



## Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association Records.

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Henn Co WSA General Minutes

1916-1919

HENNEPIN COUNTY  
WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION  
403 ESSEX BLDG.,  
MINNEAPOLIS, :: MINN.

By-Laws.

Article I.      Name.

The name of this organization shall be the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Association.

Article II.      Object.

The object ~~shu~~ shall be to secure the enfranchisement of women.

Article III.      Membership.

Any person over eighteen years of age who has signed the membership blank shall be a member of the association.

Article IV.      Governing Board.

Section 1.

The management of the business of the association shall be vested in a governing board to consist of: the President of the association, five or more Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Leaders of Districts, and Chairmen of Standing Committees.

Section 2.

The Board shall meet monthly or at the call of the President.

Section 3.

The Board shall direct the general policies of the association, outline its work, and authorize all expenditures of association money.

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Vacancies among the elected members of the Board may be filled ad interim by the Board or an election

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Each of the nine districts of Hennepin County shall elect a Leader, Secretary, and Treasurer, who with the Chairmen of Precincts shall form the Executive Committee of the District.

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The executive committees shall direct the policies of the Districts in conformity with those of the Governor, Board, outline local work, create local committees, and authorize all expenditures of District money.

Section 3.

There shall be quarterly district meetings with an annual meeting in February for the election of District officers of the association.

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Section 4.

District Leaders shall report monthly to the  
Governing Board in writing. Their reports shall be filed.

Article VII. Meetings of the Association.

There shall be an annual meeting in May for the  
election of officers of the association.

Article VIII. Amendments.

These By-Laws may be amended at any general meet-  
ing of the association provided notice of the proposed  
changes has been given at a previous meeting.

AMENDMENTS.

I. To Art. 6 Sec. 1:

The Chairman of Organization Work in consultation with  
the President shall elect or appoint persons to fill any  
vacancies among the District Leaders.

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11/4/15.

Organizers Meeting.

The leaders and chairmen of Legislative Districts of Hennepin County met Thursday, Nov. 4, 1915, at Suffrage Headquarters. Mrs. Andreas Ueland was in the chair.

The meeting was called to discuss a constitution for the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Ass'n. and voted to recommend the following By-Laws for adoption by the Association.

Meeting adjourned on motion.

Nellie Merrill,

Sec'y. Pro Tem.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Article 1 --Name

Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Association

Article 2-- Object

The enfranchisement of women

Article 2-- Membership

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Article 4-- Officers

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Article 5-- Governing Board

<sup>general</sup>  
The management of the affairs of the association shall be vested in a board of directors which shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Chairman of the Board, Secretary, Treasurer and the Chairmen of the following ~~permanent~~ <sup>standing</sup> committees :

Here enumerate committees.

*Insert Sec 1 (over)*  
Article 6-- The officers and directors of the association shall be elected for one year at the annual meeting of the association and shall serve until their successors have been elected and have qualified. ~~except the Chairman of the B, who~~ —  
Vacancies: ~~of the Board~~ shall have power of election to fill a vacancy of either officer or director. A majority present and voting shall constitute a quorum.

Article 7-- Annual meeting of the association shall be held \*\*\*\* in May <sup>or by 3 members of the Board or by 10 members of the Association</sup>  
Special meetings may be called by the president. The board of directors shall hold regular monthly meetings.

Article 8-- Duties of the officers.

Dec 1

There shall be an executive com. of the  
B of D consisting of the pres, the Chairman of  
the B, the ex. Secy, & 2 other members ~~to be~~  
elected by the board for (and the Chairman  
the finance com. This com. shall keep  
all the papers of the B of D in the  
interim of B of D meetings

When meet?

B of D when meet?



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Article VI. (cont.)

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11/29/15.

The first general meeting of the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Ass'n. was held in the club rooms (403 Essex Bldg.) November 29 at 3:00 P.M. with Mrs. Ueland in the chair. The first business was to consider the By-Laws for the Association, proposed by a conference of the Leaders and Chairmen of the Legislative Districts of Hennepin County.

After the first reading, each article of the proposed By-Laws was voted on.

Article I was adopted as read.

Article II was adopted as read.

Article III was adopted as read.

Article IV was adopted as read except Section 1, which was amended to read "five Vice-Presidents" instead of "three Vice-Presidents."

Article V was adopted as read.

Article VI was adopted as read.

Article VII was adopted as read.

Article VIII was adopted as read.

Pledges for the work were asked for, which are payable after the first of the year. \$192.00 was pledged.

It was voted to have a recess from meetings here from Dec. 20 to Jan. 3.

It was moved and carried that the Leaders of the Districts meet as a Nominating Committee this week, with Mrs. Ueland as Chairman, and present their report at the meeting next Monday. The officers to be elected to be temporary.

Then Mr. Yen Tai Miao, a Chinese student at the University was introduced to speak on the "Status of Women

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" in China".

The food sale today was in the hands of ladies  
of the 35 District, ~~with Mrs. F. Finsterbach and~~ Mrs.  
Charles Loss in charge; and of the 29 Dist. with Mrs.  
F. Finsterbach in charge.

Mrs. Wm. Fulton,

Sec. Pro Tem.

# Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Ass'n.

Pledges made Nov. 29, 1915.

Contributor.	Monthly.	Yearly.
Mrs. H. G. Harrison	\$5.00	\$60.00
Mrs. A. B. Jackson	1.00	12.00
Mrs. Anna McCoy	1.00	12.00
Mrs. W. H. Thorp	1.00	12.00
Miss Audrey Walton	1.00	12.00
Mrs. L. B. Roberts	1.00	12.00
Mrs. E. G. Walton	1.00	12.00
Mrs. H. A. Barnes	1.00	12.00
Mrs. Andreas Ueland	1.00	12.00
Mrs. A. H. Potter	1.00	12.00
Mrs. Edward Nelson	.50	6.00
Mrs. Orren E. Safford	.50	6.00
Mrs. F. Finsterbach	.25	3.00
Mrs. F. A. Camp	.25	3.00
Mrs. N. R. Cushing	.25	3.00
Mrs. Mary G. Andrews	.25	3.00



## Literature Committee:

Suffrage Literature Given to : 14 Branch Libraries  
& 5 High Schools "

November 1915.

Rainbow Flyers for distribution.

"Madam Who Keeps Your House" for distribution.

" Indirect Influence in Illinois" " " ".

Two each of following Pamphlets.

"Why Equal Suff. Has Been a Success."

"Woman Suff. & the Liquor Interests".

"Advantages of Equal Suffrage".

" Truth about Wage-Earning Woman".

"Suffrage Morals"

"Effect of Vote of Women on Legislation".

Objections Answered".

" Suffrage & Temperance".

"Woman's Ballot to Protect the City Child".

"Ballot for Women of the Farm".

"Partial Democracy" and the Child"

"Votes and Athletics".

" Worth of a Vote".

"Facts & Dates".

"Real Point".

Dec. 1, 1915.

U. of M. Library, Miss Firkins.

All of above material except: "Jane Addams Testifies"

"Woman Suff. & Liquor Interests"

"Facts & Dates"

Added:

"Woman Suffrage, Hist., Args., Results".

"Anti-Suff. Monolog".

"Digest of Legislation, good & bad".



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Organizers Meeting.

12/2/15.

A meeting of the District Leaders of Hennepin County was held in the club rooms, Dec. 2, with Mrs. Ueland as Chairman.

After discussion, the following ticket was decided upon to recommend to the next association meeting.

President	Mrs. D. F. Simpson
Vice-President	Mrs. A. Ueland
" "	Mrs. H. G. Harrison
" "	Mrs. A. B. Jackson
" "	Dr. Ethel Hurd
" "	Miss Abigail Mabree
Corresponding Sec'y.	Mrs. D. P. Jones
Recording Sec'y.	Mrs. Wm. Fulton
Treasurer	Mrs. A. E. Zonne

Meeting adjourned on motion.

Mrs. Wm. Fulton,  
Sec'y. Pro Tem.

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12/6/15.

A meeting of the Hennepin County Ass'n. was held in the club rooms, Dec. 6 at 3:00 P.M. with the President in the chair.

