29th, 1897.

10 A.M.

Miss Anthony in the chair.  
Prayer by Martha McClellan Brown.  
Minutes read and approved.  
The President read a greeting sent with a bouquet from the Temple W. C. T. U.  
Voted, on motion of Mrs. Colby, to adjourn to the Senate Chamber and reconvene at 1 p.m.

1.30 P.M.

Miss Anthony in the chair.  
Prayer by Julia B. Nelson.  
Minutes read and approved.  
The following report of the Federal Suffrage Committee was presented by Sarah Clay Bennett, and accepted :

After the delegates to our National Convention in Washington City last winter had again adopted a resolution to petition Congress to secure to the women of this Republic the full rights of citizenship guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States, by appropriate legislation, I was elected Chairman of the Federal Suffrage Committee of our National American W. S. A. I have written a Memorial and had it presented to Congress by Senator Lindsay and Representative McCreary in behalf of the members of this Association, asking Congress to protect white and black women equally with black men against State denial of the right to vote for members of Congress and the Presidential electors in the States, under the first section of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution, in accordance with the combined Minor vs. Happerett and Yarborough decisions of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the United States. I have written a private letter to every member of Congress and enclosed him a copy of this Memorial. I have sent a copy of it to editors of newspapers in every State of the Union, with a request for its publication.

I have some copies of the Memorial and of some Bills which show that some of our Congressmen think that Congress has power to protect women against State denial of the right to vote for Federal officers.

"Aunt Becky Young," formerly Mrs. Palmer, was introduced as a fraternal delegate from the Iowa Woman's Relief Corps.

On motion of Mrs. Chapman, a vote of thanks was passed to Auditor McCarthy for his offer to show the delegates over the Capitol.

Laura Clay, as Auditor, reported that she had examined the Treasurer's books and found them correct. The report was accepted.

In the unavoidable absence of Mrs. Upton, Rachel Foster Avery read the report of the Committee on Legislative Advice, by Lillie Devereux Blake.

It was moved and seconded that the report be accepted.

Mrs. Colby moved as an amendment that the report be received and treated with courtesy, and that the Committee be continued.

Miss Shaw moved as an amendment to the amendment that the report be received, and this amendment was carried. The motion as amended was then carried, thus leaving the continuation of the Committee for consideration by the Executive Committee.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ADVICE.

The Committee on Legislative advice reports that its first work was the distribution of the leaflet of legislative advice, which was sent to all State Presidents, and circulated so far as possible.

That, prior to the meeting of the Republican National Convention in St. Louis, the Chairman corresponded with most of the State Presidents east of the Rocky Mountains, requesting them to send delegates to that body. That she was present herself, together with delegates from New York, Ohio,



Illinois and Kansas; that she secured a hearing before the Committee on Resolutions and presented a Memorial from the N. A. W. S. A., asking the insertion of the following plank:

"Resolved, That the Republican Party in National Convention assembled hereby recommends that Congress shall submit to the Legislatures of the several States a proposition to so amend the Federal Constitution as to provide that the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

That the delegation received every courtesy and that a plank favoring equal pay for equal work was incorporated in the Republican platform.

The report of the Plan of Work Committee as amended, was read by Mrs. Colby, and, after some slight changes, was finally adopted as follows:

Believing that the ends for which the N. A. W. S. A. exists are: To secure an amendment to the Federal Constitution prohibiting the States from disfranchising citizens on account of sex; to encourage organized effort in the States to remove from Constitution, Code, and custom all laws and conditions which create and enforce inequality of sex; and to so educate public sentiment that judicial decisions may finally be rendered recognizing the inherent and fundamental right of women to the franchise as citizens of the United States and of the several States where they reside,

The Committee on Plan of Work submit the following report:

We recommend that—

1. The Committee on Congressional Work have in charge the introduction of the suffrage measures in Congress; arrange for Congressional hearings; make every effort for favorable action by Congressional Committees and by Congress itself; provide for the proper presentation of memorials and petitions to Congress; and carry out any instructions relating to Congressional work that may be issued by the Association.

2. We recommend that the Committee on Legislation study the provisions of the Statutes and Constitutions of the States and Territories in order to learn what suffrage measures should

be advocated and the special conditions and time when they might be urged with advantage, and to note what legislative changes are needed in other matters than the franchise to secure justice for women. Such Committee should act only as a Committee of Advice and secure State co-operation before measures are initiated.

3. We recommend that there be a Platform and Memorial Committee to endeavor to secure a recognition of woman suffrage in the platforms of all nationally organized bodies, and to secure Memorials to Congress for a Sixteenth Amendment.

4. We recommend that the Committee on Organization superintend organization in States and Territories where none exists, and that its powers be enlarged to authorize it to take the management of such parts of a suffrage amendment campaign as may be placed by the State or Territory under the direction of the N. A. W. S. A.

5. We recommend that the National Organization Committee lend assistance during the year to all the States where campaigns will take place in 1898, if desired by the State Association; that they give organization aid to every Southern State where desired by the State Association, and, if possible, aid all States not yet well enough organized to hold representative conventions; that they give especial help to any State where definite plans for constitutional revision exist; that they aid other States desiring help if money for the purpose can be raised.

6. We recommend that every club in the United States be requested to follow the precedent established in 1896, and during the month of May give a benefit for the aid of the National Organization Fund, and that every club be asked to give an October benefit for the aid of its State Organization work.

7. We recommend the adoption by all clubs of the Course of Study which for two years has been in successful operation; and especially in those States where no campaign is pending.

8. We recommend that in all State campaigns where the National officers are invited to participate and to lend the influence and prestige of the National Association, the funds raised outside the State by the National Association for the campaign shall be entirely under the control of the National Business Committee.



9. We recommend that the National Organization Committee prepare a leaflet setting forth the campaign conditions of the various States, and presenting the practical method of precinct organization so successfully used in California.
10. We recommend that the Committee on the Press continue the work so admirably inaugurated the past two years, and secure Press Committees in auxiliary societies and render assistance thereto.
11. Organization. Since it is continually asserted that the one great obstacle in the way of our success is the indifference of women themselves, it is the first duty of women who believe in their enfranchisement to form and maintain a woman suffrage society, that whatever form their public activities may take they may be carried on under the suffrage banner.
12. The work of securing auxiliary associations cannot be too strongly urged upon State societies, and the best means of raising the funds for State and National work would be to enroll every friend of the cause as a paying member of a local organization.
13. It is suggested that department work might be arranged in some societies with advantage, thus appropriating the club idea, and making the suffrage society the one organization needed in a community. Parlor meetings, house-to-house visits, the public lecture and the social gathering should all be utilized to secure the membership of all classes and conditions of people.
14. We recommend that every new society formed and all work done in a State by persons under National direction shall be reported to the "National Suffrage Bulletin," the "Woman's Journal" and "Woman's Tribune," and to any distinctively suffrage paper published in the State where the work is done as well as to the State and National organizations.
15. We heartily commend the State Suffrage papers and request that all national official notices be sent to them as well as to the national suffrage papers.
16. We recommend that suffrage conferences with a two or three days' programme be held under the direction of the Programme Committee in cities, to the number of six or less, where the citizens will make local arrangements and provide for expenses.

17. We recommend that suffragists in States where no campaign is pending lend all possible financial aid to those States where the battle is on.

18. Since it is important to make a poll of the State Legislatures on the suffrage question, we recommend that where it is not deemed advisable to ask for any other action the following memorial be presented to the State Legislatures and pushed to a vote :

#### MEMORIAL TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

Whereas, For many years a joint resolution has been pending in Congress for an amendment to the Federal Constitution prohibiting the States from disfranchising citizens on account of sex ; and it has several times been favorably reported from the Committee to which it has been referred, and in 1887 received a whole day's discussion and a very large vote in the United States Senate ; and, whereas we believe that to secure to women the exercise of the right of suffrage is in accord with the fundamental principles of our Republic, and will re-enforce the moral strength of the nation, therefore

Resolved, That the Legislature of the State of — respectfully petition the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States to adopt this joint resolution that it may be acted on by the State Legislatures and when ratified by three-fourths of them become the law of the nation.

19. Headquarters. We recommend the continuance of a general headquarters at which all the committees can have clerical work done and from which national lecturers can be directed and literature and supplies sent out.

20. We recommend that the "National Suffrage Bulletin" be continued.

21. We recommend that in connection with the next annual National Convention the progress of our movement in the fifty years since the first suffrage convention was called in 1848, receive especial emphasis and celebration ; and we further recommend that every suffrage society in the nation have a special celebration on the fiftieth anniversary of the convention July 19th and 20th, 1898.

22. We recommend that there be prepared for 1898 a jubilee calendar giving the prominent historical and statistical facts



connected with the suffrage movement, the changes in the laws and the advancement of women along all lines during these fifty years.

Rejoicing that it is ours to share in this great effort for human freedom which is the heir of all the struggles for liberty in the heroic past, we urge each member to be "obedient to the heavenly vision" and help to bring it to realization in our day and generation. All gifts that may be consecrated to this work are equally honorable, all duties that may be performed equally important. By the faithful fulfillment of each official obligation, by the word spoken in season or sped on the white wings of the press, by financial support, by kindly charity and generous appreciation, all may co-operate to make this nation a genuine Republic, with equal rights for all and special privileges for none.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Catt, that the reading of the Report of the Committee on Course of Study be deferred until the Executive Committee meeting.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Avery, that Idaho report be next heard.

The Idaho report was read by Mrs. Woods, and was accepted with a rising vote of thanks, and the waving of handkerchiefs.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Hayward, of Nebraska, that a telegram of greeting be sent to the Honorary President of the Association, Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

An address, "How the World Sees Us," was made by Harriet Taylor Upton.

Reports were presented as follows: New York, by Mariana W. Chapman; New Jersey, by Phebe C. Wright; Pennsylvania, by Mary B. Luckie, and Wisconsin by Ellen A. Rose.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented by its Chairman, Henry B. Blackwell, and the resolutions were taken up seriatim, and after some changes were finally adopted, as follows:

## RESOLUTIONS

Resolved, 1. That the National American Woman Suffrage Association is and will continue to be non-partisan, and appeals to men of all parties to secure suffrage for women.

2. That we rejoice in the establishment during the past year of full woman suffrage by the States of Utah and Idaho, making, with Wyoming and Colorado, four free States for women.

3. That the magnificent vote in California, 110,000 for woman suffrage to 127,000 opposed, being a majority of the votes of the entire State outside of San Francisco and Oakland, shows that the heart and conscience of the people are with us, and we recommend the immediate resubmission of the question.

4. That we will continue to petition Congress to protect women citizens in their right to vote by a Sixteenth Constitutional Amendment, and every other form of appropriate legislation.

5. That we urge each State Society to memorialize its Legislature, at every session, for full legal and political equality for women, in every form, and to secure hearings in its behalf.

6. That, as representatives of the women of America, opposed to the barbarism of war, we declare our hearty approval of the treaty of arbitration between the United States and Great Britain, and we respectfully call upon our Senators to ratify the same.

7. That we thank Mr. Washington Duke, of Durham, N. C., and cordially appreciate his gift of \$100,000 to Trinity College, of that State, made on condition that women shall always have equal advantages with men.

8. Whereas, it is stated that Miss Stahlnecker alone has passed the civil service examination for translator of modern languages in the office of the United States adjutant-general, which requires ability to speak and write six modern languages and to translate from one to the other; and whereas, the adjutant-general refuses to appoint her because she is a woman; therefore,

Resolved, That we respectfully petition the national executive to enforce the principle of civil service reform in application to her appointment.

9. That we ask for the conferment of a right of exemption from discrimination in the exercise of the elective franchise on



account of sex by the adoption of a sixteenth amendment to the Federal Constitution which shall say: "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

And to petition Congress to protect white and black women equally with black men against the statutes of the States in the right to vote for members of Congress and electors of the President and Vice-President of the United States under the first section of the fourteenth amendment of the Federal Constitution in accordance with the combined Minor vs. Happersett and Yarbrough decisions of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the United States.

10. That we thank the Iowa Senate for its courtesy in inviting this Convention to present the claims of woman suffrage before that honorable body.

11. That we thank the people of Des Moines for their generous hospitality to the delegates in attendance on this Convention; also the newspapers of the city for their full and fair reports; the railroads of the country for reduced rates; Mrs. Frank Walden for the use of a typewriter; and the Kimballs for the use of a piano.

The following telegram was read;

Charlotte Perkins Stetson,  
Care Gov. Drake, Des Moines, Iowa:

California desires you, Miss Anthony, Rev. Shaw, and entire delegation to ask ladies of Iowa to act in sending train-load of corn for steamships, via San Francisco, to take to Calcutta and save India's starving women. Committee of fifty formed here yesterday. Wire Mayor Phelan your action.

Moved, by Mrs. DeVoe, that Mrs. Stetson, Miss Anthony, Miss Shaw and Mrs. Ballard be a Committee to reply.

Moved by Mrs. Johnson, as an amendment, that it be referred to the Iowa W. S. A. The amendment was accepted by the mover, and the motion as amended was carried.

A discussion followed on the question: "Resolved, That the propaganda of the woman suffrage idea demands a non-parti-

san attitude on the part of individual workers." Laura Clay spoke in the affirmative, and Henry B. Blackwell in the negative, and the discussion was then thrown open to the house.

Voted, that unfinished business be referred to the Executive Committee. Adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 7:45 P.M.

### IDAHO EVENING.

Immediately after the prayer by Mrs. Col. Springer, came the music by the Glee Club of the High School.

The Idaho victory was celebrated by addresses, first from women of the earlier enfranchised States, culminating with an address from Idaho's own representative, Mell C. Woods.

Rev. Anna H. Shaw, having been repeatedly asked for by the delegates, spoke while a collection was taken.

Rev. Ida C. Hultin made an eloquent plea for equality between men and women, and the President made a brief but impressive closing address, thus adjourning the final public session of the Convention.

### CLOSING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

JANUARY 30, 10 A.M.

Miss Anthony in the chair.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Catt, that the business to be taken up at each Executive Committee Meeting be announced at the beginning of the meeting.

The following resolution, drawn by Laura Clay, of Kentucky, and Mary C. C. Bradford, of Colorado, was adopted, after discussion, by a unanimous vote.

Whereas, The Executive Committee of the N. A. W. S. A., assembled in Des Moines, Iowa, January 30th, 1897, has satisfied itself that the action taken in St. Louis last June by Addie



M. Johnson, the then President of the Missouri W. S. A., in retiring with the State officers and the Convention in order, peaceably, to prosecute the business of that Convention, was justified; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of the N.A.W.S.A. hereby recognizes as the State Association of Missouri, the organization of which Miss Harrison, of Carthage, is the President.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Bennett, that State dues received after January 1st, be entered on the Treasurer's books as delayed dues for the preceding year to which they belong.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Upton, that the N. A. Executive Committee recommend to State Treasurers the importance of keeping a separate account of the National auxiliary dues, and that the National Treasurer inform them of it.

Greetings were presented by the National Woman's Press Association and from the Junior Suffrage League of the District of Columbia.

Voted, on motion of Miss Hay, that a committee be appointed to provide new bannerettes for the States, and that each State be called upon to pay for its own.

The Corresponding Secretary read last year's list of Honorary Vice-Presidents, and a number of changes and additions were made. (See list near close of this pamphlet.)

The following report of the Committee on Course of Study was read by Mrs. Catt, and accepted:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COURSE OF STUDY IN POLITICAL SCIENCE.

The Course of Study in Political Science has passed through the second year and may now safely be considered a permanent department of our work. No sensational results have followed its establishment, but upon every side the report comes, that it has proved an aid to organization and the permanency of clubs, and this influence has been helpful to our cause. Very many of our workers have assured us that members have

joined suffrage clubs owing to the inducement of political study, who could not otherwise have been persuaded to join our ranks. In this manner it has directly aided the work of organization. In many localities where the suffrage sentiment is not strong, and where a suffrage club is composed of busy women, there is an inclination to consider that there is no work to be done, and to abandon the club until such time as a campaign may be in progress. The Course of Study meets the needs of such communities and furnishes a conservative kind of work which will hold the club together and keep it in line for the labors of a more important nature which will surely come in time. On the other hand, the influence arising from the fact that women are in this systematic and painstaking way attempting to fit themselves for good citizenship has been felt all along the line. Many newspapers that have not been accustomed to speak approvingly of woman suffrage, or woman suffragists, have deigned to notice the Course of Study, and speak warm words of approval of our course. We hope, too, that in the States where women are enfranchised, as they come in from time to time, the Course of Study will prove a bond of union between the National Association and the new voters, and that they will, in this way, continue their auxiliaryship to our Association. It is as yet too early to make definite prophecies along this line. Quite a number of clubs in Idaho have signified their intention to remain auxiliary through the Course of Study, but it is as yet not fully established in that State. The books in use and all matters pertaining to the work have been sufficiently set forth in the Prospectus.

The Course of Study has been, from the first, entirely self-supporting. It has not been able to pay clerk hire or office rent, but it has paid for its own publications, the wrapping paper, twine and postage necessary to conduct its work. At times the Committee have been placed in great embarrassment by the scarcity of funds when a new edition was to be issued and money was needed to pay the printer. But, in time, the difficulty has been overcome and the deficit has been met. We may consider it is a prosperous department of our work, and one that is established for years to come. The popularity of the Course is evidence sufficient that women who are suffragists intend to fit themselves for an intelligent and conscientious citizenship. The questions they ask, the letters received,



the earnestness of the reports of good work done, are all satisfactory proofs that our Course of Study is a factor worth counting in the great movement now in progress in the United States, and which promises to culminate in a purer and more honest condition of political life.

### STATEMENT OF COURSE OF STUDY IN POLITICAL SCIENCE.

JANUARY 16, 1897.

Received from book orders, .....	\$1210 15	
Advanced by Mrs. Louisa Southworth, to be returned in books, .....	45 40	\$926 85
By cash, to publishers, .....		167 85
By cash, to printers for leaflets, etc., .....		
Stamps, postals, postage on second-class matter, money orders, etc., .....		103 48
Paper, twine, etc., .....		14 07
Refunded Organization Fund amount ad- vanced, per statement, Jan. 1, 1896, .....		3 66
Cash on hand, .....		39 64
	\$1255 55	\$1255 55

### ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

Liabilities, none.  
Assets, cash on hand, \$37.64; stock on hand, \$405.00;  
total assets, \$442.64.

Voted, on motion of Miss Clay, that Mrs. Blake be the Chair-  
man of the Committee on Legislation, with power to choose  
her own Committee. The Secretary was requested to mention  
to Mrs. Blake Mrs. Upton's wish to yield her place on the  
Committee to Mrs. Colby.  
The Chairman asked for nominations for the Programme  
Committee, to assist the Business Committee in making up  
the Committee on Programme. The following nominations

were made: Emma Smith DeVoe, Clara Bewick Colby, Vir-  
ginia D. Young, Mary A. Swift, Rachel Foster Avery, Evelyn  
W. Ordway, Mary G. Hay, Mell C. Woods, Helen L. Young.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Johnson, that the Executive Com-  
mittee recommend that at all future Conventions the Com-  
mittee on Local Arrangements provide badges for the dele-  
gates.

Voted, on motion of Miss Hay, that the question, how to  
keep the enfranchised States in touch with the N. A. W. S. A.  
be referred to a Committee consisting of the National Treasu-  
rer, the Chairman of the Organization Committee, Mary C. C.  
Bradford, of Colorado, Emeline B. Wells, of Utah, Mell C.  
Woods, of Idaho, and Mrs. Senator Warren, of Wyoming.

Voted, that Ida A. Harper's report of the California Press  
Work, or an abstract of it, be printed in the Minutes. (See  
California report.)

The report of the Congressional Committee of the District  
of Columbia Association was read by the Corresponding Sec-  
retary, and was accepted with a correction, as follows:

The Committee appointed from the District of Columbia  
Woman Suffrage Association after the last annual meeting of  
the National Suffrage Association, to urge upon the Congress  
of the United States, the passage and submission of an amend-  
ment to the Constitution of the United States, prohibiting the  
States from disfranchising citizens on account of sex, beg to  
submit the following report: The Committee met immediately  
after the adjournment of the National Association, and formu-  
lated a plan of work for bringing the matter to the attention of  
the select committee of the United States Senate on Woman  
Suffrage, and the Judiciary Committee of the House of Repre-  
sentatives, to whom had been referred the proposed amend-  
ment to the Constitution, submitted by Honorable Call, of  
Florida, in the Senate, and Representative S. A. Northway,  
of Ohio, in the House. Personal interviews were had with the  
various members of these Committees, in which they were  
urged to report the amendment to their respective Houses.



While respectful attention was always given, and in some instances much interest shown and sympathy expressed for the amendment, no definite action has yet been taken by the House Committee, and by the Senate Committee an unfavorable report was made by Senators Call and George, a minority of the Committee; Senators Hoar, Peffer and Quay making no report, although known to be favorable to woman suffrage. It may be added that Senators Call and George used an unfavorable report made some years ago as their report upon this occasion.

To still further advance the matter we determined to address a letter to each Member of the House and Senate, asking his opinion on the proposed amendment. At least three-fourths of these letters were promptly replied to in most gracious terms; and in many of them hearty sympathy with the purpose of the amendment was expressed. Not a small number declared they were ready to vote for the amendment when opportunity should be given.

Early in March we sent letters to as many State Presidents and Presidents of local suffrage clubs as we were able to address correctly, urging their co-operation and assistance, which they could give by writing letters to their own Congressmen and by sending memorials to Congress.

Your Committee have thought it wise to attempt but little during the present session of Congress because of the press of work in that body and the unusual political excitement. We, however, deem it important that the Congressional work be pushed early in the next Congress, even though the session be an extra one.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLEN POWELL THOMPSON,  
Chairman Committee.

CLARA BEWICK COLBY,  
BESSIE BOONE CHESHIRE,  
JENNIE L. MUNROE,  
MARY H. WILLIAMS,  
CLARA KENT,  
Committee.

Voted, on motion of Miss Clay, that it is the sense of this meeting that the Nashville Exposition furnishes an excellent opportunity to bring the work of the N. A. W. S. A. before the people of the South.

The chair appointed Laura Clay, of Kentucky, Katharine Nobles, of Louisiana, and Lide Meriwether, of Tennessee, as a committee to take the matter into consideration.

Voted, on motion of Mrs. Chapman, that unfinished business be referred to the Business Committee. Adjourned.

#### BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING, JANUARY 30, 1897.

Present, Miss Anthony, Miss Shaw, Mrs. Catt, Miss Clay, Mrs. Upton, Mrs. Avery, Miss Blackwell.

Voted that a Convention of six working-days be held in Washington next year.

Voted that the evening sessions be devoted to celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the first Woman's Rights Convention.

An appropriation of \$400 was voted for a clerk for Mrs. Avery for her work as Corresponding Secretary and Acting-Chairman of the Programme Committee for the Fiftieth Anniversary.

The Standing Committees were appointed. (See list at close of pamphlet.) Adjourned.

#### BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING, JANUARY 31, 1897.

Present, Miss Anthony, Miss Shaw, Mrs. Catt, Mrs. Upton, Miss Clay, Mrs. Avery, Miss Blackwell.

Voted, on motion of Miss Clay, that the "National Suffrage Bulletin" be made the business organ of the N. A. W. S. A., and that monthly publications be continued.

Voted to appropriate \$150 for the "National Suffrage Bulletin," \$200 for additional rent of headquarters, and \$150 for press work.

Voted that the Corresponding Secretary write to the Maryland women that their effort to vote is approved as a matter of



agitation, but from previous decisions there is little hope of a favorable outcome, and therefore no financial aid can be given.

Voted that the loan of Mrs. Avery's office furniture at Headquarters be accepted with thanks.

Voted that Miss Clay have discretion to conduct her work as Chairman of Committee on the Tennessee Exposition as she thinks best.

Voted that the Chairman of the Committee on Local Arrangements be ex-officio member of the Committee on Courtesies.

A standing vote of thanks was passed to Mr. and Mrs. Callanan for their generous hospitality. Adjourned.

### GREETINGS.

Idaho's gratitude to the N. A. W. S. A. for so fully and freely aiding in the campaign which brought the victory celebrated by the Convention, was expressed not only in the State report and by the delegate, Mrs. Woods, but also by letters from a large number of the local woman suffrage clubs in that State. Such letters, gratefully calling by name the various workers sent to them by the parent Association were received from the following societies :

Woman Suffrage Club, of Payette, Sarah P. Gorrie, President ; Woman Suffrage Club, of Oxford, Claudia Hamson, President, Minnie Fisher, Secretary ; Woman Suffrage Club, of Coeur d'Alene, Jeanie Jacobs, President ; Bonner's Ferry Woman Suffrage Club, Agnes McRae, Secretary ; Shoshone Equal Suffrage Club, Leah M. Burnside, Secretary ; Boise Equal Suffrage Club, Mrs. Joseph Pinkham, President, Fannie H. Richards, Secretary ; Albion Citizens' Club, Bertha M. Hansen, Secretary ; Wallace Equal Suffrage Club, Helen L. Young, President ; Mountain Home Woman Suffrage Association, M. E. Reynolds, President.

The Junior Equal Suffrage League of the District of Columbia sent a greeting and pledge of five dollars for the work.

A letter of greeting came from Mrs. C. L. Levanway, M.D., of Battle Creek, Michigan.

From other sources the following telegrams were received during the Convention :

Mesdames Simmons, Pickler and delegates send greetings : snowbound ; prospects of Legislature submitting amendment good ; bill pending ; will appreciate any help.

J. A. PICKLER, Huron, S. D.

Loving greeting. Can't come on account of blockade, so sorry.

EMMA A. CRANMER, Aberdeen, S. D.

The Maine Woman Suffrage Association have had a satisfactory hearing before the Legislature Committee to-day. We extend cordial greetings.

HANNAH J. BAILEY, President.  
HELEN COFFIN BEEDY, Sec'y.

Women of the Greater New York in public meeting assembled to demand their rights under the new charter, send greetings to the National American Woman Suffrage Convention.

LILLIE DEVEREUX BLAKE, Chairman.

Supreme Court oral hearing test vote case set Feb. 19th.

HELEN M. GOUGAR.



## REPORTS FROM AUXILIARY STATES.

## IDAHO WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

In making our report of a hard fought campaign and glorious victory, it seems but just, inasmuch as Idaho has never sent a report to the National Association to give a brief resumé of the work of the past years.

Abigail Scott Duniway began lecturing in the northern part of the State in 1875, and continued at intervals during a period of eighteen years, visiting almost every part of the State except the extreme southeastern. She awakened thought in many minds which quickened into life and was felt in the late campaign in the several counties and precincts she had visited.

Mrs. Rebecca Mitchell, President of the W. C. T. U., was another pioneer worker, and as she visited the Unions she never failed to do what she could for suffrage, and has spoken for it many times in the past four years. She did excellent work in Lemhi County last October, traveling at her own expense and laboring for the success of the amendment. During the Legislature of 1893, at her request, Mr. Workman, of Boise County, introduced a bill in the House providing for an amendment to the Constitution granting the right of suffrage to women. This bill was defeated in the House by two votes.

At the Legislative session of 1895 a similar bill was introduced in the Senate by Mr. Robinson, of Canyon County, which passed both houses.

Mr. William Balderston, editor of the *Idaho Daily Statesman*, did effective work in securing the passage of this bill. Besides championing the cause editorially, he was a power behind the throne of the legislature, and has ever worked unceasingly for the amendment.

In a little country school-house, on May 16th, 1893, the first Suffrage Club of the State was organized at Hagerman, Lincoln County. Mrs. Lizzie Ingram, a teacher, was the principal mover in this work, and was chosen Chairman. The members are scattered over an area of ten miles, yet the club has ever been among the first to respond to appeals for help.

In June, 1895, the National American Woman Suffrage Association sent Emma Smith De Voe to Idaho as an organizer. She spent the months of June and July as a pioneer worker for the National. She organized many clubs, delivered twenty-three lectures, made her own appointments and overcame many obstacles that would have crushed one less staunch in her faith for woman's freedom.

A Convention was called to meet in Boise, November 20th, 1895. The officers elected at this Convention were Mrs. J. H. Richards, President; Mrs. W. W. Woods, Vice-President; Mrs. M. C. Athey, Secretary; Mrs. Leah Burnside, Treasurer. The members of the Advisory Board were Mrs. Kate E. N. Feltham, Mrs. M. J. Whitman,

and Miss Annette Bowman. A telegram sent by Susan B. Anthony to this Convention passed through my mind many times during the campaign, and I clearly saw the need of the instruction, "Educate rank and file of voters through political party papers and meetings."

At the time of her election, Mrs. Richards was visiting in the East. Ill health prevented her accepting the position, and in the early spring Mrs. Woods also resigned, as she was taken ill in California. The loss to the Association of these two gifted women was irreparable, and acting upon the advice of those who had our cause most at heart we waited hoping Mrs. Richards would be so improved in health she would take up the work upon her return home. This she was unable to do, and the business was conducted by the Secretary, through the Advisory Board. As our State is one of "magnificent distances" and the Board members resided in remote corners thereof, the machinery moved slowly.

Laura M. Johns came into the State in May, 1896, at the southeastern corner, and reached Nampa, May 30th, in time to attend a meeting of the Advisory Board. Her help was invaluable at this time. Wm. Balderston, D. L. Badley and James McGee were elected members of the Advisory Board. The latter was later chosen Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, thus being in a position to give our cause much aid. By order of the Board a Convention was called to meet in Boise, July 1st, 2d and 3d, 1896. At this meeting Mrs. Johns was also present and assisted in making the Convention a success. The officers elected were: President, Mrs. M. J. Whitman; First Vice-President, Kate E. N. Feltham; Second Vice-President, Helen Young, Idaho's only woman attorney; Third Vice-President, Mrs. D. L. Badley; Secretary, Mrs. M. C. Athey; Treasurer, Mrs. I. Herron. The Committee on Press Work was Kate Green, Helen Young and Minnie Priest Dunton.

The President authorized the Secretary to send a circular letter to all clubs urging them to commence the work of securing suffrage planks into the platforms of the several parties in the precinct primaries. Wherever possible delegates were elected pledged to support the amendment.

Carrie Chapman Catt came to Boise, August 14th, 1896. She lectured in Boise August 18th and 25th to crowded houses, and fairly captured her audiences. She spoke before the Committee on Resolutions of the different political parties, and, with the aid of Mrs. Johns, Major and Mrs. W. W. Woods, officers of the State Association and local workers, secured a plank favoring the pending amendment in each of the platforms of the four political parties. Mrs. Catt's coming was the opportunity and her work invaluable. The endorsement from the Democratic Convention was a great achievement, and that these planks had been inserted in the platforms of all the political parties was a strong point in our favor in the case before the Supreme Court.

After the Conventions Mrs. Johns returned home. Mrs. Catt went to California, speaking at several points in Idaho en route. She carried with her the love of all those with whom she worked, and the hope that they might see her again.



Mary C. C. Bradford came to our aid in September. For six weeks she traveled over sand plains, mountains, valleys and sage plains, visiting points not reached by other workers. She organized fourteen new clubs and made many converts to the cause throughout the State.

Helen D. Harford, of Oregon, lectured at several points on her way to the St. Louis Convention, convincing many of the justice of political equality. Many campaign speakers of all the political parties called the attention of the voters to the amendment, and some gave a large portion of their time to our cause. This proved of great benefit, for in this way voters were reached who would not attend a suffrage meeting.

Headquarters were opened at Boise, August 1st. As three of the counties had no clubs or organization whatever, it was found necessary to reach the precincts in these counties, and also in other counties, by correspondence. This was actively pushed, and by November 3d few precincts could be found without at least one active worker.

Mrs. Whitman came to Boise October 1st, and worked zealously until the election.

The Press of the State was carefully looked after throughout the fall campaign, and only three papers were openly opposed.

Seven thousand copies of the resolutions passed at the Convention, July 1st, were sent out; also copies of addresses presented to the cause by the Utah State Suffrage Association; also one hundred copies of the *Woman's Tribune* and 3,000 leaflets sent by Clara B. Colby. Nine thousand leaflets were purchased of the National Association, all of which were mailed to clubs and workers throughout the State. Mrs. W. W. Woods and the Suffrage Club of Post Falls purchased literature and distributed it in their respective localities.

The Association had 50,000 dodgers printed bearing the words: "Vote for the Woman Suffrage Amendment." These were sent to every precinct in the State and given on election day to voters to remind them of the amendment.

We have only a paid-up membership of 405, several clubs finding it impossible to meet all obligations, owing to the financial condition of the State.

The expenses of the State Association from November 20th, 1895, to the present writing have been about \$540. Out of this the Secretary has been paid \$100 for salary, and the President \$86.60 for traveling expenses. The \$540 expended does not, of course, include the expenses of the entire campaign. This is simply what the State Association used. I think it probably a low estimate to say the local clubs paid \$300 for campaign work, and the books of the National show their work here to have amounted to over \$1,700, thus making a sum total of about \$2,540.

We wish time and space would allow mention of our local workers, both men and women, and to show you how much pluck and energy they possessed. I will cite the work of one club. On election day, Mrs. R. H. Leonard, Sr., of Silver City, and her co-workers, stood near the polls ankle deep in the snow all day distributing dodgers and urging voters to cast their ballots in favor of the amendment.

The whole number of votes cast for the amendment was 12,126; against, 6,282, giving a majority for suffrage of 5,844. But the Idaho Constitution is ambiguous, and the canvassing board did not deem it within their jurisdiction to decide for us. All of them were our friends, however, and decided the amendment had failed to carry, thus greatly facilitating matters, as the question was immediately taken to the Supreme Court then in session.

Hon. J. H. Hawley, Hon. W. E. Borah and Hon. M. W. Tate gave their services gratuitously to prosecute the case. After a few weeks of anxious waiting, the Supreme Court Judges unanimously decided in our favor and the battle was won.

We believe the members of the National American Woman Suffrage Association will unite with all suffragists of Idaho in their thankfulness to those who cast their ballots for the amendment, to the Judges, J. T. Morgan, I. N. Sullivan and J. H. Huston, to Judge Richards, and also the three attorneys who so ably prosecuted our case.

To the National Association we send our heart-felt thanks for the timely aid given to us, and we trust we may be able to repay it, in part at least, by contributing to the suffrage cause in other States.

Mrs. M. C. ATHEY, Secretary.

# CALIFORNIA WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

The year 1896 was most important for the women of California, the chief stress of the battle for political freedom occurring in that year, and, although defeated, as *The Oakland Enquirer* said, in summing up the vote, "Woman Suffrage did not come so very far from winning in California."

During the session of the State Legislature of 1895 a band of earnest women, including Laura de Force Gordon, Eleanor Holbrook Blinn, Madam Louise Sorbier, Clara S. Foltz, Anna K. Bidwell, Mrs. Sturtevant Peet, Mrs. Spencer, of Lassen County and Phoebe Couzens, of Missouri, attempted to secure the enactment of a law enfranchising the women of the State. This bill passed both Houses, but was vetoed by the Governor, who, though favorable to woman suffrage, believed it to be unconstitutional. After that, our good friends Senator McGowan, of Eureka, Senator Bulla, of Los Angeles, Assemblyman Spencer, of Lassen, and others, secured the introduction of a resolution for a constitutional amendment striking out the word "male." This was adopted March 16th, 1895, by a two-thirds majority of both Houses of the Legislature, Mr. Meyers, of San Francisco, rising from a sick bed to vote in its favor.

Many of us scarcely realized the importance of what had occurred until the Woman's Congress, of which the late Sarah B. Cooper was President, convened. Crowds attended the three daily sessions during the entire week, and nearly every paper read included a reference to suffrage, although the general topic of the Congress was "Woman and the Home." Susan B. Anthony and Rev. Anna H. Shaw were the distinguished guests of the Congress, and their presence and active participation in the proceedings helped greatly to stimulate us for the



work to be done. The San Francisco daily papers gave full reports of the proceedings, and the impetus given our cause was thus carried throughout the State. An Amendment Campaign Association was formed, with Mrs. Cooper as President, "for the purpose," as Miss Anthony remarked at the time, "of gathering up and utilizing in the coming campaign the suffrage sentiment that had been aroused."