The first business was the election of officers. The report of the Nominating Committee was accepted.

The following officers were elected:

President	Mrs. D. F. Simpson.
Vice-President	Mrs. Andreas Ueland
" "	Mrs. H. G. Harrison
" "	Mrs. A. B. Jackson
" "	Dr. Ethel Hurd
" "	Miss Abigail Mabree
Corresponding Sec'y.	Mrs. D. P. Jones
Recording "	Mrs. William Fulton
Treasurer	Mrs. A. E. Zonne

Mrs. E. G. Walton gave a report on the Vaudeville Frolic, given at the Woman's Club. The gross receipts were \$128.25. Expenses \$68.25. The amount raised for the State Ass'n. was \$60.00, not so large an amount but the advertising value of the Frolic was worth much.

Mrs. Simpson read an appeal for a sale of work of black women in Jamaica. The decision was left in the hands of the president.

Notice was given of an amendment to the newly adopted By-Laws that Art. IV, Sec. 1 read "five or more Vice-Presidents" instead of "five Vice-Presidents". The matter is to be voted on at the next meeting.

Mr. Louis Harthill, Business agent for the Machinists Union spoke on "Women as Competitors of Men in Industry".

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12/6/15.

It was moved and carried that meetings be held until December 20th., then omitted until the first of the year.

Ladies of the 36 District held the food sale, with Mrs.C.E.Wales of Bloomington and Mrs.W.M.Morse of Excelsior in charge.

Meeting adjourned on motion.

Mrs.William Fulton,

Sec'y.

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12/13/15.

A brief business meeting was held in the club  
rooms, December 13 at 3:00 P.M. with Mrs. Simpson presiding.

Miss Audrey Walton was appointed Secretary Pro Tem.

The minutes of the last meeting were omitted on  
motion.

It was moved and carried unanimously that the  
amendment to the By-Laws proposed at the last meeting  
be adopted; namely that Article IV, Section 1 read:  
"five Vice-Presidents or more" instead of "five Vice-  
Presidents".

Meeting adjourned on motion.

Audrey Walton,  
Sec'y. Pro Tem.

## Food Sales. 1915

Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Ass'n

30	Legislative Dist.	Oct. 25	Chairman-Mrs. W. C. M. Pyke	\$ 5	35
34	" "	Nov. 1	" Mrs. M. D. Purdy	14	43
31	" "	" 8	" Mrs. I. L. Corse	7	65
33	" "	" 15	" Mrs. A. W. Armatage	8	96
29	" "	" 22	" Mrs. E. D. Durand	8	05
28	" "	" 29	" Mrs. F. Finsterbach & Mrs. Charles Loss	7	35
36	" "	Dec. 6	" Mrs. C. E. Wales & Mrs. W. M. Morse & Mrs. W. M. Morse	6	76
Total				\$58	55



1915.      Suffrage Talks Given.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Speaker.</u>	<u>Place.</u>
<i>Feb.</i>	Miss H. McDonald	Riverside Girl's Club.
26.	Mrs. Veland & Mrs. Simpson.	Duluth Org. Meeting
	Dr. Robbins Gilman	Logan Park Field House.
<del>28</del>	<del>Mrs. D. E. Simpson</del>	<del>res. Mrs. D. E. Simpson 1717 Dupont So.</del> <del>(Young Woman's Club)</del>

<i>Mar.</i>	Miss H. McDonald	Hope Chapel Girl's Club.
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<u>1915.</u>	<u>Suffrage Talks Given.</u>	
<u>Date.</u>	<u>Speaker.</u>	<u>Place.</u>
April.		
9.	Mrs. D. F. Simpson	Woman's Org., Church of Redeemer
14.	Mrs. D. F. Simpson	Women of Albert Lea, Minn.
15.	Mrs. R. A. Hall	29 Dist. Meeting.
16.	Mrs. D. F. Simpson.	Fed. Clubs, Moorhead, Minn.
21.	J. Schain (& Mrs. Gilfillan)	Girl's Club, C. H. S.
24.	J. Schain	Long Lake, Minn.
	J. Schain	2 Dist. Fed. Club at Plainfield.
	J. Schain	3. " " " " Cannon Falls
16.	Mrs. F. Finsterbach	Carpenters Union.
21	" "	Bricklayers Union.
21.	" "	Cooks & Waitresses Union.
21.	" "	Trades & Labor Assembly.
21.	" "	I. W. W. Men's Club.
May		
6.	J. Schain	Univ. State Hospital, Nurses & Doctors.
1.	Mrs. Weland & Mrs. Simpson.	Winona Suffrage Luncheon.
10.	J. Schain	Brotherhood of Amer. Yeomen
13.	"	West High School
25	J. Schain	Crystal Bay Club.
19	Mrs. D. F. Simpson	33 Dist. meet. at Mrs. Ridgway's.
25	Mrs. D. F. Simpson	Dist. 8, M. F. W. C., Chisholm

1915.

Suffrage Talks Given.

June		
10	Mrs. D. F. Simpson & Mrs. Ueland	Hastings, Minn.
18	" "	Lake Harriet Com. Club
"	Mrs. Ueland & Dr. Mabel Ulrich	Mrs. Jackson's Excelsior <i>me</i>
Oct.		
23	Mrs. Ueland	Keewaydin Chap., D. A. R. <i>with</i> (Miss Guilford, 1820 Hawthorne Av)
Nov.		
5	Mrs. Ueland	Parents Club of Seward School
9	Mrs. Simpson	Prospect park Study Club.
10	Mrs. Simpson	Suff. Tea at Walton's. (1915 club)
14	Mrs. Simpson	Civic Club of Unitarian Church.
17	Charlotte Passmore	Dorcas Soc., Mrs. McKenzie, Glen Lake
18	Miss M. Wells	(U. C. Club, <del>West</del> High School <i>ol</i> (Rhoda Kellogg, K. 3359)
29	Mrs. Simpson (Gilfillan)	Merriam Park Study Club.
Dec.		
15	Mrs. Simpson	Bloomington Women, Mrs. C. E. Wales. <i>Home</i>

COMMITTEES. 1916-1917

Extension

Miss Marguerite Wells, Chairman

Finance

Mrs. R. M. Bennett, Chairman

Mrs. D. Edmund Smith

Mrs. Orren Safford

Mrs. J. A. Jordan

Mrs. J. A. Jordan

Mrs. L. A. Jordan

House

Mrs. W. A. Jordan, Chairman

Literature

Miss Anne J. Wells, Chairman

Music

Mrs. Arthur H. Quenby, Chairman

Mrs. I. R. Campbell

COMMITTEES.

Organization

Mrs.M.D.Purdy, Chairman

District Leaders

Program

Mrs.C.S.Thompson, Chairman

Miss Nellie Merrill

Mrs.W.H.Thorp

Public Demonstration

Mrs.S.T.McKnight, Chairman

Press

Mrs.Walter Thorp

Publicity

Mrs.L.L.Schwartz, Chairman

Speakers

Miss Nellie Merrill, Chairman



Ways and Means

Mrs. W. W. Hodgman, Chairman

Mrs. D. F. Johnson

Mrs. J. G. Fullerton

Mrs. I. L. Corse

Mrs. W. A. Jordan

PROPOSED SYSTEM FOR USE IN ORGANIZATION WORK.

District Leader.

File I. Enrollments.

1. Copy on filing cards the names and addresses gathered in the canvas in your district,
2. Write on each card the Legislative District, Ward, & Precinct at the top, thus:

L.D. 34, Ward 8, Prec. 8

*Mrs. John Jones*

3. Write:
  - a. Enrollments of women on white filing cards.
  - b. Enrollments of men on salmon filing cards.

4. Write:

- a. On salmon index cards the number of the Ward & Precinct; and below the name of the Precinct Chairman, thus:

Ward 8, Prec. 10

*Miss Mary Brown  
3100 Blaisdell Av.*

5. File the cards by Wards & Precincts, and alphabetically in each precinct. (Headquarters will furnish alphabetic indexes when necessary.)
6. Send original enrollments in to Suffrage Headquarters.