After the Congress Miss Anthony and Miss Shaw were invited to speak in many places, and were tendered numberless receptions in San Francisco and other large cities of the State.

Mrs. Cooper was one of the prominent women of the city who were members of the Fourth of July Executive Committee, and mainly through her efforts, Miss Shaw was invited to deliver the oration of the day, which she did to a very large and enthusiastic audience.

At the Annual Meeting of the State Woman Suffrage Association, on July 2d, Ellen C. Sargent was chosen President, and on the morning of the 5th the Boards of Directors of this and the Amendment Campaign Association met and formed a Joint Campaign Committee, with Mrs. Sargent as Chairman and Mrs. Cooper as Vice-Chairman. Mrs. Cooper was a woman of wise counsel, and both she and her daughter Harriet entered into the campaign heart and soul.

Rev. Anna H. Shaw was engaged to make a tour of the State, and the State Organizer, Hester A. Harland, arranged the course of lectures which opened in San Francisco on the evening of September 28th. Miss Shaw spoke every night for five weeks, and preached on Sundays, and made many converts to the woman suffrage cause.

A Committee on Petitions, to be presented to the different political conventions was appointed, of which Dr. Elizabeth Sargent was Chairman. It was Miss Anthony's earnest wish that the work of circulating these petitions should be actively pushed, and she herself prepared and sent to us several hundred petition books with the proper headings. Alice Moore McComas, of Los Angeles, was appointed Chairman of Petition Work in Southern California, and through the Superintendents of Franchise of the W. C. T. U. for that district, large numbers of names were secured in that part of the State.

There were many delays, owing to the bad weather incident to the winter season, the inexperience of the canvassers, and the fact that practically all of the work was the voluntary offering of busy women who had to snatch the time from daily duties. Notwithstanding the many drawbacks, in three months the names of 40,000 men and women were secured.

The educational value of petition work was thoroughly demonstrated. It gave opportunity for the distribution of a vast amount of literature and for the discussion of woman suffrage with large numbers of people, and it offered an effective answer to the old stock objection that "women do not want to vote."

Our policy of holding ourselves aloof, as an organization, from all issues but woman suffrage, won for the movement the respect of men of all political parties.

The spring campaign comprised a series of two-day mass meetings, similar to those held in New York during the campaign of 1894. Rev.

Anna Shaw and Elizabeth U. Yates were the speakers, and Mary G. Hay and Harriet May Mills, who had managed the New York mass meetings, were engaged for the same service in California. The series was to begin early in April, and in February Lucy E. Anthony arrived at Headquarters to undertake the voluminous correspondence necessary to make so complicated and extensive an undertaking a success, and I wish to acknowledge here her ability and untiring devotion to this, her special work, in the California campaign.

Early in March arrived our honored National President, Susan B. Anthony, with her private secretary, Emma B. Sweet, whose services Miss Anthony contributed to California; she soon became our Treasurer's assistant and continued in that capacity till the close of the campaign. During the last weeks she was ably aided by Clara Schlingheyder, an expert bookkeeper, who, at the close of her own office hours, cheerfully devoted her evenings to this work, as her contribution to the campaign. This lovely spirit we found over and over again in our young women, who were filled with enthusiasm and entirely forgetful of self.

And Susan B. Anthony! We can never forget her labor of love and devotion to the cause of woman suffrage in California. She counted not her life dear to her so that she could help to awaken the interest of men and women in the great principle to which she has devoted her life. She was not cold, nor hungry, nor tired, nor sleepy, while there was a chance to push forward the work. Throughout the campaign Miss Anthony gave her own services and those of her Secretary without money and without price. She reminds one of the great Niagara, which would be great and wonderful if its waters rolled and dashed for only a short period; but when they roll and dash on ceaselessly, nor ever stop to rest, there the wonder of it all comes in, and we can only gaze, admire and acknowledge the great law, or power, behind it.

In untiring devotion Miss Anthony was the prototype of her associates. Standing at the very center of things, we came to realize and thoroughly appreciate the spirit that animated all. Nothing was too hard or trying to be undertaken. They worked from early morn till late at night sacrificing health and strength, and exhibiting the purest disinterestedness.

The mass meetings began in San Diego, on April 6th, and closed late in June in Humboldt County, which had to be reached by ocean steamer. Forty-six two-day Mass Conventions were held in County seats, including in all about one hundred and ninety meetings, which were held in less than three months. It was a brilliant series, finely conducted by Miss Hay and Miss Mills, and was a success both as to size of audiences and the amount of money raised.

Meanwhile the political State Conventions were being held, and were attended by Miss Anthony, Miss Shaw, Miss Hay, and some of the California leaders: Mrs. Sargent, Mrs. Swift, Mrs. Knox-Goodrich, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. E. O. Smith, Mrs. Blinn, Mrs. Sperry, Mrs. Harper and others, asking for a plank endorsing the suffrage amendment.



On May 3d, just previous to the meeting of the Republican Convention, the *San Francisco Call*, the foremost Republican paper in the State, came out strongly for the amendment. This was a brave stand to take at that time, and it was a potent factor in securing a plank in the Republican platform. Beside this good planks were secured in the Populist, Prohibition, Socialist Labor, and National Party platforms.

At the Democratic Convention we had many staunch friends, but did not secure an endorsement plank. Through the courtesy of John P. Irish, Miss Anthony and Miss Shaw were invited to address the Convention. After their earnest appeal a resolution was introduced endorsing woman suffrage, and received 149 votes, so that we considered that the Democrats had one-fourth of a suffrage plank to stand upon in the campaign, and some of their speakers stood upon it, notably Congressman James G. McGuire.

At the close of the mass meetings, July 1st, the Headquarters were removed from the residence of Mrs. Sargent to the Parrott building, the manager of which donated the use of three rooms until the close of the campaign. The use of two more rooms was afterward granted, as the needs of the campaign increased.

At this time a State Central Committee was chosen from the Joint Committee, with Miss Hay as Chairman, and placed in charge of headquarters. To her able plans of precinct organization, her methods of raising money, her direction of the speakers and the army of organizers, and her general management of the fall campaign, it would be impossible to award too great praise.

The last month of the campaign our National Organizer, Carrie Chapman Catt, came from her labors in Idaho, and aided us with her fine ability and wide experience. Miss Anthony, Miss Shaw and Mrs. Catt, together with all our California women who were speaking for the good cause, could scarcely fill the demand for suffrage speakers. Miss Mills and Ida Hazlett, of Colorado, did very efficient work, as did a legion of California women throughout the campaign. The majority in many of the counties may be attributed directly to local workers.

A word of appreciation is also due to the various religious associations, the Grand Lodge of Good Templars, the State Grange and Farmers' Institutes, and the State and County Teachers' Conventions, for invitations extended to our suffrage speakers and for resolutions of endorsement.

Could every county have been thoroughly canvassed, we should surely have carried the amendment, in spite of the organized opposition of the Liquor Dealers' Association and the treachery of certain politicians.

Official returns show that 110,000 votes were cast for the amendment, that twenty-one counties gave a majority, and the vote was so close in other counties as to show that a little more work would have carried the majorities over to our side. Los Angeles County gave a majority of over three thousand, for which the women of that County are to be congratulated. San Francisco and Alameda Counties fur-

nished the 26,000 votes that defeated the amendment, and in San Francisco there were nearly 30,000 men who did not vote at all upon the question.

I cannot say too much for the spirit manifested by the California women. There was, for the most part, a beautiful harmony and desire to work in concert, the only rivalry being who could do the most in furtherance of our just cause. From hamlet, town, and county came help in some form, and we felt the unmeasured force of a power we had not seen, but without which our work would have been shorn of its strength. The cheerful acquiescence and co-operation in plans issued from Headquarters was most gratifying and inspiring.

In this connection I would remember the Chairman of the Press Committee, Ida A. Harper, of Oakland. She came to us most opportunely, and, with the aid of her efficient committees, did a work through the newspapers of the State, the far-reaching influence of which aided incalculably in creating public sentiment. She gained the respect and interest of every editor and reader of the many newspapers that stood by the amendment from the beginning to the end of the campaign, and made a record that never has been equaled. Her services were a voluntary offering.

The suffrage women of the W. C. T. U. joined nobly with us, putting aside many of their cherished plans for their own special work, and entering into the battle for equal rights with all their strength. Some of their best speakers, notably Sarah M. Severance, devoted pen and voice entirely to its service.

It is impossible to do justice to every one in this hurried report, written on the eve of my departure for Europe, but the omission of the name of any who did valiant work in the campaign is not intentional, but due to lack of time and space.

We rejoice that Idaho has won and has the glory of being the fourth star in the suffrage horizon. But Idaho, with its thirty thousand, does not offer the difficulties of California with its two hundred and seventy thousand voters, and its vast territory and large centers of population.

At the close of the campaign was held the Annual Meeting of the State Suffrage Association, a meeting remarkable for the spirit of determination to continue the organization and keep right on with the work. There was the enthusiasm of victory rather than the discouragement of defeat, and it was resolved to appeal at once to the Legislature for a resubmission of the amendment, and to prepare for another vigorous campaign. At this Convention some of the most able of the leaders were re-elected to office, including Mary A. Swift, Eleanor H. Blinn, Mary S. Sperry, Anna K. Bidwell, Elmira Stevens, Mrs. Lovel White, Mrs. Cotton, Mrs. Oulton, Mrs. Goodrich and Mrs. A. Swift, I leave the work of the coming year with full faith in her wisdom and earnest sincerity.

And now, with a word of hearty greeting to my fellow-workers, and with an abiding hope for the future, I must bid a hasty farewell.

ELLEN C. SARGENT, ex-President.



## MINUTES OF THE SUFFRAGE CONVENTION.

## CALIFORNIA FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

A statement rendered by Dr. Elizabeth Sargent, covering the time from July 1, 1895, to April 1, 1896, when the accounts were turned over to the Joint Campaign Committee, shows as follows:

Receipts, . . . . .	\$2,917 55
Disbursements, . . . . .	2,852 65
Balance, April 1, . . . . .	\$64 90

April 1st—December 16th, 1896.

## Receipts.

General collections at all meetings, . . . . .	\$5,753 54
Collected by Precinct Chairmen, . . . . .	2,050 81
Contributions from individuals and clubs, . . . . .	5,772 78
Sales of photographs, . . . . .	906 85
Sales of badges, . . . . .	538 91
Sales of Leaflets, . . . . .	89 84
Proceeds Metropolitan Temple Concert, . . . . .	215 00
Proceeds Tivoli Concert, . . . . .	409 80
Due on loans, . . . . .	132 00
Balance, April 1, . . . . .	64 90
Total, . . . . .	\$15,934 43

## Disbursements.

Expenses of all meetings, including hall rents, hotels, traveling, etc., . . . . .	\$5,113 28
Salaries of Lecturers and Organizers, . . . . .	6,571 12
Office expenses, including express, postage, stationery, fixtures, etc., . . . . .	2,069 53
Salaries office employes, . . . . .	915 50
Cost of photographs, . . . . .	353 00
Cost of badges, . . . . .	276 51
Cost of Leaflets, . . . . .	429 07
Total, . . . . .	\$15,728 01
Cash on hand, . . . . .	206 42
	\$15,934 43

Making a gross total for the campaign (July 1, 1895 to December 16th, 1896):	
Receipts, . . . . .	\$18,787 08
Disbursements, . . . . .	18,580 66

MARY S. SPERRY,  
Treasurer Joint Campaign Committee.

## CALIFORNIA PRESS WORK.

The power of the press is so fully recognized that it is not necessary to take up time in pointing out how essential it is that its influence should be secured to advance the cause of woman suffrage. There is no one agency in the world which could make as many converts as could be made by a certain amount of space in a daily or weekly paper, in every community, filled with clear and forcible arguments for the political equality of women. My wide experience with newspapers has convinced me that very few of them will refuse to grant this space if it can be filled with entertaining matter.

The most effective argument is made always by a practical application to local matters. For instance, in one suburb of the city of Oakland there were widows and unmarried women owning property valued at \$5,000,000. It was proposed to incorporate this suburb, and all the men from the stone quarries, a large enough number to decide the election, but not one of them owning a dollar's worth of real estate, were brought to the polls by interested parties, and yet not a woman was allowed to vote on this question, which meant so much to her in the way of taxes, valuation of property, etc.

In a small outlying ward of the same city there were no men except those employed by the property-owning women who lived there. These women were assessed \$80 for election expenses in order that their gardeners and hostlers might vote, and yet not one of these women property holders was permitted to cast a ballot.

These incidents, and many more, were used as texts for suffrage articles during the California campaign. The daily happenings of every locality furnish similar instances, and they will convince men, and women, too, of the justice of allowing women a voice in affairs of government, where finely spun arguments from a legal or constitutional standpoint would fall on deaf ears.

Every community can produce one or more women who are competent to do this press work. Let us again take California for an example. The field there was entirely new. There had been practically no press work done. Before the campaign was half over, there was hardly a newspaper in the State that did not have its woman suffrage department. From cross-roads towns, away up in the mountains, off the railroads would come the little country paper with its suffrage column so well edited that it would be a credit to our *Woman's Journal* or *Tribune*. I would write at once to this woman, and to other women whose names I could secure in any way, put them on my press committee, send them literature and keep in touch with them. The work that was done by these women was indeed marvelous.

The great metropolitan dailies of San Francisco set the pace for the other papers of the State. At the beginning of the campaign, the first of April, Miss Anthony and I made the rounds of the newspaper offices. Everywhere we were received with cordiality and assured that the question of woman suffrage would be treated with respect. The *Examiner* offered Miss Anthony a column on its editorial page every Sunday during the entire campaign, space which could not be



bought for less than \$500 per day. The *Chronicle* gave me a column and a half each week. The *Bulletin* gave two columns per week, which were ably conducted by Eliza D. Keith, of San Francisco. The *Report* gave editorial support and a double column each week which was filled by my daughter Winnifred, who had just graduated from Stanford University. The *Post* endorsed editorially, and placed at our disposal two columns a day during the entire campaign, such a contribution to woman suffrage as was never made by any newspaper in the United States or in the world. This was edited throughout all the long months by Dr. Elizabeth Sargent, daughter of the State President, Mrs. A. A. Sargent. She was assisted by a number of excellent writers, not one of whom I could call by name without an injustice to all the rest. In fact I do not feel that I ought to name any one writer in the State, where all did such excellent work, and yet I do believe I am justified in mentioning Mrs. Alice Moore McComas. She superintended, in a most able manner, the press work of Los Angeles and Southern California, and she had her reward in the 3,000 majority given in her own city and the majorities throughout that part of the State.

On the day preceding the Republican State Convention the San Francisco *Call* came out with a leading editorial and a full page, with large head lines, declaring for woman suffrage. With this backing we were able to secure a plank in the Republican platform. The labor papers of San Francisco, the Spanish, Italian and French papers, the leading Jewish paper, the A. P. A. paper, the Socialist-Labor organ, the organ of the colored people, and other papers came out editorially for woman suffrage. The only papers in San Francisco that opposed or ridiculed the work were a few of the weeklies, of no particular influence. The only daily paper in the State which contained an innatured cartoon was the Los Angeles *Times*, and it also opposed the amendment throughout the campaign. The *Chronicle*, after friendly but non-committal editorials, advised its readers, two days before election, to vote against it, and displayed an offensive cartoon on its election bulletin boards. There were not over twenty papers, big and little, daily and weekly, in the entire State, which opposed the amendment.

At the beginning of the campaign we gave orders at the Clipping Bureau for everything said by the California papers on the subject of suffrage. I read these clippings carefully and filed them, and, at the close of the campaign, there were just 9,000 of them. This illustrates the interest that was taken in the question. I watched these clippings closely. Whenever a paper contained an article or editorial in opposition I wrote at once and replied to the objections. When a favorable comment was made, I wrote a letter of thanks to the editor and urged him to continue his valuable assistance. There were 250 newspapers which gave editorial endorsement to the suffrage amendment, and I kept in communication with all of these papers throughout the campaign. After the liquor dealers organized their forces and made their political deals, which resulted in the defeat of the amendment, not one of these papers turned traitor or retreated from its position on the sub-

ject. During the entire campaign our notices were published free of charge, extended reports were given of all the meetings, and I do not think \$5 were spent on the newspapers, although they gave us the value of thousands of dollars of space, type-setting, etc. It is such a record as never was made, and I take great pleasure in paying this tribute to the newspapers of California. The amendment was lost through no failure on their part, and the educational work which they accomplished will be manifest when another campaign is made in that State.

Permit me to close this report with an earnest appeal to every woman to work faithfully and without ceasing through the press of her State, forming a committee for this purpose composed of one woman in every town and city, if possible. Let her utilize this most useful agency in the best and strongest manner, to educate both men and women to a realizing sense of the importance of this vital question of woman suffrage, in order that they may be ready for it when it becomes an issue in their own State.

IDA H. HARPER,  
Chairman California Press Committee.

#### ARKANSAS EQUAL SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

No new clubs have been organized, but sentiment is growing rapidly. At the W. C. T. U. State Convention, three of Little Rock's prominent ministers favored the ballot for women as a means of much needed reforms. The need of a female physician in the Insane Asylum has been agitated in daily papers and we have a fair prospect of this reform being accomplished.

During the spring the President gave ten parlor talks upon "The Progress of Women." These meetings were well attended, and will be resumed this winter, when it is hoped to resolve this club into a study club with programs suggested by the National Bulletin. Mrs. Lide Meriwether lectured to full houses twice in April.

CLARA A. McDIARMID, President.

#### COLORADO EQUAL SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

In submitting to your honorable and noble body, our Annual Report, it is with the wish that you may believe that as an organization, we are heartily in sympathy with the high aims that control your actions, and that furthermore, we realize more fully each year, the importance of the cause in which we are all enlisted.

We are in a better condition financially, this year, and are full of courage and enthusiasm for the work. Through the efficient management of our President, coupled with a great deal of labor in the way of correspondence, very material aid was rendered Idaho.

About one hundred dollars were used in sending our popular lecturer, Mary C. C. Bradford, to that State. While that amount of money is not easily collected for outside States, and caused our Presi-



dent some trouble, still it was an inconsiderable remuneration to the one whose tour was full of hardship and fatigue. However, the results pay all debts.

Notwithstanding anything that may be said to the contrary, our leading women are, and, in fact, have been since the granting of suffrage, deeply interested in the cause, and we assure you that there is not the slightest inclination on the part of any to withdraw from the field, which year by year, is yielding to the power of equality and justice.

You may depend upon ours as a permanent organization, one that will use its influence to maintain the sanctity of the home, to promote better legislation in municipal, State and National governments, and to ever hold sacred and foster the fires of purity and patriotism in the broadest sense of the terms.

THEODOSIA G. AMMONS, Secretary.

### CONNECTICUT WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

There are four local clubs in the State now, and their reports show a fairly wide-awake condition of things. The best of these is the Wilimantic Equal Rights Club, and at the last election that town gave nearly a thousand women's votes, while even Hartford had but little over three hundred. The Meriden Political Equality Club started out with most promising hopes of success under the \$10,000 gift of ex-Mayor Lewis, of Meriden, but for the past few years little or nothing has been realized from this fund, owing to a large part of the investments having proved failures. They hope now to realize something if the Trustees will turn it over to them.

Our State Association has printed some tracts and circulars the past year, and has now planned for some vigorous work at the Legislature this winter. The Superintendent of Press Work, Ella B. Kendrick, of Hartford, reports that she sends each week to some twenty leading papers of the State the type-written articles sent out from National Headquarters. She says the editors are generally willing to publish the articles, though some prefer fresh suffrage news to the matter sent out from Headquarters, which they call "dead stuff." The Superintendent has made arrangements with woman suffragists in different parts of the State to keep a close watch of the papers, and if articles against suffrage for women appear, to answer them immediately. It is but seldom that an editor refuses an article where the signature appears with it. It is felt that the Press Work is one of the most important helps to the suffrage movement.

FRANCES ELLEN BURR, Secretary.

### DELAWARE EQUAL SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

At the beginning of 1896 the State had five clubs.

On February 12th, 1896, Mrs. Catt attended a meeting of the State Executive Committee, held in Wilmington. Mary C. C. Bradford, of Colorado, and Laura A. Gregg, of Kansas, were sent us by the National Organization Committee, the 4th of March, and held meetings wherever possible during March and April.

This work increased the organizations from five to fifteen clubs. They also visited points where clubs were already in existence and added to their membership. Before leaving the State, they, with Mrs. Catt's assistance, formed County organizations.

Sussex County Convention was held at Georgetown, on April 27th and 28th, with almost all the clubs represented by delegates; large mass meetings were held in the evening.

On the 29th and 30th, Kent County was organized at Dover; while Dover was the only town that contained an organization, several towns sent representatives. New Castle County was organized on April 30th, and May 1st a Convention was held at Newport. All the clubs of the County were represented, and well-attended meetings held in the evening.

The Chairman of the National Organization Committee still feeling solicitous about the State, sent Mrs. Davenport in May to visit the clubs and hold parlor meetings. November 27th the State Convention was held in Wilmington.

December 7th Miss Hay came to us to assist in arranging for petition work and securing a hearing before the Constitutional Convention. The petitions were circulated throughout the State and presented at the time of the hearing before the Convention, January 13th. Mrs. Catt was the principal speaker at the hearing, and made a very favorable impression on the delegates. No action has been taken on the subject, but we sincerely hope that by the time the National Convention is in session, Delaware women will be free.

MARTHA S. CRANSTON, President.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

1. Number of Clubs in District, 2, Senior and Junior.
2. Aggregate membership, 160.
3. Number of Regular Meetings, 10.
4. Number of Public Meetings, 10.
5. Legislative Work Done. For this I refer you to the report of Mrs. Ellen Powell Thompson, Chairman of the Congressional Committee.
6. Amount of Money Collected, \$143.00.
7. Amount of Money Expended, \$129.00.
8. Number of Representatives on School Boards, 2.



8. Attitude of City Papers. Friendly.  
 9. Is there a Gain in Sentiment? Yes.  
 While we are under no moral obligation to complete the payment of the "Bust Fund," there were a few who felt that special effort should be made to pay the indebtedness; consequently a concert was given in April last by which we were enabled to hand to Mrs. Adelaide Johnson the handsome sum of \$273.33.  
 At our January meeting we were very glad to welcome among us the Junior League. Under the efficient leadership of Miss Della Mussey, this branch of our Association promises to become a felt force in the District.

CORA DE LAMATYR THOMAS, President.

### WOMAN'S EQUAL SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION IN GEORGIA.

But little organized suffrage work has been accomplished in our State during 1896, because all the State officers, except the two Vice-Presidents, resigned early in the year.

There are only two Auxiliary Associations that have reported progress, and only one, the Atlanta Equal Suffrage Association, has paid State dues. However, we have elected a new Board of Officers, and intend to continue the work.

We find that the Press of Atlanta, our capital city, is always courteous and willing to give space for our meeting notices and articles on suffrage.

Our last Legislature made women eligible to the office of State Librarian, and to the efforts of Miss Dortch, the Assistant Librarian, it is conceded this change is due. She is one of the many candidates for the position, but many express grave apprehensions as to her success, since she has no vote, and the many men who wish the position can materially assist the Governor when he is a candidate for United States Senator.

As Miss Dortch has in times past severely criticised the woman suffragists, and declared she had all the rights she wanted, her friends and well-wishers claim that she will be able to bear the defeat with equanimity.

MARY L. McLENDON, President.

### ILLINOIS EQUAL SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

During the past year the work has been principally along educational lines.

In the autumn letters were written to the Secretaries of the County Fair Associations, asking them to put Equal Suffrage speakers on their programs. Many responded favorably, but asked the Association to send the speakers. This was done, the Association bearing the expense. The speakers were well received, and the speeches listened to with close attention by many who are not usually reached by the ordinary lecture. A large number of letters were written to the Federated Woman's Clubs of the state, asking them to arrange for

the discussion of Equal Suffrage on some day set apart for that purpose, the Association offering to send speakers if desired. A large number of courteous responses were received, but the request was generally declined for various reasons. However, this action was a means of education, as each Club had to discuss the question to some extent even to decline the offer.

To extend the work into new fields the Association planned an extended trip by Laura M. Johns, and sent out five hundred circulars to different towns, asking them to make arrangements for meetings. Many favorable responses were received, but sudden sickness in Mrs. Johns' family made it necessary for her to cancel the engagement. The demand for speakers is so great that arrangements will be made to send some National speaker over the territory planned for Mrs. Johns. A new paper, *The Woman's Forum*, was born in January, the official organ of the State Association, and is published monthly under the direction of the State Executive Committee.

*The Suffragist*, edited by Hon. M. B. Castle, closed its life of five years in December. It had lived by the kindness and generosity of its editor, who felt that five years were all the time he could give of his busy life to its publication. *The Woman's Forum* takes the place of *The Suffragist*.

MARY E. HOLMES, President.

### IOWA WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

Through the solicitations of our late President, M. Lloyd Kennedy, last winter a fund was raised for organization purposes. Besides her printed appeals, she wrote two hundred and fifty letters, distributing literature in each, gave a number of public addresses and participated in two public debates where the affirmative was overwhelmingly victorious.

With the organization fund, supplemented from the general fund, the State Organizer formed twenty-six new clubs, demonstrating, by her experience, that it is much easier to organize where there is a District Organization than where there is none.

The Superintendent of Press Work secured forty-two newspapers that now publish the articles sent out from the National Headquarters, besides many that will publish original suffrage matter whenever offered.

There was \$455 spent in carrying on the work of the State during the year. Sixty-one clubs paid dues. Total membership, 780.

Petition work was carried on but not as extensively as usual, our Legislature having thrown the petitions into the waste basket when there were a great many names enrolled, or holding them up in derision if there were not more than 10,000 names.

The Superintendent of Fair Work wrote over one hundred letters, distributing literature with each.

The Corresponding Secretary wrote about six hundred letters to clubs in making routes for speakers, and to the various political con-



vention managers and candidates ; but like all the heads of departments (each of whose out-put of letters ran into scores) but a small minority were replied to.

A delegate was sent to St. Louis to work with the N. A. W. S. A. at the Republican Convention.

At the suffrage cottage on the State Fair Ground, very much good has been accomplished for many years by the distribution of literature, by the petition work, and through interchange of ideas by suffragists from all parts of the State.

The "Woman's Standard" was revived by action of a majority of the Executive Committee, but it is not yet self-sustaining.

ADELAIDE BALLARD, President.

C. HOLT FLINT, Cor. Secretary.

### KANSAS EQUAL SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

Number of Clubs in State, 22.  
Aggregate membership, 412.

Charlotte Perkins Stetson spent June in the State delivering 27 addresses. She came specially to address the Chautauqua Assembly at Winfield on Suffrage Day. We were proud to introduce Mrs. Stetson to the people of Kansas, and hope to have her with us again.

Laura A. Gregg donated a month's time to organization work just after the State Convention ; she formed nine clubs, and added 212 to the membership of the Association. Miss Gregg was elected State Organizer at the Convention, and we hope to have her in the field in the near future.

A bill asking for bond suffrage has been already introduced into the Legislature.

About \$300 was collected and expended during the year. A little paper, called *The Kansas Suffrage Reveille*, was started last March, intended as a means of communication between the Executive Committee and the Auxiliaries; it has successfully fulfilled its mission.

A considerable quantity of literature has been sent out from headquarters, and auxiliaries and individuals have also been engaged in this good work.

We have not succeeded in getting a working Press Committee, the chairman having been in bad health the greater part of the year. Reports from twenty counties state that the majority of the newspapers will print whatever is sent them. We believe that this is true all over the state.

We sent out a circular letter of inquiry to every county in the state, as to the number of women on school boards, etc. About one-half reported. In 46 counties 554 women are members of school boards.

Of 105 counties 20 have women superintendents of schools. Several cities have women mayors, and at Gaylord the whole city government is "manned" by women.

Women have been elected to several county offices.

In conclusion, we can say that the Executive Committee feel encouraged at the outlook, and believe that conditions are good for actively pushing the work of organization.

The prospects of a constitutional convention are now exceedingly doubtful, but we do not feel that this is altogether to be regretted.

B. B. BAIRD, Cor. Sec.

### KENTUCKY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.

The evening of January 16th, 1896, Mrs. Henry, Miss Clay and Mrs. Farmer spoke in the House of Representatives. The bills in which we were particularly interested were, (a) The Co-Guardianship of Children, (b) Submission of a Constitutional Amendment that will allow the General Assembly to grant Woman Suffrage at its discretion, (c) Women to be made eligible as Trustees of the State Agricultural and Mechanical College, (d) School Suffrage for Women.

The women of the third and fourth-class cities sent petitions asking for a change in their city charters, that the women of their cities might be made eligible as members of the Boards of Education and qualified to vote for the same. The petitions sent from Paducah, Ludlow and Richmond were signed by their City Councils, city officials, prominent educators, business men, ministers, lawyers and many women.

The bill raising the "age of consent" was placed in the hands of Mrs. Stockwell, a special committee. Mrs. S. A. Charles was made a special committee on Houses of Reform; this bill, whose main features were originally drafted by Mrs. Charles, Mrs. Beauchamp and Miss Clay, was revised and ably presented by Senator Bronston, passed both houses without discussion, and was signed at once by the Governor. The bill provides for two separate institutions, one for girls and one for boys, and the general supervision and government of said institutions is vested in a board of six trustees, three women and three men, to be appointed by the Governor. This he has already done.

The Governor has appointed Dr. Kathryn Hauser, of Lexington, assistant physician in the Woman's Department of the Western Insane Asylum at Hopkinsville, Ky.

Several of the local Associations have adopted the Political Science Study, and have taken up the second year's course. The Woman's Club of Central Kentucky has introduced this course in one of its departments. A few of the Associations have contributed to the National Organization.

The Superintendent of Press Work, Mrs. Humphries, reports that she has received from National Headquarters thirty articles by prominent men and women suffragists, which she has distributed to newspapers throughout the State. About seven thousand pages of literature have been distributed by the local associations.

LAURA CLAY, President.  
EUGENIA B. FARMER, Cor. Secretary.



## LOUISIANA WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

The most important item to be reported is that Louisiana has at last made a movement towards organized work. For some time the suffrage work was limited to one Association, the Portia Club of New Orleans. During 1896 a division in this club occurred, thus giving the parish of Orleans two clubs, and furnishing an opportunity for the organization of the present State Association.

The new Association adopted the name of the Era Club. These two organizations met in the early part of the present year, and formed a State Association, electing as their President, Caroline E. Merrick, our pioneer in Louisiana. The State Association has not as yet received any record of clubs organized outside of Orleans parish.

The Portia Club has been instrumental in having passed a bill to give married women the right to deposit and withdraw money from savings banks without the consent of their husbands, a right not before accorded them in law.

The Era Club has touched the public pulse on the subject of woman's representation upon the school board. Our law provides for such representation, but while enforced in some of the country parishes, it is a dead letter in New Orleans. A committee of the Era Club, of which Evelyn Ordway was chairman, circulated a petition, asking that a woman be appointed to a vacancy then existing on the school board; the petition went to the City Council with the signatures of the representative men of the community; the editors of all the leading newspapers not only signed but also gave editorial indorsement to it. Notwithstanding the strength of the petition, and the law upon the subject, a man was appointed to the place.

KATHARINE NOBLES, Delegate.

## MAINE WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

Our State Woman's Suffrage Society does not have a large membership, but there are about three-score and ten individuals belonging to it who are alive to the work and its interests. It also has many co-workers in the ranks of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union who have been doing good work in every county in the State. The W. C. T. U. has a membership of over five thousand in Maine and probably every one of them is a woman suffragist.

Our Maine Woman Suffrage Association has auxiliary societies in Saco, Portland and Waterville, all alive and in earnest. The Portland Club is now pursuing the systematic and thorough study of Political Science.

A bill is before the Legislature now in session asking again for the municipal ballot for women and numerous petitions have been presented to support it.

HANNAH J. BAILEY, President.

## MARYLAND WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

Six new suffrage clubs were formed and about one hundred and twenty new members were enrolled in Maryland during the past year.

The Baltimore Society leads all the others, and with a membership of seventy-five we are confident its career of usefulness is assured. The brave attempt of six Baltimore women to secure the right of citizenship and the appointment of another on the Jail Board of Visitors are proofs that our principles are beginning to be exemplified in Maryland. Let it be here recorded that the very first official act of our representative on the Jail Board was to investigate the quality of the bread served to prisoners and to arrange for the substitution of a good for an inferior article.

Mrs. Chapman Catt, Miss Slack, Miss Gregg, Mrs. Bradford, Mrs. Davenport and Mrs. Welles delivered a number of suffrage addresses in different parts of Maryland in 1896. The State President was invited to speak before a temperance camp meeting and considerable literature has been circulated.

The only suffrage club in Montgomery, one of our largest counties, has decided to hold migratory sessions and thus endeavor to awaken interest in sections where no suffrage meetings have ever been held.

Mrs. Caroline H. Miller was given the office and title of Honorary President of Maryland in recognition of past services and of the fact that, as far as known, she organized the first Woman Suffrage Association south of Mason and Dixon's line.

MARY BENTLEY THOMAS, President.

## MASSACHUSETTS WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

We sent to the Legislature petitions with 7,780 signatures from 79 cities and towns, asking for presidential and municipal suffrage, and for the submission of an amendment. Three hearings were given before different committees. In spite of a favorable committee report, the municipal and presidential suffrage bills were defeated, and the constitutional amendment was referred to the next Legislature. A bill to permit women to vote on the license question was defeated in the House, 104 to 81.

The Association and its local auxiliaries held more than 200 meetings; united with the New England W. S. A. in a large festival in May, and had well attended fortnightly gatherings at the State headquarters, with lectures and discussions. Mrs. Mary Clarke Smith was kept in the field as State organizer for seven months. She re-organized Leagues at Watertown and Springfield; organized new ones at Rockport, Pittsfield, Easthampton, Great Barrington, South Egremont, and North Adams, and formed committees on organization at Williamsburg, Cummington, Lee, Stockbridge, Sheffield, Greenfield, Holyoke, Westfield, and Northampton. The Association sent a speaker free of charge to every Woman's Club or other society willing to hear the subject presented. It printed six leaflets; distributed 12,952 pages of litera-



ture among the colleges, and a large amount among religious denominations, and sold \$222.10 worth of literature, mostly leaflets, at 15 and 30 cents per hundred.

During the year the Association received \$4,349.40 and expended \$2,940.29. In spite of the reaction following the mock referendum, the society has increased its membership, and this year sent to the N. A. W. S. A. the largest amount of dues in its history.

HENRY B. BLACKWELL, Secretary.

### MASSACHUSETTS NATIONAL WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

The National Woman Suffrage Association of Massachusetts held six meetings in 1896. We have spent much time in measures helpful to women and children. One of these was the early closing of stores, the result being that all the principal stores in Boston were closed at 5 p.m. every day and on Saturdays at 12 m. through the entire summer.

House Bill 625 received earnest consideration. It started with a most innocent appearance, under the title, "A Bill to Enlarge the Powers of the Police Commissioners of Boston." In reality it asked that the powers of the police force be so extended as to allow them to issue permits for the keeping of houses of commercial sexual intercourse with authority for inspection and control of such houses. Other organizations joined ours against it with the result that House Bill 625 became a thing of the past, but the vigilant suffragists will not forget that we must at all times keep watch lest such harmful bills become laws.

The subject of Child Insurance claimed attention, and we advocated a "Bill to Prohibit Child Insurance" on account of the injury to families by absorbing the means which should be expended for food, clothes and other necessities of good living, in the payment of policies, and also it was considered almost a premium for child murder by neglect.