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File II. 2 Divisions.

Part I. "For" & "I Believe".

- a. Copy slips on filing cards using same system as in File I except: that you use buff filing cards for women and blue filing cards for men.
- b. Send originals to Suffrage Headquarters.

Part II. "Undecided" & "Opposed".

- a. File original slips of paper filled out in the canvas.
- b. Clip off the upper right corner of those "opposed".
- c.

District Leader.File II. Part II.

- c. File by same system as the others, i.e. by wards and precincts, and alphabetically in the precinct.
- d. Put this part in back of File II, i.e. back of the division.

Precinct Chairman.

- 1. Copy on filing cards the names gathered in the canvas in your precinct.
- 2. Write:
  - a. Enrollments of women on white cards.
  - b. Enrollments of men on salmon cards.
  - c. "For" of "I Believe" on buff cards.
  - (Cut off upper right corner to indicate men thus:
  - d. "Undecided" & "Opposed" on blue cards.
  - (Cut off corner to indicate men)
  - e. Write "Undecided" or "Opposed" on cards as the case may be.
  - f. Write Legislative District, Ward, Precinct, at top

of each card.

Examples:

3000

L. D. 34, Ward 8, Prec. 3

Mr. John Johnson

3000 Nicollet Ave.

(opposed)

- 3. Write House number in upper left corner.
- 4. On salmon index cards, write the Street or Avenue thus:
- 5. Write name of Precinct Worker on blue index card and place

14w. 30.



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her in her territory,thus:

*John Jones*

6. Give all original slips to your District Leader.

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PRECINCT WORKER.

1. Write remarks on back of enrollments.
2. Date each slip, when filled out, in the upper right corner.
3. Copy in this book the names you have gathered in your canvas.
4. Put them in by their house numbers and streets. (or Avenues)
5. Allow one page to each number.
6. Indicate:
  - I. a. Enrollments by +
  - b. "For" or "I Believe" by ±
  - c. "Undecided" by ?
  - d. "Opposed" by -
  - II. Date of enrollment.
  - III. Remarks.

Example.

Mar.	<u>3000 Nicollet Ave.</u>
1916	Mr. John Jones ±
	Mrs. John Jones + (might help)
	Miss Mary Jones ?
	Mr. Sam Jones -

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January 10, 1916.

A meeting of the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Association was held at suffrage headquarters, January tenth with Mrs. Simpson in the chair.

The first business of the meeting was the election of more vice-presidents in order that each suffrage club may have a representative upon the board.

Mrs. James A. Peterson of the Scandinavian Woman Suffrage Ass'n. was nominated by Mrs. M. D. Purdy. She was unanimously elected.

Miss Ruth Thygeson, president of the College Equal Suffrage Club was nominated by Mrs. A. B. Jackson. She was unanimously elected.

Mrs. G. H. Partridge was nominated by Miss Nellie Merrill. She was elected unanimously.

Miss Ruth Rosholt of the 1915 Club was nominated by Mrs. R. M. Bennett. A unanimous vote was cast for her.

Announcement of the coming of Child Labor Day on Jan. 23 was made. Also, members were invited to go to Albert Lea for the Quarterly Conference of the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Ass'n., January 27 & 28.

Whether business meetings for the discussion of the organization work should be held in the various districts or at headquarters was considered but not voted upon.

Mrs. Simpson announced the first evening meeting at headquarters January 12 at 8:15, for the benefit of men and women in business.

A talk on "Organized Household Labor" was given by Mrs. H. L. B. Darling of Boston.

Professor Wallace, late of Chicago University talked



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on the "Single Tax".

Mrs. Wm. Fulton,

Rec. Sec'y.

## ICE CARNIVAL.

Jan. 5, 1916.

Disbursements

## Total Receipts

\$165 45

Stamped envelopes

13

10

1915 Costumes

13

91

Printing

11

00

Horns &amp; express

8

80

Rink

41

37

Lee Bros.

5

00

Prizes

2

00

Total

\$95

18

COMMITTEES.

Finance.

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Mrs. D. Edmund Smith

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Public Demonstration.

Mrs. S. T. McKnight, Chairman

House

Miss Nellie Merrill, Chairman.

Program

Mrs. C. S. Thomspen, Chairman.

Miss Nellie Merrill

Mrs. Walter Thorp.

COMMITTEES.

EXTENSION.

Mrs. James Paige, Chairman.

Factories.

Mrs. F. G. Howard, Chairman.

Miss Emily Pyke, Ass't. Chairman.

Mrs. Bryant White, First Speaker.

Miss Katharine J. Smith, Follow-up work.

Fraternal Societies.

Mrs. Sarah G. Lyons, Chairman.

Churches.

Mrs. G. H. Bridgman, Chairman.

Social Clubs.

Mrs. Anne McCoy, Chairman.

W. C. T. U.

Mrs. Mary G. Andrews, Chairman.

Concordia Society.

Mrs. Frank Peterson, Chairman.

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January 17, 1916.

A meeting of the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Ass'n. was held at suffrage headquarters ,Jan.17 with Mrs. Simpson in the chair.

After discussion it was voted to change the meeting programmed for the afternoon of Jan.31 at 3:00 P.M. to the evening of that day at 8:00 o'clock.

It was voted to try

^The plan adopted at the last meeting to ~~try~~ hold-  
~~the~~ meetings at headquarters in the afternoon only on the first and third Mondays of the month, to hold an evening meeting on the fourth Monday, and to hold a meeting in the Districts on the second Monday.

The History of Woman Suffrage in Minnesota by Dr. Ethel Hurd is now for sale for 50 cents at headquarters.

Business was then suspended in order to listen to a debate by members of the public speaking class of the East High School on: "Resolved that woman suffrage should be adopted in Minnesota."

The judges appointed were: Mrs. Triplet of Washington, D.C.; Mrs. Wilbur Shaw; and Mr. Bertush. The result was two for the affirmative and one for the negative.

The meeting adjourned for tea.

Mrs. William Fulton,

Rec. Sec'y.



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A meeting of the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Ass'n. was held in suffrage headquarters January 24 at 3:00 .PM. with the President in the chair.

On Friday, Feb. 11 the College Equal Suffrage Club of the University is to have a dance and party in Shevlin Hall to raise money for their work. They invite all suffragists to come over.

Mrs. Henry Clasen of the Long Lake W.C.T.U. said that they had difficulty in getting speakers for the negative side of a suffrage debate held at the January meeting.

It is suggested that the Ways and Means Committee try the plan of putting second-hand novels and books on sale, the books to be contributed by suffragists.

The food sales held this fall netted the Association \$58.00. They were so successful that it is proposed to begin them again at the first February meeting.

Mrs. Simpson announced the sale of Jamaica articles, baskets and embroideries, after the meeting.

The guest of honor was Dr. Charles Prosser, head of the Dunwoody School, who talked on "The Value of Industrial Education".

The meeting adjourned for tea.

Mrs. Wm. Fulton,

Rec. Sec'y.

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REPORT  
of  
PEACE CONFERENCE.

2/4/16.

On Friday, Feb. 4 at 3:30 P.M. a meeting was called to hear the recommendations of the National Peace Party. It was held at the home of Miss Hope McDonald.

Representations of the various women's Clubs in the city were present.

was read

A report of the first annual meeting of the Woman's Peace Party in Washington, D.C. held January 10, at which Miss Jane Addams presided.

The conference protested against greater <sup>war</sup> appropriations, as there is already 62 % of all United States appropriations used for the Army and Navy. Each soldier costing the government \$ 1300.00 per year.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Wm. Fulton, Delegate.

2/7/16.

A meeting of the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Association was held at headquarters on February 7 with Mrs. Ueland in the chair.

The report of the Peace meeting was read and approved.

Announcement of the passing of the bill granting equal suffrage to women of Manitoba was greeted with applause.

The Woman's Journal, also states that Mexican women are asking for the ballot. Mrs. W.H. Thorp, the press chairman, said that the Christian Science Monitor carries more woman suffrage news than any other.