Instead of the entertainment in May, proposed by the Organization Committee, to raise funds for its work, we voted to take five dollars from our treasury and send at once to the National Treasurer. In November, our President, Dr. Merritt, was made a committee from our Association to act with the Massachusetts School Suffrage Association to send the Legislature a petition that women shall have the same opportunity as men in registration. That petition we have reason to believe will not, like so many other petitions, "have leave to withdraw."

SALOME MERRITT, President.  
LAVINA A. HATCH, Secretary.

### MICHIGAN EQUAL SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

At the Annual Convention of Michigan Equal Suffrage Association, held in Pontiac, in May, much stress was laid upon the necessity for organization, and a small amount pledged for this work from clubs and individuals.

In September it was found that the general interest in national politics would effectually preclude the work planned by the Organization Committee.

In December the State Federation of Labor met in Lansing, and our Association sent Mrs. Mary L. Doe as a fraternal delegate to the Convention. She was cordially received and the active sympathy of the leaders of organized labor publicly pledged to the suffrage movement.

Realizing fully from the loss of the amendment in California, after such unexampled effort, the futility of any present attempt to amend the Constitution of Michigan, while resolving to prosecute the work of organization as fast as possible, the President of the State Society of organization as fast as possible, the President of 1897, inquiring wrote to every member-elect of the Legislature of 1897, inquiring his attitude toward woman suffrage, and after receiving replies, if favorable, wrote a second letter giving reasons why its friends should withhold offering an amendment to the voters at this session. A total of 184 letters were written. This has accomplished a double purpose, that of waiving undesirable legislation and of giving us the names of forty-seven members of the present session who are friends of woman's political equality.

Last month the West Bay City Twentieth Century Club was organized, making three new auxiliaries last year, the present number being twelve, with a membership of three hundred and nine.

MAY STOCKING KNAGGS, President.  
EDITH FRANCES HALL, Secretary.

### MINNESOTA WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

Some of the money pledged to the National the preceding year has been paid.

Mrs. Martha Adams Thompson has been appointed Press Superintendent, and several papers of the State publish suffrage news. Mrs. Jennie Crays has been made President of the Minneapolis School Board, which position makes her a member of the Library Board.

Our Organization is represented in the Woman's Council. Over seven thousand women tried to get within hearing distance of a presidential candidate who made in Minneapolis the first political speech in the world's history addressed to women only.

Early in the year new clubs were organized at Red Wing, Lake City, Excelsior and Minneapolis. Several clubs previously organized have failed to report or pay dues. We trust they are not dead, but



only sleeping, and may yet be aroused to action. The President has given one month's work to lecturing and visiting clubs in the State, but during that part of the year when one can travel best in a northern climate, she was traversing New Mexico and Oklahoma under direction of the National American Woman Suffrage Association.

JULIA BULLARD NELSON, President.

### MISSOURI WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

During 1896 the state of Missouri has held two suffrage conventions, attended by National officers, which will ever stand as our golden milestones from which to measure our steps of progress in the future.

During the past six months hundreds of letters have been written, and while not all have been answered, the many received have given evidence of a growing interest in woman's advancement. Nearly 200 copies of the "Prospectus" of the course of study have been sent out, resulting in several new study clubs.

Seventy-five copies of a brief outline of the study course were sent to an equal number of newspapers in as many county seats, with a note to the editor asking him to have the same published; this found a few friends for us.

A number of new clubs have been formed, besides old ones being revived. We are entering upon our work slowly but surely.

Since June \$100.45 has been received from all sources, and the Association has expended \$117.25.

By personal effort 120 members have been added to the Association in Jasper County.

The Century Club of Carthage is an idealization of Mrs. Chapman Catt's plan of carrying on a study club. The club numbers 100 members, and is divided into five sections of twenty members each; each section is officered and independent of the other for study, but one for all general meetings and receptions that may be given by the club as a whole. The club has in use seventy-five copies of Fiske's "Civil Government," and one hundred and twenty pamphlets on the money question, at a cost of nearly \$80.00.

Each section meets once in two weeks at the homes of the members in alphabetical order, and a leader is appointed each time for the next lesson; in connection with the regular lesson each member has some current topic of news, and one-half hour is given to this each time. No papers are allowed; all discussion is oral, that we may learn to express ourselves fluently and connectedly, and no lunches are permitted to be served to the club at its regular meetings.

Since our organization four receptions have been given to prominent women passing our way, each of whom gave us a short talk along the lines of suffrage, and as a result of the six months' agitation the sentiment of the town is thoroughly aroused upon the question of suffrage.

The work for 1897 has already been begun by sending out nearly a thousand copies of a circular letter, together with an article furnished by the National headquarters, to the editors of the Missouri journals.

The Woman's Federation, which held its first annual meeting in Kansas City in January, sent two bills to the Legislature, one asking that women may serve on school boards, and the other that a state board of charities be established, and half of its members be women.

ELLA HARRISON, President.

### MONTANA WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

During April, May and June of 1896, Mrs. De Voe visited Montana, returning to some of the places visited by her in 1895, reviving the collapsed Associations and organizing where she had failed before. From the originals which never died, those resuscitated and one formed this month, we have fourteen clubs, not including the city of Butte, which has organized seven distinct clubs.

In the Helena Club the first year's course of study was taken up by only part of the Association, but this year the entire club meet and study the second year's course under a regular leader.

The Helena Business Woman's Club was formed in June, 1896, with nine charter members and now has fifty-three.

Our summary of work cannot but be imperfect with incomplete reports from so many of the local clubs, but including the East Helena Association just lately formed, Montana has two hundred and eighty-two woman suffragists, who are better equipped for educating the people along the political lines and good government, than they were a year ago. Let us go forward resolved that another Convention shall find us five hundred strong.

DELIA A. KELLOGG, Cor. Secretary.

### NEBRASKA WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

Our Annual Meeting was held at Long Pine during the Chautauqua with a view to interesting in suffrage work a section of the State remote from all previous effort. Mrs. Colby spent nearly two months in the State last summer working up the annual meeting and lecturing elsewhere. New societies were formed at Crawford and Aurora. Woman's Day was held at the Table Rock Chautauqua under the auspices of the local suffrage society and W. C. T. U. Mrs. Colby was the speaker for the former and the arrangement was so satisfactory that the State Suffrage Association was invited to hold its annual meeting there this year. Mrs. Colby, assisted by Miss Elizabeth Abbott, addressed the Resolution Committee of the National Political Conventions on behalf of the State W. S. A. All this helps to irritate politicians into remembering women and their claims as citizens.

There have been several measures in our present Legislative session. The one especially endorsed by the suffragists is a memorial



to Congress asking for the submission of a suffrage amendment to the National Constitution. A member introduced into the House of his own accord, a bill to submit a suffrage amendment to the State Constitution. This has been defeated, but the suffragists do not regret this as it requires a majority of all the votes cast at the election to carry an amendment in Nebraska, and men find it impossible to obtain this even for measures in which they are deeply interested. A bill for municipal suffrage has been prepared by Mrs. Zara A. Wilson for the W. C. T. U., as also a bill to allow men and women to vote on equal terms on a property qualification on matters relating to issue of bonds.

Nebraska has sent money to help the Idaho campaign, but this has been almost entirely from the Chadron W. S. A. or personally contributed by the State Treasurer, Mary Smith Hayward, of Chadron.

Nebraska women, under the leadership of Mary Fairbrother, editor of the *Woman's Weekly*, helped to defeat (because of his treachery to a woman) the Republican candidate for re-election to the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

CLARA BEWICK COLBY, President.

#### NEVADA STATE SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

We are proud to say that the past year has been most successful. Our former President, Frances A. Williamson, made a lecture tour of our State, being in the field three months. We have gone over more ground and have gained more in public sentiment than some other States have in four or five years. Every county is represented in the State Association.

Our legislative work is progressing very satisfactorily. We have reason to believe that the Suffrage Amendment will be submitted to the voters at election of 1898. We will continue to work with renewed energy for the ensuing two years.

ELDA A. ORR, President.

FRANCES A. WILLIAMSON, Secretary pro tem.

#### NEW JERSEY STATE WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

Our principal work has been that for the restoration to the women of our State, of their right to vote for members of Boards of Education.

The right to vote on all other questions at school meetings, including those relating to appropriations, is still retained by the women of our State, and also that of serving as School Trustees when elected by the votes of men.

An amendment to the Constitution of New Jersey, restoring to women full suffrage at school meetings, was passed by the Legislature of our State in March last, by a practically unanimous vote in both Houses. If it passes another Legislature it will be voted upon in November, 1897. It had passed the previous Legislature (that of 1895), but as it was decided to have the amendments of that year al-

tered in 1896, ours received a slight verbal alteration also, so cannot be voted on until 1897. The Knights of Labor have offered to endorse this proposed amendment.

In March, circulars were sent to three hundred New Jersey newspapers, and published by many of them, urging women to attend school meetings and to exercise the rights of franchise still left to them.

We have co-operated with the National Association in endeavoring to form classes for the study of Political Science and have met with encouraging success.

The President and Corresponding Secretary visited Camden in May and helped organize a suffrage league in that city. The President will visit Moorestown, January 27th, when it is expected that a League will be formed, and workers in Salem County hope soon to organize a League there. Addresses on suffrage have been made in our State by Carrie Chapman Catt, Mary C. C. Bradford and Mrs. Howard Stansbury, of Colorado, Miss Jane Campbell, of Pennsylvania, Miss Laura E. Holmes, Celia B. Whitehead, and a number of other New Jersey ladies, including officers of the State Association.

Our Association has expended during 1896 the sum of \$86.04 and contributed to the National Organization Fund (although the money did not pass through the Treasurer's hands) the sum of \$150.00, and for the Suffrage Campaign in California the sum of \$50.00.

FLORENCE HOWE HALL, President.

#### NEW MEXICO EQUAL SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

With reluctance we report the status of equal suffrage work in New Mexico, not that we have neglected work we could have done, but because of the very hard times making it impossible to do more. Public sentiment is steadily advancing concerning the civil privileges of women.

Last year we regretted so little done and said that

"Where the vanguard camps to-day  
The rear shall rest to-morrow."

We have done little resting or camping, but we think the rear of 1897 is far in advance of the van-guard of 1896.

The corner-stone of the Republic is composed of the hearth-stones of the nation, and we have succeeded in having the equal suffrage problem discussed around the hearth-stones of New Mexico.

MRS. J. D. PERKINS, President.



## NEW YORK STATE WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

On the occasion of the mid-year executive meeting, there were held some additional and enthusiastic public meetings. We recommend similar meetings to other State Associations.

We find them a benefit to State work, which occasionally lags a little if nothing of special note intervenes between annual meetings.

Our State Association was represented at the St. Louis Republican Convention by Mrs. Lillie Devereux Blake, who felt that there was a slight recognition of the woman question in that platform.

In our annual convention at Rochester in November, 1896, more counties were represented than ever before, but New York has had her evidence of financial depression; the members paying dues were less than the year before.

Our receipts were \$2,486.80, our expenditures \$1,989.02, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$497.58.

The meeting was one of marked success, but there came to the Association a great misfortune in the retirement of its beloved and able President, Mrs. Jean Brooks Greenleaf. The continued illness of her husband made further service in this office impossible, but we still hold her as a prize upon our Executive Board.

Our chairman of the Press Committee reported a great change in the attitude of the press. Papers that would have nothing to do with suffrage matter two years ago are using it freely now.

In 1895 the chairman sent to 150 papers; she now sends to 253. Fifty-three of these are using free stereotyped matter, and we are only limited in this distribution by the money at command. A great many more papers are willing to take it in this way than we can supply. They are, of course, the smaller locals, but are quite likely to be read by as many people as in large city papers, where people would probably read only the head-lines, so much else claims the attention.

Our total expense last year in this direction was \$438.10, and we consider the money spent in the best possible manner.

We have an Industrial Committee to investigate the condition of wage-earners, and arouse them to organize for political equality. Delegates were sent to the labor organization meetings in Albany in this present month, and also to the State Grange, in both of which our cause is warmly supported.

A large number of our Suffrage Clubs have adopted the National Course of Study, several of them having formed study sections with weekly meetings. They report these to be of great interest, and in some places it secures the co-operation of men, which is always a desirable feature.

Our Convention was honored with the presence of Mrs. Antoinette Brown Blackwell, the schoolmate, and later the sister-in-law of Lucy Stone. Another honored guest was Harriet Tubman, the now aged colored woman, renowned in anti-slavery days as a heroine of underground railroad fame. She braved innumerable perils to secure the freedom of a great number of fugitive slaves.

Most notable of all was the welcome given to our California veterans just back from the field. The convention rejoiced, and Rochester entered in with the most successful banquet ever given by a Political Equality Club. The city honored its most illustrious citizen—your beloved President—and so we close with a trumpet blast, one that inspired us to an active year.

Our organizers are at work; our press superintendent is full of energy and industry; our legislative committee is earnest and painstaking, and our Corresponding Secretary is ideal.

MARIANA W. CHAPMAN, President.

## NORTH CAROLINA EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.

The gains for woman suffrage have been slowly increasing during the past year. New members have been added and fresh impetus been given to the work.

At eight different places I have delivered addresses on equal rights for women. Some of the old prejudices are wearing away. I have been invited to speak in the State Normal School and also in a church, and five men voted for me for Congress.

Bills have been brought before this Legislature asking for woman suffrage, and asking that women may be eligible for appointment as notaries public. These have been defeated. However, there have been several bills passed prohibiting women from being worked on the chain gang on public roads in certain counties; this is a slight improvement on the old system.

HELEN MORRIS LEWIS, President.

## OHIO WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

Our Association has devoted its energies for the past year to organization. Rev. Henrietta Moore and Laura Gregg together organized suffrage societies in seventeen towns and cities.

Owing to several causes, but chiefly to the unprecedented interest and excitement incident to the Presidential campaign, the State Convention was not held last autumn. Owing to this fact, doubtless, several of the new clubs have not come into as close sympathy with the State Association as could be wished. The State Chairman of Organization visited seven places, and added to the membership of each club she visited. Ohio has now forty-five societies, and there is a great deal of suffrage sentiment ready to be organized whenever the money and ability requisite can be found.

In Ohio's last report to the National, it was mentioned that the O. W. S. A. had memorialized the Legislature in favor of a then pending bill to raise the age of consent from 14 to 18 years. Since that time the bill amended has become a law, and the age of protection for girls is now 16 years.

Previous to the school elections of March, 1896, the State President wrote an open letter to the women of Ohio, urging them to acknowl-



edge their responsibility and their appreciation of the right conferred upon them by voting for school directors. She secured its publication in the daily papers throughout the state, and it undoubtedly had great influence. Women voted in large numbers, and in many instances women were elected as School Directors.

The Executive Committee of the State Association held their last meeting in Cleveland, December 9th, 1896. During the meeting it was stated that the Ohio State Board of Commerce was that day in session at Columbus, to consider the revision of the State Constitution. A telegram was despatched to them by the Executive Committee, requesting them in their deliberations to consider the elimination of the words "white male" from Section 1 of Article 5 of the Constitution.

At the last Washington Convention, Caroline McCullough Everhard, our State President, pledged to the National Organization Committee \$100 for herself and \$100 for Ohio, both of which pledges have been paid.

C. McCULLOUGH EVERHARD, President.  
JUSTINE I. BALDWIN, Rec. Sec.

#### OKLAHOMA EQUAL SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

The Equal Suffrage Association in Oklahoma, effected a little more than one year ago, has made some progress during the year.

The suffrage cause, like every other good thing that has found its way into our borders, has suffered much from the unsettled condition of the territory. Notwithstanding many discouragements we have not become disheartened, but rather more determined to work out our salvation. We have been preparing to submit a bill before the Legislature now in session.

During the past summer Julia B. Nelson, of Red Wing, Minn., spent three months in the territory, organizing new clubs and strengthening old ones. Her earnest and self-sacrificing labors in behalf of equal suffrage for Oklahoma cannot be too highly praised.

The year's work closed in November, with a rousing convention at Perry. Laura M. Johns was the chief speaker, and her presence did much to encourage and inspire our workers to greater effort. We had now with us at the capital city trying to lead us to victory. We had hoped ere this to send the news flying over the country that our brothers in Oklahoma had considered it a privilege to make their sisters equal with them at the ballot-box. But the bill is still pending, and we continue to hope that success will crown our efforts.

CELIA Z. TITUS, President.  
SARA L. BOSWORTH, Recording Secretary.  
MARGARET REES, Corresponding Secretary.  
EVA A. CROSBY, Treasurer.

#### OREGON STATE EQUAL SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

The State Equal Suffrage Association has held thirty-six regular meetings and four great mass meetings within the year. It also held, in June, a very successful and popular Woman's Congress, at which our honored National President, Susan B. Anthony, and our beloved Pacific Coast co-worker, the late lamented Sarah B. Cooper, were our welcome guests and helpers.

We also held an Equal Suffrage Headquarters at the Willamette Valley Chautauquan Assembly for ten days, during which a general dissemination of suffrage sentiment was strikingly manifest. Rev. Anna Shaw visited us at Chautauqua, and her masterly addresses were accorded universal praise.

Our constitutional amendment, proposed two years ago, awaits ratification by the present Assembly. But our Solons are the victims of a "hold up" among themselves, which thus far delays organization, so there is little to report at present except that we have no doubt of our success when the Legislature gets down to its work in legal form.

ABIGAIL SCOTT DUNIWAY, President.

#### PENNSYLVANIA WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

February, 1896, Mary G. Hay and Elizabeth U. Yates were engaged as organizers to make a tour through the western part of our State. They visited twenty towns and cities, and closed their month's work by a series of meetings in Pittsburg and Allegheny. They formed eighteen new clubs, most of them in places where suffrage meetings had never been held.

Laura Gregg visited the clubs of the eastern part of the State, and organized ten new clubs. She also paid her salary and expenses by the collections taken up at her meetings, and added a total of 150 members.

A little later Mary C. C. Bradford, of Colorado, visited the newly formed clubs of the western part of the State. A number of these clubs give great promise, while others, unfortunately, have perished.

The President sent letters of greeting to all the newly formed clubs and spent three days in the Pittsburg and Allegheny meetings. Our organization work in 1896 cost over \$1,000, about \$750 of which came from a Yellow Ribbon Bazaar held in Philadelphia in 1895; the balance was collected at the meetings.

The Press Committee, under the able Chairmanship of Ida Porter Boyer, has reached every newspaper in the State, numbering over 1,300. The preliminary correspondence necessary to arrange our present list cost about forty dollars. Since then each week mimeographed articles have been obtained from the National Headquarters and furnished to 185 papers at the cost of postage and envelopes. We reach over half a million readers each week.

We plan to carry on this Press Work at a cost of \$125 per year.



Our Legislative Committee have a bill before the Legislature to increase the widow's share when a husband dies intestate.

The 1896 State Annual Meeting was held in Reading, and as a result, an active movement is under way to secure the election of women to the Reading School Boards.

LUCRETIA L. BLANKENBURG, President.

#### RHODE ISLAND WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

In February, 1896, we entertained in Providence the mid-year convention of the New England Woman Suffrage Association, which was well attended, and made a very favorable impression.

April 22d the Senate Committee on Special Legislation gave a hearing to the petitioners for a woman suffrage amendment to the State Constitution, and soon after gave a unanimous report in favor of the submission of such an amendment. Owing to its being too late in the session for a favorable vote to be of any avail, the question was referred to the May session of the Legislature, at which time it passed the Senate, but was defeated in the House by a small majority.

Our twenty-eighth annual meeting was a notable event, being held in the State House, Providence, on the 14th and 15th of October. The President, Elizabeth B. Chace, obtained this privilege for the society by her personal request presented to the General Assembly last April by Hon. Edward L. Freeman.

For the twenty-sixth time Mrs. Chace was elected President of the society, for in spite of her nearly ninety years and her physical infirmities, she has been President in fact as well as name.

The last important meeting of the Association was held in Providence on December 10th, the chief speakers being Susan B. Anthony and Rev. Anna H. Shaw. December 9th was the ninetieth birthday of our beloved President, Elizabeth Buffum Chace, and Miss Anthony and Miss Shaw had arranged to spend that day with Mrs. Chace, and to speak for the Association the next day. Unfortunately, Mrs. Chace herself was too ill to entertain her celebrated guests in the manner expected, nor could she be present on the 10th.

An important part of the year's work has been done through the press. A column in a weekly paper in Providence, *The Independent Citizen*, is edited by the Rhode Island W. S. A. *The Pointer* devotes some space weekly to woman suffrage. Articles from the National headquarters are sent weekly by the State Secretary to eight other papers in the state.

At the present writing Mrs. Chace is slowly but surely failing. When she has left us, the work she has loved with unselfish devotion must not falter, and we who remain must press on until the goal is won.

EMELINE BURLINGAME CHENEY, 1st Vice-Pres.  
ELLEN M. BOLLES, Secretary.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.

Our State President, Virginia D. Young, traveled to Washington last January notwithstanding her delicate health, and presented an invitation to the N. A. W. S. A. to hold its migratory session in Charlestown, as the fruit of her personal effort with the Y. M. B. A. and the Chamber of Commerce of that city.

On her return she stopped at Columbia and secured a hearing before the South Carolina Legislature, making appeals for "Presidential Suffrage for Women."

Mrs. Young and Mrs. M. M. Buckner, then State Secretary, kept alive the local "Equal Rights Club" of Fairfax for several months, Mrs. Buckner enlivening the meetings by teaching "Americanized Delsarte Culture." Both these ladies persistently ventilated the suffrage question by articles in the papers. In this respect they were ably seconded by Miss Mary Hemphill, our State Reporter, joint editor with her father of *The Abbeville Medium*. The weekly articles on suffrage furnished from the National Headquarters have regularly been reproduced in Mrs. Young's paper, *The Varnville Enterprise*, and *The Medium*, by Miss Mary Hemphill.

Mrs. Young has this year published, through the press of the Arena Publishing Co., the novel, "A Tower in the Desert," which is a plea for woman's equality before the law, in such shape as is most likely to be read and accepted by Southern people. She has interested herself to help its circulation as being, in truth, only a larger form of suffrage leaflet; her intention is to devote the profits to the help of woman suffrage in the South.

CLAUDIA THARIN, Secretary.

#### SOUTH DAKOTA EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.

In the death of our Corresponding Secretary we lost much that cannot be told in words. The prohibition campaign threw our suffrage work into disorder as regarded our clubs.

In April I started on an organizing trip under the auspices of the National Organization Committee. Twelve clubs were organized as a result. Many more could have been organized had not the women entered protests, saying they could not carry clubs and maintain the interest in them when the question is not an issue before the people. We have only plodded in South Dakota this past year, but now we have bright prospects ahead, as February 25th saw the final passage in the House of a bill to submit an equal suffrage amendment; it had passed the Senate some time before.

Our efficient Chairman of Press Committee, Jane R. Breeden, has done good work, and through her earnest efforts has found that 75 per cent. of the papers are with us. We look forward to a very active year, and confidently expect South Dakota will in 1898 be the fifth star added to the suffrage flag.

ANNA R. SIMMONS, President.



## TENNESSEE WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

Encouraging reports of work and progress come to us from our suffrage clubs at Tullahoma, Jonesboro, Maryville, and Memphis.

From the minutes of the National W. C. T. U. for 1896, we take the following from the report of the Superintendent of Franchise: "Tennessee furnishes the best report of franchise work sent by any southern state."

In October the Woman's Council of Memphis held a flower fete for the benefit of a contemplated woman's building. As a result of the ingenuity, good taste, and energy of the members of the Memphis Suffrage Club, suffrage was represented in the procession by a pure white wagon in the shape of a globe, drawn by two white horses. Wagon, wheels, harness, and horses were covered with yellow and white chrysanthemums. Two large white banners, with streamers of yellow ribbon, bore the mottoes, "Equal pay in the shops" and "Equal say at the polls."

Petitions prepared by our Memphis Club for presentation to the much-hoped-for Constitutional Convention (as soon as that assembly shall materialize) ask for an equal suffrage clause in the new Constitution of Tennessee. As these petitions have not yet been returned, we cannot yet report upon the result, but the President can say that she already has secured three hundred signatures, among which the masculine predominate. One petition received yesterday from Harri-man, our prohibition town, is signed by one hundred persons,—all men. So we see that, side by side with the much discussed new woman, our eyes and hearts are gladdened by a promising outgrowth and upgrowth of the new men.

LIDE MERIWETHER, President.

## VIRGINIA WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

Although we have in Virginia a very small organization, only two or three Associations in widely separated localities, a steady improvement in the opportunities offered to women and the growth of liberal public sentiment in all that pertains to them is apparent in the old Dominion.

During the year passed I have traveled about in the State a great deal, and everywhere I have gone have circulated suffrage literature. Very often I have found people eager to read whatever is given them on that subject.

In April, 1896, I was present in Richmond at the organization of the first Woman Suffrage Club in that city. The daily papers gave full reports of this meeting.

In June I attended the Virginia School of Methods at Charlottesville, the seat of our State University, founded by Thos. Jefferson. About five hundred women, teachers in the public schools, with a few other students were present, representing a body of very earnest workers. In the hands of these women, most of them young and vigorous, is

placed the education of the children of our State. I distributed several large packages of suffrage tracts and leaflets among them and talked with them daily, during the term, of the political duties and responsibilities of women. Some of the young teachers I found already pronounced suffragists and many others were anxious for information on the subject.

ORRA LANGHORNE, President.

## WASHINGTON EQUAL SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

During 1896, Washington, as well as the rest of the Union, was given over to political discussions. All over the State the women whose husbands, fathers and sons were members either of the Populist or Silver Republican Party were well-informed on questions of the hour. Other women in many places formed Sound Money Clubs, and those who "didn't know anything about politics" had to learn or be very much out of fashion.

In the State Conventions, the Populists recognized equal rights by having two women delegates, one of them the Vice-President of the State Suffrage Association, Mrs. Laura E. Peters.

Both the Populists and the Silver Republican Conventions adopted a Woman Suffrage Plank, and when fusion was accomplished, a suffrage plank was in the fusion platform also. Do you then wonder that Fusion or People's Party carried the State of Washington?

The Annual Meeting of the Washington State Equal Suffrage Association was held January 21st and 22d. The Legislature was in session at the time and furnished a counter attraction, but meetings were well attended and much new interest shown. At the evening session, many members of the Legislature were present and several were on our programme, among them Speaker Cline, who never loses an opportunity to give his testimony in favor of equal rights for all.

Very soon after the Legislature convened House Bill 24 was introduced by Hon. J. P. de Mattos, of Whatcom, an excellent bill, which passed the House of Representatives with votes to spare. It has not yet passed the Senate.

The Association's plans for the coming year are not yet perfected, as much will depend on the fate of our bill. We are very hopeful.

BESSIE ISAACS SAVAGE, President.

## WEST VIRGINIA WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

Of the nine clubs formed by Misses Moore and Hay, during November, 1895, only two, Wheeling and Fairmont, are now living and working. The Fairmont Club has done noble work under the leadership of our State President—during 1896—Mrs. Jessie Manley, and of her mother, Mrs. Groves, who was its President.

Mrs. Manley, under great disadvantages, kept our State Organization working until our Convention, when she refused to longer hold the office of President, which she in every way filled so well.



The Wheeling Club took up the Course of Study for 1896, but did not complete it. We petitioned our City Committee on a new City Charter, to insert municipal suffrage for women in that document. At our State Fair, held in Wheeling, we had a woman's suffrage booth where we had a petition (for which we solicited signers) to the Legislature that they amend our State Constitution by striking out the word male. From this booth we distributed all the suffrage literature that we could obtain.

Our Board of Education here, which controls our public library, subscribed—for use in the latter—for the *Woman's Journal* and *Woman's Tribune*; they also sent for "Dole's Talks About Law," recommended in the National Study Course, and for one of Mrs. Virginia D. Young's suffrage novels, doing this at our request.

Mrs. Catt's visit was an inspiration to us West Virginia women. She gave us counsel, encouragement and advice as we needed, leaving us inspired to renewed work and hope.

As Chairman of the Press Committee, I sent out to the nine members of the Press Committee throughout the State, the press matter sent from National Headquarters, but as far as I have been able to hear from the Committee, not one of them was able to have one of the articles printed. I, myself, have been more successful here in Wheeling.

ANNIE CALDWELL BOYD, Cor. Secretary.

#### WISCONSIN WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

Public sentiment in our State is extremely favorable to our cause. Indeed, I believe no one of the Middle States outranks us in this, and it is proven by the fact that a change of only eight votes would have submitted the amendment to our State Constitution to a vote of the men of our State, and this without petition, and very little work outside of the Capital City, where our Legislative Committee had its headquarters.

Our women are availing themselves of their privilege of voting upon school questions in all country districts and towns where school officers are elected directly by the people. The attendance at school meetings has increased fourfold and women are serving as school directors all over the State.

Eighteen of our county school superintendents are women. From towns throughout the State come the calls for literature for use in debates and oratorical contests on the question "Shall Women Vote?" This growth in sentiment we ascribe, largely, to the seed sown by our State President, Rev. Olympia Brown. In the eighties, with heroic devotion, and without financial aid, she traveled throughout our State and by the force of her eloquence and logic sowed the seed that is soon to give the harvest.

The *Wisconsin Citizen* has been sent monthly, with or without pay, to every one who is willing to receive it. We are more and more convinced that no work that we can undertake could be so valuable to our cause as the continued publication of that paper.

Sent by the National Committee on Organization, Emma Smith De Voe spent seven weeks in our State in February and March, her work resulting in the formation of eight active clubs with a membership of one hundred and sixteen.

Letters have been sent monthly by our letter writer to each club to keep up the interest. In July, at our Wisconsin Chautauqua, we kept open house for ten days and nearly three hundred called to register as friends of our cause. An audience of nearly four thousand greeted our National Vice-President, Rev. Anna H. Shaw. By decorations and scattering yellow flowers through the audience, we were able to make this demonstration in favor of Equal Suffrage.

JESSIE N. LUTHER, Vice-President.



## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1896.

THE TREASURER, HARRIET TAYLOR UPTON, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE  
NATIONAL-AMERICAN WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

*Receipts.*

Auxiliary dues for 1896, .....	ALABAMA.	\$0 40	\$0 40
Auxiliary dues for 1897, .....	ARKANSAS.	3 00	3 00
Auxiliary dues for 1896, .....	ARIZONA.	2 00	
Collection of Organizers, .....		132 83	134 83
Auxiliary dues for 1897, .....	CALIFORNIA.	145 70	
Cohen, Emilie G., .....		1 00	
Faulkner, A. R. and A. L., .....		12 00	
McCann, Lucy U., .....		1 00	
Southard, Clair O., .....		1 00	
Stetson, Charlotte Perkins, .....		1 00	
Watson, Elizabeth Lowe, .....		1 00	
Watson, Lucretia, .....		1 00	
Auxiliary dues (additional for 1896), .....	COLORADO.	25	
Auxiliary dues for 1897, .....		2 00	
Adams, Susie G., .....		1 00	
Ashley, Susan Riley, .....		1 00	
Berger, Gertrude H., .....		1 00	
Colorado W. S. A., .....		100 00	
Coleman, Laura B., .....		2 00	
Campbell, Margaret R., .....		1 00	
Diggs, Annie L., .....		1 00	
Gale, Margaret M., .....		1 00	
Henderson, Minnie, .....		6 00	
Hawes, Mrs. J., .....		1 00	
Inez, Judge John, .....		5 00	
Patterson, Kate A., .....		1 00	
Teller, Harriet M., .....		1 00	
Wolcott, E. A., .....		5 00	
Williams, Hattie E., .....		2 00	
			163 70
			131 25

## CONNECTICUT.

Auxiliary dues for 1897, .....	10 00
Clark, Edward P., .....	1 00
Cheney, Susan J., .....	25 00
Cheney, Mary, .....	10 00
Hale, Addie S., .....	2 00
Hooker, Isabella Beecher, .....	1 00
Lewis, H. J., .....	100 00
Young, Prof. C. H., .....	1 00
	150 00

## DELAWARE.

Auxiliary dues for 1897, .....	16 70
Collections of Organizers, .....	97 34
Cranston, Martha S., .....	9 78
Delaware W. S. A., .....	63 00
Fulton, Mrs. M. A., .....	1 50
Hoegelsburger, Mrs., .....	50
Kent, Mrs. B. Lundy, .....	2 50
Lewes W. E. S. A., .....	10 00
McDonald, Mrs., .....	50
Newport Good Government Club, .....	10 00
Quigley, Adda G., .....	27 50
Stanton Good Government Club, .....	10 00
Slocum, Mrs., .....	50
Watson, Mary, .....	50
Worrell, Emma, .....	1 00
	251 32

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Auxiliary dues (add. for 1896), .....	5 00
Auxiliary dues for 1897, .....	10 00
Barker, Julia S., .....	1 00
Burghardt, Caroline A., .....	1 00
Clark, C. Augusta, .....	1 00
Cocks, Annie M., .....	1 00
Cheshire, Bessie Boone, .....	1 00
Cherry, Addie T., .....	1 00
Cook, Helen A., .....	1 00
Crosby, Hannah E., .....	20 00
District W. S. A., .....	1 00
Davis, J. K., .....	1 00
Davis, K. C., .....	1 00
Donn, F. C., .....	1 00
Dashiell, Nellie, .....	1 00
Dean, Mary M., .....	1 00
Edwards, Fannie N., .....	1 00
Farquhar, George B., .....	1 00
Fessenden, Lucy L., .....	1 00
Gillett, Emma M., .....	1 00
Goulding, Rosalie Bridewell, .....	



Goodwin, Alice M.,	3 00
Gridley, Ann E.,	1 00
Grand, Grace,	1 00
Hartwell, Frances,	1 00
Havens, Ruth G. D.,	1 00
Hitz, Jane C.,	1 00
Houghton, Mrs. J. H.,	1 00
Hyde, Mary M.,	1 00
Henning, S. A.,	1 00
Hunt, Sarah V.,	2 00
Harvey, Alice W.,	1 00
Heuck, Emilie,	1 00
Happer, Mrs. E. F.,	1 00
Ireson, Kate C.,	1 00
Jennings, Janet,	1 00
Johnson, Theo. H.,	1 00
Junior E. S. Club,	10 00
Johnson, Mrs. H. F.,	1 00
Kent, Rev. Alexander,	1 00
Knorr, Emma C.,	1 00
Lucas, Mrs. A. H.,	1 00
Leas, Cordelia L.,	1 00
Lang, Elizabeth Foster,	1 00
Mytinger, Caroline,	1 00
Mann, Horace,	1 00
McLennan, Marcia,	2 00
Merchant, M. C.,	1 00
Newton, W. J.,	1 00
Nalle, Mary E.,	1 00
Pierce, Elizabeth,	1 00
Pomeroy, Ruth E.,	1 00
Parnell, Mrs. R. M.,	2 00
Parke, Caroline E.,	2 00
Park, Louise,	1 00
Robbins, Raymond,	1 00
Riggs, Harriet E.,	1 00
Rowe, Nellie,	1 00
Robertts, Grace, M.D.,	1 00
Snow, Jane M.,	1 00
Stanley, Mrs. M. B.,	1 00
Shelton, Emma F.,	1 00
Snow, Sophronia,	1 00
Tingley, Mrs. E. M.,	1 00
Thurlow, Miss,	1 00
Tanner, Antoinette,	1 00
Thompson, Ellen Powell,	1 00
Turner, L.,	1 00
Taylor, Mrs. Abner,	1 00
Todd, Arabella,	1 00

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1896.