Miss Nellie Merrill gave an interesting report of the suffrage recent conference held at Albert Lea, where <sup>300</sup> \$400.00 was raised to send our organizer, Mrs. Maria McMahon to help in the Iowa Campaign.

Seven women gave brief but extremely interesting talks on "Women in Industry", each speaking from the particular field that she represents.

Mrs. A.J. Todd spoke on "Industrial Workers".

Miss Elizabeth Yerxa talked of "Opportunities for social service workers in connection with Hospitals".

Miss Nan Ferguson spoke of "Vocational Guidance in the Public Schools".

Mrs. Frieda Hainert talked about "Welfare Work a new Career for Women".

Miss Caroline Bedford told of the large opportunity for many workers in work of the ~~charities~~ organized charities.

Miss Monica Kowaleska gave an enlightening talk on the opportunities for Polish girls in Minneapolis.

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Miss Caroline Manning of the State Free Employment Bureau gave a striking comparison of the wages of men and women in industry.

Then Mrs. Ueland spoke of the plan to carry on the work of the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Ass'n. by volunteer contributions. She said that \$3000.00 is needed for this year.

The following pledges were made:

Mrs. R. M. Bennett	\$5.00	per	month
Mrs. Llewellyn Christian	1.00	"	"
Mrs. J. H. McDonald	1.00	"	"
Mrs. H. S. Johnson	1.00	"	"
Mrs. W. A. Jordan	1.00	"	"
Mrs. C. Lindley	1.00	"	"
Mrs. Anna F. Drew	.50	"	"
Mrs. E. D. Durand	.50	"	"
Mrs. Alice M. Gould	.50	"	"
Mrs. C. R. Fletcher	.50	"	"

A luncheon for Fola Lafollette is to be held at the Hotel Dyckman, and the tickets are for sale by Mrs. Denman Johnson.

Mrs. A. H. Potter has tickets for the Sara B. Field lecture.

Mrs. Ueland asked for volunteers to help address envelopes for notices to be sent out this week. The following responded: Miss Anne Wells, Miss Mary Barber, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. J. Donaghue.

Meeting adjourned for tea.

Mrs. Wm. Fulton,

Rec. Sec'y.

Fola LaFollette Lecture. Feb. 16, 1916.Disbursements.

Luncheon	\$ 49	20
Miss LaFollette	100	10
Theater	50	00
Printing		
8000 Handbills	10	75
200 Lunch Tickets	1	25
100 Lecture Tickets		40
1500 Letters	3	25
Total	211	75
Total	214	95

Receipts

Luncheon	85	00
Collection	60	19
Boxes & Seats	65	25
Total	\$210	44
Mar. 31-Luncheon	6	00
Total	216	44
	214	95
Bal.	1	49

Mass-Meeting.

A free mass-meeting was held in the Shubert Theater at 12:00 M. Miss LaFollette talked for one hour. The boxes and floor were entirely filled, and the balcony was half full. Boxes were sold for \$5.00 each, and seats in the first two rows for \$1.00 each. A collection was taken by the 1915 Club girls, in writing-paper boxes.

Mrs. S. T. McKnight was in charge.

Luncheon.

A luncheon was given afterward in the Grill Room of the Hotel Dyckman, 82 present. Tickets sold for \$1.00 each, and the lunch cost .75 per plate. Miss LaFollette talked of the recent New York Election, and read an original suffrage poem.

Committee in charge: Mrs. W. W. Hodgman, Chairman.

Mrs. I. L. Corse

Mrs. D. F. Johnson

Mrs. J. G. Fullerton.



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2/21/16.

In the absence of the president, the meeting of the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Association on Monday, February 21, was called to order by Mrs. Andreas Ueland.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with one correction. The amount pledged at Albert Lea for the Iowa Campaign was \$300.00 and not \$ 400.00

Brief reports of the District meetings held on February 15 by the District Leaders. All reported interesting and successful meetings.

The Association enjoyed a most interesting talk on "Suffrage from a Minister's Viewpoint" by Rev. A. C. Bacon, which was followed by discussion.

After the program, there was a call for volunteers to do clerical work in the office to which five responded.

A resolution was passed thanking Congressman A. J. Volsted for his efforts in behalf of the Susan B. Anthony Amendment and asking him to use his efforts to bring about a reconsideration of the action of the judiciary committee.

Meeting adjourned for tea.

Mrs. M. D. Purdy,

Sec. Pro Tem.

Winter 1915-1916. Suffrage Debates.

North High School.

East High School in Auditorium, & at Suff. & Anti-Suff. Headquarters.

Central High School

East vs. Central Feb. 25 at East High School.

North M. E. Church Feb. 25, Mr. Hugo R. Nylander, Tel. North 1297.

Emerson Grade School.

Long Lake W. C. T. U., Mrs. Henry Clasen.

University of Minn. Public Speaking Class.

Clara Barton School, 7A & 8B Grades.

University Farm School

Harrison School

Minnehaha Academy

George Bancroft School

BABY WELFARE WEEK, MARCH 4-11, 1916.

SUFFRAGE DISPLAYS.

Chairman: Mrs. L. L. Schwartz.

Window Displays.

1. Powers Mercantile Co. on Nicollet Av.

"Madonna" by Van Dyck loaned by T. B. Walker.

Daffodils & Suffrage Yellow ribbons & draperies

Placard: "Save the Babies".

"Well-born children are the only real  
wealth of a nation ". Ruskin.

"Does not justice demand for mothers who  
contribute that wealth, a voice in the  
making and enforcing of laws for child  
welfare."

2. Beard Art Co. on Nicollet Av.

"Her Man is at the Sea". by Mme. Virginie Dumont-Breton

Loaned by T. B. Walker.

Same motto and decorations used.

Draperies and professional decorator loaned by  
Bradstreet & Co.

Sociological Tours.

Mar. 4

Mar. 6. Mrs. J. F. Fraser, visited Wells Mem'l. & Talmud Torah.

Mar. 7. Mrs. W. E. Neiler & Mrs. C. M. Bracelen

Mar. 8. Mrs. C. F. Struck & Friend. Bethany, Lymanhurst, Rosedale Cottage

Mar. 9. Mrs. Erle Savage. Stevens Av. Home & Sheltering Arms.

Mar. 10. Mrs. W. Bland & Mrs. O. Safford. Unity & Maternity Hospital

Mar. 11. Mrs. Arthur Brin & Friend. Margaret Berry Home & N. E. Neigh. House

Mar. 8. Mrs. L. L. Schwartz spoke on "Legislation Affecting Babies".

at Mpls. Dry Goods Co. Baby Week Headquarters.

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Mrs.D.F.Simpson wrote personal letters of thanks to:

Mr.T.B.Walker

Bradstreet & Co.

Mr.Harrington Beard.

Powers Mercantile Co.

Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Ass'n. 3/6/16.

The President was in the chair at the meeting of the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Ass'n. held at 3:00 o'clock on March 6.

The New York Evening Post has just published a fine suffrage number which is for sale here.

Announcement was also made of the Costume <sup>on</sup> Concert given by the Political Equality Club at the Unitarian Church, March 30'

After all expenses were paid for the lecture of Miss Fola LaFollette, there was 50 cents left over. Mrs. S.T. McKnight was in charge of arrangements <sup>for</sup> of this remarkable success. *ful talk*

Mrs. L. L. Schwartz, who was in charge of the beautiful suffrage window exhibits for Baby Week, was given a vote of thanks.

Mrs. Robbins Gilman is the newly elected Chairman of the Speakers Committee.

As Chairman of the Finance Committee, Mrs. Bennett stated that many pledges are already in, but that many more are needed to carry on the work of the Association for this year.

Good work is being done by the Extension Committee among the various conventions held in the city and in the factories where noon meetings are held each week. A full report is appended.

Mrs. Eugenia Farmer gave a very interesting talk on "Reminiscences of Old Suffrage Days."



Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Ass'n. 3/6/16.

Miss Alma Binzell, a teacher, gave a most interesting talk on "Do We Need a Federal Amendment".

Suffragists living in the third, fourth, and tenth wards were urged to write to Mr. Thomas D. Schall in Washington and urge him to pledge himself definitely to favor woman suffrage.