Van Dyke, Mrs. W. W.,	1 00
Vining, Mrs. H. L.,	1 00
Wall, Sarah B.,	1 00
Whalgren, Jack,	1 00
Whalgren, Marie,	1 00
Weightman, Louisa S.,	1 00
Watrous, Louisa F.,	5 00
Ward, Eliza T.,	1 00
Waterman, Mrs. J. F.,	1 00
Zimmerman, Louise,	132 00
<b>FLORIDA.</b>	<b>5 75</b>
Auxiliary dues for 1896,	5 75
<b>GEORGIA.</b>	<b>8 30</b>
Auxiliary dues for 1896,	2 20
Auxiliary dues for 1897,	1 00
Hicks, Dr.,	11 50
<b>IDAHO.</b>	<b>585 38</b>
Collections of Organizers,	5 00
Hailey, E. S. A.,	1 00
Woods, Mell C.,	591 38
<b>ILLINOIS.</b>	<b>50 00</b>
Auxiliary dues,	15 00
Avery, Mrs. B. F.,	10 00
Bradwell, James B.,	1 00
Boyle, Harriet D.,	15 00
Coonley, Mrs. L. A.,	10 00
Du Quoin, E. S. A.,	5 00
Dickenson, Melissa,	1 00
Dunn, Dr. Helen S.,	2 00
Harvey E. S. A.,	1 00
Heinroth, Miss,	100 00
Illinois Suffragist,	50 00
Noyes, Ida C.,	1 00
Peters, Matthew H.,	1 00
Peters, Clara Lyon,	2 00
Radley, Miss S. A.,	1 00
Springer, Elмира,	1 00
Smith, Eva Munson,	1 00
Swain, Adeline,	5 00
Sparta E. S. A.,	20 00
Sandwich Suffrage Society,	203 00
Wooden, Iva G.,	



INDIANA.	
Clark, Alice Judah, .....	3 00
Ellis, Phebe, .....	1 00
Jessup, Dr. Maria Allen, .....	1 00
Smith, Mrs. R. O. D., .....	1 00
Thompson, Rebecca I., .....	1 00
Vincennes Suffrage Club, .....	1 00
Williamamtic E. R. Club, .....	10 00
	18 00

INDIAN TERRITORY.	
Owen, Narcissa, .....	1 00
	1 00

IOWA.	
Auxiliary dues for 1897, .....	78 00
Achorn, Ada R., .....	2 50
Adams, Mary Newbury, .....	7 75
Bacon, Harriet B., .....	2 00
Callahan, Martha C., .....	114 35
Campbell, Harriet Acer, .....	1 00
Child, Rachel L., .....	8 00
Coggeshall, Mary J., .....	5 00
Flint, C. Holt, .....	10 00
Hull, P. E. Club, .....	2 00
Independence P. E. Club, .....	5 00
Meyer, Lillian C., .....	5 00
Osage Woman Suffrage Society, .....	5 00
Ottumwa P. E. Club, .....	5 00
Pynchon, Carey E., .....	3 50
Peek, Martha A., .....	5 00
Tripoli Suffrage Club, .....	2 00
Turner, A. B. S., M.D., .....	90
	50
	257 50

KANSAS.	
Auxiliary dues for 1897, .....	20 00
Colburn, L. J., .....	5 00
Davis, Martha Powell, .....	3 00
Gleed, J. W., .....	5 00
Hart, Gracia Cary, .....	5 00
Johns, Laura M., .....	25 00
Kinsey, Ella, .....	5 00
Turner, Harriet Stoddard, .....	1 00
	69 00

KENTUCKY.	
Auxiliary dues for 1897, .....	14 70
Bennett, Sarah Clay, .....	1 00
Clay, Laura, .....	27 85
Farmer, Eugenia B., .....	5 00

LOUISIANA.	
Payette Equal Rights Association, .....	3 00
Handy, George, .....	10 00
Hubbard, S. M., .....	21 00
Kenton County Equal Rights Association, .....	5 00
	87 55
Auxiliary dues for 1897, .....	2 70
Merrick, Caroline, .....	20 00
Portia Club, .....	25 00
	47 70

MAINE.	
Auxiliary dues for 1897, .....	15 00
Fessenden, Mrs. D. W., .....	1 00
Greely, Ann F., .....	2 00
Hampden Corners W. S. S., .....	10 00
Reed, Katherine, .....	1 00
Yates, Elizabeth U., .....	25 00
	54 00

MARYLAND.	
Auxiliary dues (add. for 1896), .....	20
Auxiliary dues for 1897, .....	10 00
Collectors of Organizers, .....	20 82
Garrett, Mary E., .....	10 00
Harlock Suffrage Club, .....	5 00
Lamb, Mrs. George M., .....	1 00
Miller, Caroline H., .....	3 00
Miller, Sarah T., .....	25 00
Thomas, Mary Bentley, .....	5 00
	1 00
	81 02

MASSACHUSETTS.	
Auxiliary dues for 1897, .....	113 50
Auxiliary dues (Massachusetts National), .....	1 30
Adams, Mrs. George H., .....	1 00
Allen, Mrs. George H., .....	20 00
Blackwell, Alice Stone, for Mass. W. S. A., .....	100 00
Bodgett, Bessie, .....	2 00
Bowditch, Wm. I., .....	30 00
Cheney, Hattie B. Lee, .....	1 00
Concord Suffrage Club, .....	1 00
Davis, Maria Mott, .....	20 00
Gaxon, Henry, .....	100 00
Harrison, Wm. Lloyd, .....	75 00
Hall, Anna P., .....	1 00
Hallowell, Mary S., .....	15 00
Hill, Clara K., .....	1 00
Hawkins, Harriet O., .....	4 00



Kendall, Lucia Grosman, .....	1 00
Leoninster Suffrage Club, .....	10 00
Massachusetts National W. S. A., .....	20 00
Munroe, Mary F. and Emma F., .....	5 00
Powers, Ellen F., .....	25 00
Scott, Caroline, .....	200 00
Smith, Mary Clark, .....	1 00
Whiting, Mary B., .....	10 00
Woman's Journal (transportation), .....	175 00
Woodman, Charlotte F., .....	200 00
Whited, Isabella, .....	1 00

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## MICHIGAN.

Auxiliary dues for 1897, .....	28 90
Ann Arbor P. E. Club, .....	20 00
Brown, Frances Bagley, .....	5 00
Fay, Mrs. S. A., .....	1 00
Janes, Martha J. W., .....	2 00
Lindsay, Mrs. E. M., .....	1 00
Mulliken, Emma A., .....	4 00
Nicholls, Mrs. E. C., .....	10 00
Stebbins, Catherine F., .....	1 00
Shaw, Mrs. Nicolas, .....	1 00
West, Bina M., .....	5 00
Willard, Elizabeth A., .....	1 00

79 90

## MINNESOTA.

Auxiliary dues for 1897, .....	10 50
Almy, Mary M., .....	5 00
Coghlan, Mrs. T. J., .....	6 00
Eggleston, Hannah, .....	3 00
Gilham, Stella, .....	10 00
Moyer, Anna, .....	10 00
Richter, Amelia, .....	5 00
Tracy Suffrage Society, .....	3 00
Wheeler, Mary Powell, .....	1 00
Wastoga W. S. A., .....	5 00

58 50

## MISSISSIPPI.

Greenville Suffrage Club, .....

10 00 10 00

## MISSOURI.

Auxiliary dues for 1896, .....	1 60
Chillicothe Suffrage Club, .....	19 65
Dale, Sallie Bates, .....	4 70
Meredith, Mr. and Mrs. E. D., .....	1 00
2 00	

Meredith, Mrs. M. E., .....	10 00
Merwin, J. B., .....	1 00
Robinson, Temple B., .....	5 00
Seaff, Sallie, .....	7 50
Whitney, Victoria Conkling, .....	1 00

53 45

## MONTANA.

Auxiliary dues for 1896, .....	14 80
Auxiliary dues for 1897, .....	25 60
Collections of Organizers, .....	200 08
Great Falls P. E. Club, .....	12 27
Marysville Suffrage Club, .....	25 00
Montana W. S. A., .....	100 00
Red Lodge Suffrage Club, .....	10 00
Sanders, Harriet, .....	1 00

388 75

## NEBRASKA.

Auxiliary dues for 1897, .....	10 00
Roseman, Amoret W., .....	15 00
Williams, Sarah H., .....	1 00

26 00

## NEVADA.

Auxiliary dues for 1896, .....	7 10
Auxiliary dues for 1897, .....	25 00
Douglas County E. S. League, .....	15 00
Fide, Alice L., .....	2 50
Humphries, Mrs. S., .....	10 00
Virginia City Woman Suffrage Club, .....	10 00
Williamson, Frances, .....	125 00

194 60

## NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Auxiliary dues for 1896, .....	2 00
Ricker, Marilla M., .....	1 00
White, Armenia S., .....	37 50

40 50

## NEW JERSEY.

Auxiliary dues for 1897, .....	8 50
Cape May County W. C. T. U., .....	5 00
Forriste, Isabella A., .....	3 00
Hussey, Dr. Mary D., .....	1 00
Hussey, Abbie M., .....	27 00
Pusey, Cornelia C., .....	400 00
Speth, S. J. V., .....	1 00
Wright, Phebe C., .....	1 00
Van Cise, Laura H., .....	25 00

472 50



## NEW MEXICO.

Auxiliary dues for 1896, .....	60
Auxiliary dues for 1897, .....	3 00
Collections, .....	73 05
Wallace, Catherine P., .....	1 00

77 65

## NEW YORK.

Auxiliary dues for 1897, .....	160 00
Anthony, Susan B. (Balance of Southworth fund), ..	716 00
Anthony, Susan B. (Clapp Bequest), .....	400 00
Anthony, Susan B. (Interest from Permanent Fund applied on Rochester pledge), .....	40 00
Anthony, Susan B. (advanced for clerk hire), .....	680 00
Alley, Mary S., .....	5 00
Bain, Mary, .....	5 00
Bedford League, .....	26 00
Ballard, Martha A., .....	10 00
Boardman, Emily, .....	1 00
Blake, Lillie Devereux, .....	4 00
Caley, Mary G., .....	14 00
Campbell, Dr. Alice, .....	1 00
Cassidy, Jessie J., .....	5 00
Cary, Cornelia H., .....	34 49
Chandler, Mrs. M. S., .....	10 00
Chapman, Mariana W., .....	25 00
Chapfield, Mrs. H. N., .....	15 00
Chamberlain, A. A., .....	1 00
Charlotte Suffrage Club, .....	10 00
Clayton, Eleanor, .....	10 00
Cleveland, Charlotte A., .....	1 00
Clymer, Ella Dietz, .....	1 00
Conkling, Mrs. J. A., .....	1 00
Craigie, Mary E., .....	50
Craft, Ida, .....	10 00
Curtis, Elizabeth Burrill, .....	1 00
Darling, Nora E., .....	25 00
Dornitzer, Anne, .....	1 00
Disbrow, Mrs., .....	50 00
Dunkirk P. E. Club, .....	1 00
Eagen, Miss, .....	20 00
Ferguson, Mary I., .....	1 00
Foltz, Clara, .....	1 00
Foote, Catherine G., .....	1 00
Fredonia P. E. Club, .....	1 00
Gannett, Rev. Wm. C., .....	5 00
Gilmore, Dr. Amelia W., .....	10 00
Glauner, M. Virginia, .....	1 00
Grannis, Elizabeth B., .....	1 00

Greenleaf, Halbert, .....	1 00
Greenleaf, Jean Brooks, .....	1 00
Hallock, Eula S., .....	1 00
Hallock, Frances V., .....	10 00
Hann, Mrs. A. L., .....	1 00
Hentz, Mrs. Henry, .....	10 00
Hentz, Miss, .....	10 00
Herrman, Esther, .....	1 00
Hicks, Julia, .....	50 00
Higgins, Brunhilde Swartz, .....	15 00
Holden, Belle S., .....	300 00
Howland, Mrs. H. L., .....	1 00
Howland, Emily, .....	2 00
Howland, Martha C., .....	21 00
Hood, Cornelia K., .....	2 00
Hubbard, Mary N., .....	2 00
Hull, Mrs. F. B., .....	20 00
Hunt, A. A., .....	8 62
Jackson, Dr. Jas. H. and Kate, .....	1 00
Johnson Creek Suffrage Club, .....	1 00
Knapp, Melissa M., .....	2 00
Lacey, Josephine, .....	2 00
Logan, M. B., .....	100 00
Maine, P. Fancena, .....	11 00
Miller, Elizabeth Smith, .....	2 00
Morton, Margaret, .....	2 00
Millar, Helen M., .....	1 00
Neyman, Clara, .....	1 00
Olin, Mary J., .....	1 00
Olmstead, F. B., .....	50
Osborne, Eliza W., .....	10 00
Pegan, Drussella, .....	40 00
Pen Yan Suffrage Society, .....	3 00
Rochester P. E. Club, .....	1 00
Rogers, Elizabeth H., .....	5 00
Rowley, Mrs., .....	2 00
Sargent, James and Angelina, .....	1 30
Secomb, Mary T., .....	1 00
Sheppard, Julia D., .....	1 00
Skinner, Josephine, .....	1 00
Smith, Lucy, .....	3 00
Taft, Clara, .....	1 00
Taylor, Anna B., .....	50
Taylor, George, .....	1 00
Turney, Catherine A., .....	1 00
Underhill, Pamela, .....	1 00
Van Arsdale, Clara, .....	50 00
Van Eversen, Elizabeth J., .....	1 00
Villard, Fanny Garrison, .....	1 00
Walley, Mary B., .....	1 00



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Warren, M. B., . . . . .	1 00	
Warsaw P. E. Club, . . . . .	5 00	
Warner, Kate Foster, . . . . .	1 00	
Washbourne, Mrs. Frank, . . . . .	2 00	
White Creek Suffrage Club, . . . . .	10 00	
Willis, Sarah L., . . . . .	40 00	
Wilson, Mrs. M. R., . . . . .	1 00	
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Auxiliary dues for 1897, . . . . .	2 00	
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Campbell, H. L., . . . . .	1 00	
Crans, Dr. Mary B., . . . . .	10 00	
De Lendercie, Helen, . . . . .	11 00	
Doughty, Mrs. W. H., . . . . .	1 00	
Eaton, Dr. Cora Smith, . . . . .	36 00	
Hotchkiss, Sarah L., . . . . .	1 00	
Jamestown E. S. Club, . . . . .	10 00	
McConnell, Sarah A., . . . . .	1 00	
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Auxiliary dues for 1897, . . . . .	47 60	
Amos, Ida, . . . . .	1 00	
Baldwin, Justine Iddings, . . . . .	3 00	
Barnes, Anna Mott, . . . . .	1 00	
Barnaby, Lauretta, . . . . .	1 00	
Colter, Nancy A., . . . . .	1 00	
Collections of Organizers, . . . . .	48 97	
Cortland P. E. Club, . . . . .	1 00	
Edwards, Carrie D., . . . . .	1 00	
Everhard, C. McCullough, . . . . .	100 00	
Farmdale P. E. Club, . . . . .	1 00	
Fray, Ellen Sully, . . . . .	1 00	
Hauser, Elizabeth J., . . . . .	10 00	
Hauser, Elizabeth J. and Mary L. Allison, . . . . .	17 00	
Laws, Annie, . . . . .	3 00	
Lang, Mrs., . . . . .	1 00	
London Women's E. F. A., . . . . .	5 00	
Mogadore W. S. A., . . . . .	10 00	
Northway, Lydia A. D., . . . . .	10 00	
Niles P. E. Club, . . . . .	10 00	
Ohio W. S. A., . . . . .	3 00	
O'Connor, Maggie, . . . . .	16 00	
Stanton, Harriet Brown, . . . . .	1 00	
Southworth, Louise, . . . . .	9 00	
Toledo W. S. A., . . . . .	60 00	
Trumbull County E. S. A., . . . . .	10 00	
Vienna W. C. T. U., . . . . .	10 00	
	3 00	

OREGON.		
Duniway, Abigail Scott, . . . . .	3 00	
Eliot, T. L., . . . . .	5 00	8 00
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OKLAHOMA.		
Auxiliary dues for 1896, . . . . .	4 50	
Auxiliary dues for 1897, . . . . .	3 70	
Collections of Organizers, . . . . .	40 98	
Southard, Eveline Housh, . . . . .	1 00	
Tusten, Mrs. M. M., . . . . .	3 00	53 18
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PENNSYLVANIA.		
Auxiliary dues for 1897, . . . . .	98 40	
Appleton, Susan G., . . . . .	2 00	
Avery, Julia Foster, . . . . .	1 00	
Avery, Miriam Foster, . . . . .	1 00	
Avery, Rachel Foster, . . . . .	16 25	
Avery, Rose Foster, . . . . .	1 00	
Baldwin, Dr. Kate Wylie, . . . . .	1 00	
Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Edward, . . . . .	5 00	
Bayne, Mary N., . . . . .	1 00	
Blankenburg, Lucretia L., . . . . .	39 25	
Boughton, Caroline, . . . . .	5 00	
Boyer, Ida Porter, . . . . .	1 00	
Bowles, Elizabeth T., . . . . .	25 00	
Brazier, Ellen K., . . . . .	1 00	
Brosius, Letitia W., . . . . .	5 00	
Burnham, Anna L., . . . . .	1 00	
Chapin, Laura S., . . . . .	7 00	
Chester Woman Suffrage League, . . . . .	1 00	
Dean, Julia M., . . . . .	20 00	
Delaware County Suffrage Club, . . . . .	2 00	
Dreer, Ferdinand J., . . . . .	1 00	
Eavenson, S. T. R., . . . . .	1 00	
Eavenson, Ida C., . . . . .	55 00	
Fassett, Mary, . . . . .	10 00	
Friend, . . . . .	1 00	
Garver, Kate K., . . . . .	1 00	
Garver, Jane K., . . . . .	10 00	
Gaskell, Alfred, . . . . .	1 00	
Gibbons, Caroline, . . . . .	1 00	
Goodwin, A. Helena, . . . . .	1 00	
Greenough, Mrs. S. C., . . . . .	1 00	
Greensmith, T., . . . . .	1 00	
Harper, Anna R., . . . . .	1 00	
Hoff, A. M., . . . . .	1 00	
Hollis, Mary P., . . . . .	1 00	
Haggenbotham, May, . . . . .		
Ingram, Wm. S., . . . . .		



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James, Helen Mosher, .....	2 00
Kemp, Dr. Agnes, .....	10 00
Kennett Square Equal Suffrage Association, .....	5 00
Lancaster County E. S. A., .....	7 50
Lansdowne E. S. A., .....	10 00
Lederle, Maria, .....	1 00
Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Enoch, .....	25 00
Longshore, Hannah L., .....	25 00
Longstreth, Anna W., .....	10 00
Markley, A. H., .....	2 50
Medley, Dr. Jennie, .....	1 05
Meyers, Dr., .....	10 00
Moore, Mrs. M. F., .....	1 00
Moorhead, Cornelia E., .....	1 00
Montgomery County Suffrage Club, .....	10 00
McCullough, Louisa C., .....	5 00
O'Connell, Mary J., .....	1 00
Pennock, Edith, .....	10 00
Peirce, Charlotte L., .....	3 00
Peirce, Sarah H., .....	1 00
Purvis, Robert, .....	10 00
Philadelphia Conference (Collections), .....	39 00
Purvis, Tacie, .....	2 00
Reese, Jacob, .....	111 00
Reed, Elizabeth De Witt, .....	1 00
Russell, Katherine, .....	2 00
Stillwell, Bessie T., .....	1 00
Stillwell, Dr. Mary H., .....	1 00
Stratton, Mary Virginia, .....	2 00
Smedley, Ellen C., .....	1 00
Stewart, Sarah A., .....	1 00
Stokes, Edward F., .....	1 00
Smith, Eleanor Shaw, .....	1 00
Stark, Mrs. Judson, .....	1 00
Shaw, Rev. Anna, .....	15 00
Shaw, Nicolas M., .....	6 00
Tilney, Mr. and Mrs. Robert, .....	10 00
Tierney, Agnes L., .....	1 00
Taylor, Mrs. F. H., .....	2 00
Turner, Mrs. E. S., .....	5 00
West Chester Suffrage Club, .....	11 75
Whitson, Elizabeth, .....	1 00
Wilkenson, C. C., .....	5 00
Winkler, Bertha A., .....	1 00
Wright, Crosby M., .....	1 00

RHODE ISLAND.

Auxiliary dues for 1896, .....	11 60
Auxiliary dues for 1897, .....	16 30
Arnold, Mary O., .....	1 00

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Chace, Elizabeth B., .....	1 00
Henry, George, .....	3 45
Little Compton Woman Suffrage Club, .....	10 00
	43 35

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Auxiliary dues for 1896, .....	6 00
Hemphill, Gen. R. R., .....	1 00
Young, Virginia D., .....	1 00
	8 00

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Auxiliary dues for 1897, .....	7 00
Buck, Katherine, .....	1 00
Collections of Organizers, .....	60 99
Carter, Maud Russell, .....	1 00
Groesbeck, Mary A., .....	1 00
Kennedy, Blanche P., .....	39 50
South Dakota W. S. A., .....	1 00
Sims, Mrs. L. G. and Friend, .....	1 00
Winette, Cecelia, .....	113 49

TENNESSEE.

Auxiliary dues for 1896, .....	2 60
Auxiliary dues for 1897, .....	5 80
Arrasmith, S. W., .....	1 76
Baillet, J. and E. A., .....	2 10
Conway, Clara, .....	2 00
McTeer, Mary T. W., .....	1 00
	15 26

TEXAS.

Auxiliary dues for 1896, .....	5 00
Auxiliary dues for 1897, .....	2 50
Cobb, Myra L., .....	6 00
Flick, Mrs. M. H., .....	1 00
Houston, Elizabeth Goode, .....	1 00
Safford, Anna E., .....	5 00
	20 50

UTAH.

Auxiliary dues for 1896, .....	31 50
Allen, Corinne M., .....	1 00
Boyer, Sarah A., .....	1 00
Bullock, Electa, .....	1 00
Gillmer, Mary E., .....	10 00
Grant, Augusta W., .....	1 00
Richards, Emily S., .....	1 00
Taylor, Elmina S., .....	61 00
Wells, Emmeline B., .....	1 00
	108 50

VERMONT.

Auxiliary dues for 1896, .....	5 00
	5 00



## VIRGINIA.

Auxiliary dues for 1897, .....	1 30	
Brown, Elisan, .....	1 00	
Dodge, Elizabeth B., .....	1 00	
Green, Mrs. Jonas, .....	1 00	
Langhorne, Orra, .....	4 50	
Shumate, Mattie, .....	2 00	
Shumate, Lizzie, .....	1 00	
Winter, M. A., .....	1 00	
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## WASHINGTON.

Auxiliary dues for 1896, .....	1 00	
Hunt, Laura Shellberger, .....	2 50	
Kendall, Dr. Sarah, .....	8 00	
Spinning, E. Palmer, .....	1 00	
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## WEST VIRGINIA.

Auxiliary dues for 1897, .....	3 00	
Boyd, Annie Caldwell, .....	1 00	
Cassady, Mrs. L. S., .....	10 00	
Fairmount P. E. Club, .....	20 00	
Manley, Jessie G., .....	1 00	
Post, Mrs. Ira C., .....	1 00	
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## WISCONSIN.

Auxiliary dues for 1897, .....	22 50	
Amherst friends (by Margaret E. Smith), .....	7 00	
Bentley, Mary W., .....	2 00	
Collections of Organizers, .....	131 35	
Evansville P. E. Club, .....	10 00	
Hunt, Annie, .....	2 00	
Honey Creek Suffrage Club, .....	5 00	
Kickhoefer, Carrie, .....	2 00	
Lake Mills Suffrage Club, .....	9 00	
Mather, Sarah, .....	1 00	
Madison Suffrage Club, .....	5 00	
New London Woman Suffrage Club, .....	5 50	
Northport Suffrage Club, .....	8 00	
Patchin, Hannah, .....	1 00	
Steele, Mrs. R. F., .....	2 00	
Waukesha Suffrage Club, .....	12 50	
Wauwatosa P. E. Club, .....	12 50	
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## WYOMING.

Carey, Senator J. M., .....	5 00	
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Total of States, .....		\$9922 66

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Anonymous, .....	2 00	
Advertisements in "Bulletin," .....	41 25	
Calendars for 1896, .....	96 36	
Calendars for 1897, .....	127 40	
Cr. by Error of Bank, .....	50	
Collections at 1896 Convention, .....	222 62	
Doyon Bequest, .....	1000 00	
Profit on sale of Utah victory leaflet, .....	2 63	
Profit on sale of supplies at Headquarters, .....	8 18	
Subscriptions to "Bulletin," .....	18 42	
Balance from 1895, .....	381 28	
	<hr/>	\$1900 64
Total, .....		\$11823 30
Total receipts, .....		



*Disbursements.*

## GENERAL TREASURY.

Official Design for Stationery, . . . . .	\$ 8 00
Official Stationery, . . . . .	155 70
Postage on Minutes, . . . . .	53 40
Printing (Bills for 1895), . . . . .	50 75
Express, Telegrams, Protest fee on Note, . . . . .	24 42
Expenses of Philadelphia Conference, . . . . .	117 00
Expenses St. Louis Convention, . . . . .	23 88
Printing Constitutions, . . . . .	3 00
Printing Certificates of Election, . . . . .	2 50
Printing for St. Louis Convention, . . . . .	8 50
Expenses for Business Meeting in New York, . . . . .	32 69
Pamphlet Report, . . . . .	378 80
President's clerk hire, . . . . .	900 00
Loans advanced for Supplies sold at Headquarters, . . . . .	141 42
Press Work, . . . . .	181 28
Press Clippings on Bills for 1895, . . . . .	35 60
January "Bulletin," . . . . .	19 75

\$2136 69

## ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.

Organizers, . . . . .	\$4608 35
Office Expenses (including rent and clerk hire), . . . . .	1494 45
Printing (including mailing of "Bulletins"), . . . . .	240 92
Design for Calendar, . . . . .	20 00

Total, . . . . .	<u>\$6363 72</u>
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## HEADQUARTERS.

*Expenses at Headquarters, . . . . .	<u>\$1332 03</u>
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## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Balance on Bills for 1895, . . . . .	95 51
Clerk hire, . . . . .	385 00
Office Expenses, . . . . .	237 30

Total, . . . . .	<u>\$717 81</u>
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## TREASURER.

Clerk hire, . . . . .	\$381 55
Postage, . . . . .	76 20
Office Supplies, . . . . .	38 47
Printing, . . . . .	13 80

Total, . . . . .	<u>\$510 02</u>
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## CONVENTION EXPENSES.

Printing Calls and Certificates for 1896 Convention, . . . . .	18 25
Rent of Church, . . . . .	\$145 00
Janitors and Organ Boy, . . . . .	5 00
Printing Programmes, Constitutions, Amendments, . . . . .	61 35
Sunday Services, etc., . . . . .	9 42
Messenger Service, . . . . .	1 15
Telegrams, . . . . .	3 00
Rent of Typewriter, . . . . .	
Cabs for Press Work, Stamps, Pens, Ink, Carbon . . . . .	36 00
Paper, Pins, Rubber Bands, Pads, New Flags . . . . .	317 43
and putting Stars on Old Flag, . . . . .	
Railroad and Hotel Bills of Officers and Speakers, . . . . .	<u>\$596 60</u>
Total, . . . . .	

## SOUTHERN COMMITTEE.

Express, . . . . .	<u>\$1 50</u>	\$1 50
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## CALIFORNIA CAMPAIGN.

Campaign Committee, . . . . .	<u>\$5 00</u>	5 00
		<u>\$11,663 37</u>
		159 93
Total Disbursements, . . . . .		
Balance on Hand, . . . . .		<u>\$11,823 30</u>



## CONSTITUTION

OF THE

## National-American Woman Suffrage Association.

1897.

## ARTICLE I.

The name of this Association shall be THE NATIONAL-AMERICAN WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

## ARTICLE II.

The object of this Association shall be to secure protection in their right to vote, to the woman citizens of the United States, by appropriate National and State legislation.

## ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1. All citizens of the United States subscribing to this Constitution, and paying not less than one dollar annually into the treasury of this Association, shall become members thereof, and shall be entitled to attend all its meetings, to participate in all discussions that may arise, and to receive reports and other documents published by it.

SEC. 2. The payment of fifty dollars (\$50) into the treasury shall constitute any citizen of the United States a Life Member of the Association, with all the privileges belonging to the regular annual members.

## ARTICLE IV.

SECTION 1. The officers of this Association shall be a President, a Vice-President-at-Large, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and two Auditors. The officers named in this section shall be nominated by an informal ballot at a business session of the Annual Convention of the Association. The three persons receiving the highest number of votes for any office shall be considered the nominees of the Convention for that office, and the will of the Association shall be taken by a formal ballot.

SEC. 2. Wherever State Associations auxiliary to this Association exist, the Presidents of such Associations shall be considered Vice-Presidents of this Association, representing therein their respective States.

SEC. 3. Each State Auxiliary Association shall elect from its membership one person to serve on the Executive Committee of this Association.

SEC. 4. The officers enumerated in the preceding sections of this Article, together with the Chairmen of standing committees shall constitute the Executive Committee of this Association; of these officers, fifteen shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 5. This Association shall elect Vice-Presidents to represent States where there is no auxiliary Society; but Vice-Presidents representing non-auxiliary States shall be only honorary officers, and shall not be entitled to vote.

SEC. 6. The Executive Committee may elect annually ten or more honorary Vice-Presidents.

## ARTICLE V.

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting, after one day's notice in the Convention, notice of the proposed amendment having been given to the Business Committee, and by them published in the suffrage papers not less than three months in advance.

## BY-LAWS.

## BY-LAW I.

For the accomplishment of the object specified in Article II. of its Constitution, this Association shall seek to concentrate the efforts of all the advocates of woman suffrage in the United States by the following methods: (1.) It shall hold annually one meeting of delegates (according to the basis of representation stated in By-Law II.) for the transaction of business, the election of officers and the advocacy of its principles; and it may hold one or more other conventions annually for the advocacy of its principles. (2.) It shall form State Associations auxiliary to itself in every State where none such now exist; during the first session of each Congress. (3.) It shall publish tracts, speeches, and other documents, and shall recognize the authority of its auxiliaries in their respective States, it shall promote their local work by every means in its power. (4.) It shall publish tracts, speeches, and other documents, and shall furnish the same at actual cost. (5.) It shall prepare and circulate petitions to Congress and to State Legislatures on behalf of the political and civil equality of women, and take such other measures for the promotion of woman suffrage as the Executive Committee shall determine upon, subject always to the will of the Association.

## BY-LAW II.—BASIS OF REPRESENTATION.

SECTION 1. Any State Woman Suffrage Association may become auxiliary to the N. A. W. S. Association, by paying annually into its treasury ten cents per member of the State society and of its paid-up auxiliaries.



SEC. 2. Every State Auxiliary Association shall be entitled to send three delegates to the Annual National Convention, and one delegate in addition for every one hundred members of State Society and of its paid-up auxiliaries.

SEC. 3. All officers of the National-American Woman Suffrage Association shall be *ex-officio* delegates-at-large, and every such officer shall be entitled to vote in all the business meetings of the Association.

#### BY-LAW III.—CREDENTIALS.

All delegates-at-large specified in Sec. 3 of By-Law II., and chairmen of standing committees, must present credentials properly signed by the President and Recording Secretary of the organization represented. Contributors to the N. A. W. S. A. shall receive a card signed by the Treasurer of that Association which shall serve as credentials for the members of that body who are not delegates from other bodies.

#### BY-LAW IV.

The Executive Committee of this Association shall hold one session preceding the opening of each annual convention, and another session after the conclusion of such convention; and the committees having in charge the arrangements for the annual convention shall always take cognizance of such meetings of the Executive Committee and make provision for them.

#### BY-LAW V.

The decisions reached by the Executive Committee shall be presented in the form of recommendations at the business sessions of the convention.

#### BY-LAW VI.

In the election of officers, the delegates present from each State shall cast the full vote to which the organization represented by them is entitled. The vote shall be taken in the same way upon any other question whenever the delegates present from five States concur in asking it. In other cases each delegate shall have one vote.

#### BY-LAW VII.

The Committee on Resolutions shall consist of one person from each State, elected by the delegation from the organization represented.

#### BY-LAW VIII.

After each annual convention the Business Committee shall elect the following Standing Committees: A Committee on Programme, to consist of five persons, one from each section of the country, of which the president shall be chairman, to arrange the programme for the next annual meeting; a Congressional Committee, to have in charge the direct Congressional work during the year which shall intervene between the time of its appointment and the next annual convention;

and Committees on Press Work, Enrollment, Federal Suffrage, Presidential Suffrage, National Headquarters, Local Arrangements and Railroad Rates, and a Committee on Plan of Work. All money collected by or belonging to the Standing Committees shall be turned into the treasury of the National-American W. S. A., that sum to be drawn at any time by an authorized person on the committee without the signature of the President and Recording Secretary of the N. A. W. S. A.

#### BY-LAW IX.

The report of the Treasurer shall be read at the second business meeting of the annual convention. The books of the Treasurer shall close the first day of January.

#### BY-LAW X.

SECTION I. The General Officers named in Art. IV., Sec. 1, of the Constitution, viz., the President, Vice-President-at-Large, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurer, and two Auditors, with the Honorary President and Chairman of Organization Committee, shall constitute a Business Committee to provide for and control the general interests of the work in the interim of the annual meetings, and to perform all other business not otherwise assigned. Of these, five shall constitute a quorum when assembled after due notice, or a majority may act by correspondence in response to a circular letter addressed to every member of the Business Committee not less than ten days beforehand, by the President.

SEC. 2. The President may call special meetings of the Business Committee, when deemed necessary, or in response to the written request of any three members of the Business Committee, and shall perform all other duties usual to such office.

SEC. 3. The Vice-President-at-Large shall perform all duties of the President in case of the President's absence or disability.

SEC. 4. The Recording Secretary shall attend all business meetings of the Association and the meetings of the Executive and Business Committees, and shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the same and perform all other duties usually pertaining to such office.

SEC. 5. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct all correspondence of the organization, and perform all duties usual to such office; and shall also send to the Secretary of each auxiliary, blanks for notice to prepare a report of work done by said auxiliary, and shall send to the Secretary of each auxiliary, blanks for credentials of delegates to the annual meeting to which said auxiliary is entitled, and a notice of the necessity that said auxiliary shall send dues and list of names and addresses of members to the Treasurer of this Association.

SEC. 6. The Treasurer shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements of money, and shall present a detailed report thereof to each annual meeting, to be afterward published, and shall pay no bill except on an order signed by the President and Recording Secretary.



tary, and at the annual meeting shall give to the chairman of the Committee on Credentials the whole number of delegates to which each auxiliary is entitled, according to the number of members and amount of dues paid; and shall perform all other duties usually pertaining to this office.

SEC. 7. The Auditors shall examine and verify the books of the Treasurer, and shall give a report thereof at each annual meeting.

SEC. 8. The General Officers of this Association shall be elected on the last day but one of the annual meeting.

SEC. 9. The term of the General Officers shall expire at the end of the last session of the (annual) convention proper, and the term of the newly elected officers shall commence with the session of the Executive Committee held after the conclusion of the convention, provided for by By-Law IV.

SEC. 10. The Business Committee shall fill any vacancy that may occur in itself during the interim of annual meetings.

#### BY-LAW XI.

In case of the absence from the annual convention of this Association of a State President or a State member of the Executive Committee, the delegation from that State may elect a proxy to represent the absentee on the Executive Board during the convention.

#### BY-LAW XII.

The annual report prepared by the Secretary of each State Association and approved by the President of that Association, must be read as written, and any alterations must be made from the floor in open convention.

#### BY-LAW XIII.

A State Association, no member of which is present at a National Convention, may not give a proxy to a person from another State to cast its vote at the convention.

#### BY-LAW XIV.

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting, one day's notice having been given in convention.

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1897.

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