Meeting adjourned,

Mrs. William Fulton,

Rec. Sec'y.

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3/27/16.

At the meeting of the Hennepin County Suffrage Ass'n held March 27 at 3:00 P.M., Mrs.D.F.Simpson was in the chair.

She announced that the pledges of money for the work of the association are coming in in a very gratifying way. However the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Ass'n. is a growing organization and needs the full support of every suffragist.

Mrs.Thompson called attention to the Shakespeare Tercentenary Celebration on April 24.

A brief resumé of the situation in Congress of the Susan B.Anthony Amendment was given by Mrs.A.H.Potter. She said that suffragists have secured a reconsideration in the House Judiciary Committee on March 28. Not only were all suffragists urged to wire our representatives, but a resolution was passed to be sent by telegraph to Mr.A.J.Volstead urging favorable action by the committee.

Mrs.Simpson announced a sale of Jamaica articles after the meeting.

The guest of honor was Mrs.Robbins Gilman, who spoke on "Why Women in Industry Need the Vote".

Meeting adjourned,

Mrs.Wm.Fulton,

Secretary.

In the absence of Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. Ueland presided at the meeting of the Henn. County Woman Suff. Ass'n. on April 3. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Ueland reported the action of the Judiciary Committee of the Senate. Action on the Federal Amendment was indefinitely postponed.

The speaker of the day, Mrs. Gurli Mellenthin, being unable to be present, Mrs. Gertrude Hunter spoke in her place on the "Women's Municipal Platform for Chicago."

Mrs. Ueland gave an account of her recent trip to Dubuque and of the Iowa Campaign.

Announcement was made of the Mississippi Valley Suffrage Conference on May 7, 8, 9, & 10 and a request was made for names of those willing to entertain guests, loan automobiles or serve on committees. Mrs. C. E. Fisher and Mrs. J. N. McDonald offered to entertain guests.

Meeting adjourned.

Mrs. M. D. Purdy,

Sec. Pro Tem.

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At the meeting of the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Ass'n. on April 10 at 3:00 o'clock, Mrs. Ueland was in the chair in the absence of Mrs. Simpson.

Mrs. Russell Bennett gave a report for the Finance Committee, saying that the pledges were coming in well, but that more are needed to meet the budget.

When Mrs. Ueland called attention to the fact the three Canadian provinces have granted full suffrage to their women since the first of the year, namely: Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, the audience applauded loudly.

Mrs. R. E. H. Stevens, our new organizer, is to be released this week to work in Dubuque County Iowa.

Dr. A. B. Holman

The first speaker was a citizen from Idaho, where women have been voting for twenty years. He gave an interesting talk on "Organization".

Mrs. Janes Johnson, the second speaker, read a paper, which had created much interest in suffrage at a Missionary meeting on: "Deborah the Statesman".

When the Suffrage Ass'n. holds meetings next fall, a systematic study of Suffrage is to be taken up according to an outline by Mrs. Halsey Wilson, which was so successfully used in the White Plains Equal Franchise Club in New York.

An invitation was extended to everyone to go to the luncheon at Dayton's <sup>given by Women's Suffrage League</sup> on Friday at 1:00 o'clock for Mrs. Wells, the pioneer policewoman.

Mrs. Ueland asked for volunteers to help in the Mississippi Valley Conference. Mrs. G. F. Reynolds offered the use of her machine for some time during the conference. Mrs. Paul Marshall, Mrs. Clark Fletcher, <sup>Mrs. Alice B. Gould</sup> and Miss Blossom Thompson offered to help.

Mrs. Wm. Fulton, Sec'y.

The Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Ass'n. held its regular meeting at suffrage headquarters April 17 at 3:00 P.M. with Mrs. Simpson in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The entire meeting was given over to consideration of the Mississippi Valley Suffrage Conference, including reports from the Chairmen of the various committees.

Miss Nellie Merrill gave a report for the Printing & Publicity Committee. She outlined the plans to have a number of suffragists meet on the Wednesday preceding the Mass-meeting in the Auditorium and go in automobiles to all parts of the city and give out placards to be placed in windows of stores to advertise the meeting and Conference. The Committee had printed 8,000 dodgers which were distributed at many and various meetings for two weeks before the Mass-meeting.

Miss Merrill also gave an outline of the general program for the Conference.

In reporting for the Banquet Committee, Mrs. A. B. Jackson said that all are invited, and that Mrs. Simpson is to be toast-mistress. A few special invitations are to be sent out to public men, such as: editors of papers, University Professors, etc. There are to be accommodations for 500.

Mrs. M. D. Purdy reported on the Churches which had been offered a prominent suffrage speaker for the evening of May 7. Eight churches had accepted, four declined, and 13 had not replied.

Mrs. Ueland gave the plan for the Mass-meeting on Sunday afternoon. There is to be music, "America" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic". Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton is to make the Collection



speech. The decorations are to be in American flags and the flags of the countries which have given the suffrage to their women; and flowers on the platform.

Mrs. Partridge spoke for the Entertainment Committee, saying that only bed and breakfast are promised to the out-of-town delegates, and that she had received several requests for such hospitality already.

Suffrage speakers have been placed at the following meetings: Men's Rotary Club, University Club, Civic & Commerce Ass'n. lunch, University Farm School, Saturday Lunch Club, Woman's Welfare League, Universalist State Meeting, Scandinavian Suffrage Club, and a special meeting of the Labor Bureau.

The St. Paul women are to have a Mass-meeting in their Auditorium on Wednesday evening, May 10.

Miss VanNostrand, social worker in Gethsemane Church gave an interesting talk on "Why I am a Suffragist".

It was moved and carried that a resolution be drawn up and sent to the Minnesota Senators urging them to vote for the Keating Owen Child Labor bill and do all they can to hasten its passage. The bill has passed the House of Representatives and now is in the Senate Committee.

Announcement is made of the meeting at the Court House May 11 at which Mrs. Margaret Sanger speaks on "Birth Control".

Meeting adjourned.

Mrs. Wm. Fulton, Sec'y.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE.

4/27/16.

SUFFRAGE BRIDGE PARTY.

A Suffrage Bridge party was held April 27 at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. James Fullerton, in order to raise money for the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Association.

The Ways and Means Committee was in charge.

Receipts		Disbursements.	
Players	\$105.00	Hauling chairs.	\$8.00
Net receipts. \$101.00			

Ladies payed \$1.00 per place at a table.

SUFFRAGE SPEAKERS IN CHURCHES, MAY 7, 1916.

1. Andrew Presbyterian. 10:30 A.M. Rev. T.W. Graham.  
Miss Harriet Vittum of Chicago, "My Plea for Suffrage".
2. Calvary Baptist. 7:30 P.M. Rev. F.W. Sweet.  
Dr. Effie McC. Jones of Iowa, "
3. Church of Redeemer. 7:30 P.M. Dr. M.D. Shutter.  
Miss Harriet Vittum, "My Plea for Suffrage". (Not held.)
4. Hennepin Methodist. 8:00 P.M. Mr. G. Stansell.  
Mrs. Nellie McClung of Canada, "The Will of God".
5. Jewish Temple. Fri. May 5 at 8:00 P.M. Br. S.N. Deinard  
Mrs. Florence B. Peterson of Chicago, "Motherhood & Gov't".
6. Lowry Hill Congregational 10:30 A.M. Dr. J.W. Powell.  
Miss Laura Clay of Kentucky, "A Bible Reading: the Bible for Equal Rights".
7. Park Ave. Congregational. 7:45 P.M. Rev. A.C. Bacon, <sup>Stewart</sup>  
Mrs. Ella S. Stewart of Chicago, "The Spiritual Motives of the Woman Movement".
8. Unitarian Church 10:30 A.M. Mrs. S.A. Stockwell  
Mrs. F.B. Peterson, "The Woman's Municipal Program for Chicago".

Extension Committee.

May 5 at 12:00 M. Rotary Club Lunch. (Men's)

Mrs. Florence B. Peterson of Chicago "Women in Public Life".

May 5 at 2:30 Women's Welfare League

Mrs. F. B. Peterson "Welfare Work for Women".

May 6 at 12:30 P.M. Saturday Lunch Club

Mrs. F. B. Peterson "Chicago Women's Municipal Platform".

May 8 at 12:30 Men's University Club.

Mrs. Nellie McClung of Edmonton

May 9 at 12:00 Civic & Commerce Ass'n. Luncheon

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt on "When is a Citizen Not a Citizen"

May 6 at 1:30 Scandinavian Suff. Club Luncheon

Mrs. Emmy Evald of Chicago

May 6 at 3:30 Labor Bureau ?

Mrs. Emmy Evald

May 9 University Farm School 11:40

Mrs. Ella S. Stewart of Chicago



# HENNEPIN COUNTY WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

## Sale of Jamaica Articles.

Disbursements.		Receipts.	
Cost of Entire Consignment.	\$23.02	Baskets	\$ 6.60
Duty on first lot.	4.80	Preserved Fruit.	2.75
Duty on 2nd. Lot.	.80	Centerpiece.	3.00
<i>(not paid)</i> Total \$28.62		Total 12.35	



PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS COMMITTEE.

5/15/16.

FRANCES NEILSON MEETING.

A free meeting was held at noon in the Shubert Theater with Mr. Frances Neilson, M.P. from England, as speaker. He talked for nearly an hour. Mr. S.A. Stockwell paid the rent of the theater for the meeting, but the collection was not nearly enough to meet that expense. It was a rainy day, and also came directly on top of the Mississippi Valley Suffrage Conference, which had much to do with the smallest audience.

The Committee had 4000 dodgers printed to advertise the meeting which were distributed by high school boys on the previous Saturday. at a cost of \$.50 per thousand. This expense was met by Mrs. McKnight ; the dodgers cost \$7.00 for the printing.

Report of Speakers Committee.

June 9. Mrs. S. T. McKnight

Groveland Woman's Club, Mrs. J. G. Walker  
2:30 P.M. at School House.

HENNEPIN COUNTY WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION. 25/22/16

*- Annual Meeting -*

The first annual meeting of the Hennepin Co. Woman Suffrage Ass'n. was held at headquarters, May 22, with the President in the chair. Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

The President called for reports from the various officers and Chairmen of Committees, which reports will be found appended to these minutes.

Mrs. William Fulton gave her report as Secretary.

Mrs. A. E. Zonne gave the Treasurer's Report.

Mrs. R. M. Bennett gave a report for the Finance Committee.

In the absence of Mrs. Hodgman, Mrs. W. A. Jordan gave the report of the Ways and Means Committee.

Miss Anne J. Wells gave the report of the Literature Committee.

The Report for the Press Committee was followed by an exhibit of Clippings which had come in on the Mississippi Valley Conference alone and of the clippings for the year. This report was given by Mrs. Walter Thorpe.

Mrs. Sumner McKnight gave the report for the Public Demonstrations Committee.

The Program Committee Report was given by the Chairman, Mrs. Mrs. C. S. Thompson.

The Speakers Committee report was read by Mrs. Robbins Gilman.

Mrs. A. L. Searle gave a report for the Organization Committee.

Miss Nellie Merrill gave the report of the House Committee.

As President, Mrs. Simpson gave a most interesting extemporaneous report.

Mrs. James Paige gave a report on Extension Work.

It was moved and carried that these reports be accepted as a whole.



Mrs. M. D. Purdy, as Chairman of the Nominating Committee reported that the Committee had returned every officer for the coming year for two reasons; first because they were all so efficient, secondly, because they had served only since the organization of the County Association in December.

It was moved and carried that the report be accepted.

It was moved and carried, after discussion, that the Secretary be instructed to cast a ballot for each officer.

The Secretary announced that the following officers are elected:

President,	Mrs. D. F. Simpson.
1. Vice-President	Mrs. Andreas Ueland.
2. " "	Mrs. H. G. Harrison.
3. " "	Mrs. A. B. Jackson
4. " "	Dr. Ethel Hurd, Pres. of P. E. C.
5. " "	Miss Abigail Mabee, Pres. W. W. S. C.
6. " "	Mrs. G. H. Partridge
7. " "	Mrs. Luth Jaeger, Pres. S. W. S. C.
8. " "	Mrs. Frank Finsterbach., Pres. S. S. C
9. " "	Miss Ruth Rosholt, Pres. 1915 Club
10. " "	Pres. of U. of M. Club.
Cor. Sec'y.	Mrs. D. P. Jones
Rec. Sec'y.	Mrs. William Fulton
Treasurer	Mrs. A. E. Zonne

Mrs. W. B. Anderson of Hopkins asked the cooperation of members of this Association in a Woman's Building which is to be built on the Fair Grounds at Hopkins for the County Fair. Tickets good for admission will be on sale at headquarters to help the building fund.

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ANNUAL MEETING.

5/22/16.

Mrs. Ueland announced the two Suffrage Expeditions to the National Republican and Democratic Conventions. These demonstrations are held to urge these parties to put a suffrage plank in their platforms. Special cars are to be put on the "Pioneer Limited" train leaving here Sunday night, June 4 at 8:00 P.M. for the Suffragists.

Suffragists are to leave here to go to St. Louis on the steamer "Quincy" of the Streckfus Line June 10 at 8:00 P.M. arriving the evening of June 13. There is a special rate for the trip..and

Next Monday, four deputations are to form and visit eight of the delegates to the party Conventions to urge them to aid in the effort to have suffrage planks. Afterward these ladies will be at the luncheon at the Dyckman and report.

Miss Hilda Muhlhauser of Cleveland gave a most interesting talk on "Women in Politics".

Mrs. Simpson said that on May 7 a minister in one of our largest churches denounced the suffragists from the pulpit for holding the Mississippi Valley Mass-Meeting on Sunday. She will appoint a committee to write to this man.

Meeting adjourned for tea.

Mrs. Wm. Fulton, Sec'y



HENNEPIN COUNTY WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION. 5/22/16.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SECRETARY.

Our first general meeting was held Nov. 29, 1915 at which an important forward step was taken when our association adopted the recommendations of the Organization Committee, thereby broadening the scope of our work and placing the club on a much more democratic basis. The name of Equal Suffrage Ass'n. was changed to Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Ass'n.

The new by-laws were adopted practically as read; the most important change being the abolishment of the membership dues and voluntary pledges and subscription in its place.

The election of officers and chairman of ten standing committees followed and it is worthy of note that every officer and chairman chosen was, with one excusable exception ready and happy to serve. That spirit of service has been the keynote of the work for the year and added to that we have had these four exceptional manifestations; loyalty, harmony, work, and efficiency.

Loyalty has been expressed by many gifts of time, labor, patience, good will, and money toward the cause and the giving of our two paid organizers to Iowa for 3 months to help the suffrage campaign in a neighboring state.

Harmony has been shown in the work of our President and her staff and including in the Board of Directors a representative from each local suffrage club.

Work has been shown by increasing the salary of our paid Secretary and having her full time, with an occasional paid assistant and volunteers. By having an experienced Press Chairman who has kept the cause vigilantly before the public in the Press, by successful food sales, publicity work, District teas, bazaar,

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ANNUAL REPORT OF SECRETARY. 5/22/16.

Vaudeville Frolic, Ice Carnival, Suffrage exhibit for Baby week. Library sale of used books, Suffrage Bridge Party, more and better suffrage literature and domestic & imported handwork sales.

Efficiency has been shown by card catalogued enrollments and business methods; by thorough organization of wards and precincts with competent leaders. We have secured better telephone communication, insurance on office furnishings and equipment, an efficient system of keeping books, splendid extension work among factory girls & conventions that come to our city. We have two representatives on the local Board of Censorship of Motion Pictures, and two delegates to the local Peace Party. We have approximately 3000 enrolled members of the Association, but only 193 of these contribute toward the maintenance of the work.

There has been at least one Board meeting a month. Regular open meetings with speakers have been held the first and third Mondays of each month, with a meeting in some district the second Monday and an evening meeting on the fourth Monday. Among the interesting speakers whose subjects related to suffrage were, a Chinese student, a Representative of the Machinists Union, a lecturer on organized Household labor, on Single Tax, Vocational Guidance, High School and University debaters, a Union leader from Ireland, Welfare workers from various industries in the city, a Minister, Reminiscences of old Suffrage Days, and a member of the English Parliament.

The four big things that have been accomplished are: a free noon meeting at the Shucert Theater at which Miss Fola LaFollette spoke; sending a large delegation to the Quarterly Conference in Albert Lea; the lecture of Mrs. Sara Bard Field of California the envoy to Washington; and the Mississippi Valley Suffrage Conference, held at the Radisson Hotel lasting 4 days.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF SECRETARY. . . 5/22/16.

This brings<sup>us</sup> up-to-date with a zeal ever increasing for the passing of the Federal Amendment and the winning of the suffrage for women in every state.

Mrs. William Fulton,  
Recording Secretary.



ANNUAL REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

When the Mississippi Valley Conference was in session here and Mrs. Catt gave her address on the way to finance a suffrage organization, it was interesting to the Finance Committee to find that the financial plan we have adopted, viz. to make an estimate or budget of the probable yearly expenses, and to have as many contribute to that fund as possible. She explained how much more democratic and effective it is to have the work supported by the many than by the few.

When the Equal Suffrage Ass'n. was merged into the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Ass'n. all dues were abolished, and the voluntary contribution system was adopted. The success of that plan depends largely upon the work of the Finance Committee, and we hope, before the year is out, to justify our faith in the generosity of our members.

The Finance Committee estimated \$2500.00 as our probable expenditure this year. With our enrollment of 3000 members that should not be difficult to raise.

It is the desire and intention of the Finance Committee to ask for funds only once a year. At the beginning of our effort to raise our budget we sent out several <sup>hundred</sup> circular letters and have had about 100 replies, by no means a large enough return for our membership. We are now contemplating sending out another to those who have not as yet made a contribution for maintenance, and may I not ask your hearty response? The difficulty of getting into personal touch with each member of our organization you will readily see is almost an impossible task, and some such way as the circular letters, or calling for contributions at our meetings must be used.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

5/22/16.

I really believe our most serious limitation is a financial one, for our organization is well officered by earnest, efficient women, and our work will grow and be effective just in proportion to the amount of money we place in their hands for the spread of suffrage.

During the coming year can we not all make a serious effort to give generously and also to concentrate on suffrage in our giving, letting more superficial calls wait until we have accomplished that most fundamental reform - the ballot- a tool and a weapon- in every woman's hands.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. R. M. Bennett, Chairman.



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WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE.

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Before the present Committee was organized, there had been seven Food Sales held at Headquarters at various times under the direction of the District Leaders. These sales netted the Association \$58.55.

On February 16, we held a luncheon at the Hotel Dyckman for Miss Fola LaFollette in order to help pay the expense of bringing her here to speak. By charging extra for the lunch we were able to clear \$42.20 and thus pay the deficit in the expenses of the meeting at the Shubert.

April 27, at the home of Mrs. James Fullerton we held a "Suffrage Bidge" which was quite a success. It brought \$104.00 to the treasury of the Association.

The Committee has plans for the coming year but does not wish to divulge them at present.

Mrs. W. W. Hodgman,  
Chairman.

ANNUAL REPORT OF LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

This is the annual report of a Committee that has not existed even on paper during the past year although more literature has been distributed than ever before in our history. It has seemed easiest for those at headquarters who receive the requests for literature, also to mail it out, but as the work in all departments increases, the office force must be relieved of this duty the coming year and one member of the Literature Committee should be in the office one day of each week to catalog and send out orders.

In addition to the literature for distribution there are to be found in our rooms copies of two of the Daily papers, an Anti-Suffrage Monthly, the "Suffragist", the "Woman's Journal", the "Woman Voter", the "New Republic", the "Christian Science Monitor", the "Survey", and the "Labor Review".

We have delivered during the winter to all the city High Schools to the Central Library, and to most of the Branch Libraries, packages of Literature containing flyers to be given away, and pamphlets to be kept in the Reference Room.

All of the High Schools, the Agricultural College, the Class for Public Speaking of the University, and many other groups have had debates on "Suffrage", and numerous cries for "Help." have come to the office, all of which have been answered. Literature has also been furnished to canvassers in the state and at the State and some County Fairs, in connection with the organization work. More than 40 towns in Minnesota have received literature from our Association. Sometimes the request came as a result of the work of our state Organizers, sometimes at Mrs. Thorp's suggestion, sometimes it was wanted for debates.

Before the Mississippi Valley Conference we sent letters to

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the Presidents of Minnesota Suffrage Societies and to the 22 state associations to be represented here, urging them to come to the Conference prepared to buy generously of the very complete and beautiful display that the National Publishing Co. at great expense and trouble, were bringing to Minneapolis. We can neither boast nor be despondent on account of the result of our letters, as the Express Company to which the consignment from New York was intrusted, failed to "deliver the goods". We think they are "Antis".

Some of you may not know that the colored flyers are paid for by the State Association and are given away, the leaflets and pamphlets are paid for by the Hennepin County Ass'n. and are marked with the selling price.

The word "literature" has become synonymous with free advertising and so much beautifully printed and illustrated "literature" comes in our mails every day, that it is hard to impress the public -even the suffrage public- with the fact that our rather somber little sheets are to <sup>be</sup> bought and paid for. The result is that though requests and even demands are many, checks are few. In fact last year we spent \$85.00 for literature and the receipts were only \$47.00. If it be more blessed to give than to receive, your literature department is the most fortunate of all departments.

However, the distribution of literature is one of the best means of propaganda, and when we receive letters from unknown persons in states so remote as Texas and California we begin to feel that we are the best-known organization in the country, if not on the continent, and that we can in no way estimate the returns that the Hennepin Co. literature is bringing in, if not in dollars, in added strength to the suffrage cause.

Verily, we believe that "literature" pays.

Respectfully submitted, Anne J. Wells,  
Chairman.



Annual Report of Press Chairman.

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few months*

The ~~year~~ <sup>past few months</sup> of work from a point of view of publicity has been extraordinarily satisfactory. ~~The Hennepin County~~ The Hennepin County work cannot be considered apart from the State so I shall speak of the publicity work of the State in general. On the part of the the Suffrage Organizations of the State there has been a growing sense of the importance of the publicity work which has had the effect of making for a more ready co-operation with <sup>the</sup> press work on the part of individual members of the organizations. Women are no longer g horriified, an modestly reluctant to supply pictures when asked to do so, but are <sup>and only sensible</sup> becoming to the ideal point of view in this matter, the impersonal one, considering themselves neither too remarkable nor too humble to be used as a sign post to point out an important piece of news which might otherwise be lost in the shuffle. This changing attitude has greatly facilitated the work of the Press Chairman. A noticeable fact in connection with the work of the Mississippi Valley Conference Publicity was that of the extreme willingness of all the women who were upon the program to cheerfully <sup>a promptly</sup> furnish publicity material about themselves, ~~promptly~~ when asked whether it was picture or story, ~~and~~ <sup>It</sup> might be said in passing that the immense amount of space accorded us by the newspapers <sup>during that period</sup> was is mainly accounted for by the fact that we had good looking pictures and interesting stories of these women to offer them.

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The ground covered by the Press work in the year since the beginning of last November when the present incumbent took hold of the work has been advertising the various activities of local and state suffrage affairs in the local papers, sometimes with the addition of St. Paul and Duluth when the occasion seemed to warrant. ~~There has~~

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## Annual Report of Press Chairman

There have been few if any Sundays when some suffrage story has not been featured in the Sunday papers with news stories interpolated <sup>the</sup> through the week whenever there was sufficient news value to carry them. The publicity for the Mississippi Valley began with <sup>Sunday</sup> the sixth of February and from that time until the Conference closed, only two Sundays passed without a Conference story, one in February and one in March, with much daily material as the time of the Conference drew closer. ~~Most~~ of this material we believe can be assembled, put in shape and used to advantage by the next Conference thus saving much time for the next Conference Committee.

The State work is constantly growing in volume and scope. An attempt is being made to send out a weekly bulletin to <sup>be</sup> handled by Press Chairman appointed in each county. A goodly number of counties have already been brought into line but the difficulties in the way of getting women to take hold of this work who will stay on the job are considerable. The work could be handled by sending the material direct to the country editors themselves and in this way the unorganized districts are being covered as well as possible, <sup>at the present time</sup> but the plan of getting <sup>ing</sup> the women out in the State to undertake active work means a more constructive method of attack as it increases interest among the women <sup>of that particular community</sup> themselves.

The pages of plate matter, which means electrotyped plates <sup>are</sup> ready to print, sent out every two months are so and yield the most telling results. 140 papers are now being covered in this way and these are among the most important papers in the State. The material sent out is undoubtedly used and the returns from the clipping bureaus are very large showing that suffrage is being seriously considered as a live issue in this state at last.

The country papers are carrying a continually increasing amount of news and propaganda. One local paper, the Daily News, always our very



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good friend, impressed with the ~~growing~~ importance of our cause and the growing interest manifested by the people of the state, has offered us half a column to a column of space a day if we are able to supply news for this amount of space. The Forum still flourishes, but whether it is of any value or not, being probably only read by ardent suffragist and equally ardent antis, is an open question.

Wm. S. Sharp  
~~State~~ Ch. Press Com

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ANNUAL REPORT OF PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS COMMITTEE

Since the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Association was formed last December, the Public Demonstrations Committee has had charge of three open meetings. The first meeting at which Miss Fola LaFollette spoke, was held at the Shubert Theater on Wednesday February 16 at noon. It was an experiment at holding an open noon meeting in a down-town theater. We had a splendid big enthusiastic audience and took in a collection of \$60.19. We sold the boxes at \$5.00 each and together with the proceeds from the luncheon cleared the expenses for the meeting and came out several dollars ahead. We started working for this meeting fully two weeks in advance and it seems to me that we need that much time always to make plans and get an audience, because to have a big meeting requires lots of hard work. We sent a letter to every member of the Association asking her to come and to bring at least one non-suffrage friend. Fortunately a business letter was being sent out at that time from headquarters so that we were able to have this letter enclosed and sent out without the extra cost of postage and envelopes. Posters about the meeting were placed in many Commercial Clubs, the Women's Club, the Y.W.C.A., the Y.M.C.A., the Boarding Homes and in some of the big stores & office buildings. We got several theaters to enclose flyers in their programs. The Civic & Commerce Ass'n. placed a dodger at each place at a big luncheon that was given for Mr. Stanley Washburn. We also went to all the business colleges, leaving hand-bills and in many cases getting them to make a special announcement to the students. I was delighted to see that many of the young people came to the lecture. I think that for a big public meeting it is important to have a speak-

er whose name is well-known. Miss LaFollette, like her father is a well-known and brilliant speaker, and that undoubtedly helped greatly in attracting the man and woman on the street and in getting good newspaper stories.

On March 3, the Chairman gave for Miss Mary Shaw, who was acting at the Orpheum theater, a tea at her home. Miss Shaw is the president of the Actors League for Suffrage, and she told us that today 2/3 of the actors and actresses are suffragists. All suffragists were invited and about 300 came. An invitation was extended to the members of the Shubert Stock Co. Miss Shaw read a skit which she had written, called "Our Allies the Antis", which was most entertaining.

On May 15, Mr. Frances Neilson, former member of Parliament from England gave an interesting suffrage talk at noon at the Shubert Theater. Owing to the fact that the talk came immediately after the Mississippi Valley Conference, and that Mr. Neilson's name was not well-known in this country, the audience was not as large as we had hoped for.

During Baby Week in Minneapolis, we arranged 2 beautiful windows in stores on Nicollet Avenue to call attention to the connection between the vote and child hygiene.

On Monday, March 20, 10 automobiles, decked in yellow pennants left the Headquarters and escorted the speakers, Mrs. Ueland and Mrs. Simpson through the principal streets to the Lake Harriet School where a suffrage meeting was held for the 33 Legislative District. We have many plans for the future and hope to make the work of this Committee doubly effective next year.

Mrs. S. T. McKnight, Chairman.



*Annual* REPORT OF ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE OF HENNEPIN COUNTY SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

Organization work was begun by the State Association February fifteenth, nineteen hundred and fifteen. During the first year the work was largely that of finding District Leaders, holding meetings at which organization work was discussed, doing, with patience and perseverance, the very difficult work which always attends the launching of a new idea.

After the HENNEPIN COUNTY SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION came into existence it was decided to organize the County, or rather the Legislative Districts of the County, and to this end the Organization Committee of the HENNEPIN COUNTY ASSOCIATION began its work in January, nineteen sixteen. That this task is no small one we realize when we remember that Hennepin County has the largest population of any county in the State; it has nine legislative districts, and is entitled to <sup>9 Senators and</sup> eighteen representatives in the State Legislature, while its next largest neighbor, Ramsey, has six legislative districts, and is entitled to *Six Senators* twelve representatives. Hennepin County's nine legislative districts are made up of one hundred and fifty precincts, ten towns, and five villages.

Our system of organization is the same as that used by all political parties; the political units with which we deal are the legislative district and the city precinct. We appoint a leader in each legislative district, a Chairman in each precinct, with as many workers under her direction as will volunteer their services. After many weeks of almost constant work, a plan was submitted to the HENNEPIN COUNTY ASSOCIATION which aimed to systematize and minimize the labor involved to the end that an organization of active workers might be brought together prepared to canvass, if necessary, the legislative districts of the County.



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## Annual Report of Organization Committee.

At a meeting called on February eighth, nineteen sixteen, this plan was adopted, and the Committee urged to make further effort to procure more workers. X On February fifteenth, the anniversary of the birth of Susan B. Anthony, organization meetings were held in the nine legislative districts of the County; these meetings were far from being well attended, which might indicate that their purpose was not understood, and emphasizes the need of greater publicity and co-operation on the part of all suffragists.

The committee will be most grateful for the services of all who will volunteer to assist in organization work, and promises in advance to require from no one more work than can be reasonably or possibly done. The need and means of developing trained and active workers is without doubt the great problem of the woman movement at the present time, superseding even that of the lack of money. Much that is profitable may be drawn from the experience of the New York State Campaign Committee, to wit:

In the annual report of the New York State Woman Suffrage Association, which was issued after the close of the campaign last fall, the President, Mrs. Raymond Brown reported that every assembly district in the State was organized; about twenty-five hundred women held official positions in the organization, giving much time, and in some instances giving all their time, without pay; about two hundred thousand women did work of varying quantity and character in the campaign, and the campaign committee reported that it came through with money in the treasury.

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Notwithstanding this remarkable achievement it is significant to note that eight of the twelve chairmen in charge of the twelve campaign districts embodied in their reports a recommendation urging more and more women into organization work; in this connection, I quote a few words of the chairman of the eighth district, New York: "We have learned that one of the things which our organization need most is the development of its women to recognize responsibility ; to be willing to assume responsibility; to fulfill the obligation in a responsible manner."

This development is a process of spiritual evolution; it must first be perceived as a great need, and when so understood, organization is a step in the right direction. In view of the immense amount of work to be done, there is no room for time for discouragement or apathy, for it is not for us to count the steps leading to the day when we can do our political work as readily as the men; the development and training for this result is the important matter before us today, and this training must be added to what women already have before they will know how to use the ballot intelligently.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen S. Lacey

ANNUAL REPORT OF HOUSE COMMITTEE.

The duties of the House Committee include arrangements for serving tea at the meetings. The House Committee asks the hostesses, four or five in number ,who serve at each meeting and in so doing tries to have represented from time to time the districts, the different suffrage clubs, and the various groups of people.

At the last four or five meetings the Committee has arranged for home-made things- sandwiches and cakes- to be served with the tea and the Chairman, not being good at begging, wishes to know if the members like the plan enough better to not mind being asked to furnish these things in the future.

The duties of the Committee should include more house-keeping matters which Miss Fisher has attended to so far, and it is suggested that arrangements be made for regular service once a week.

During the Mississippi Valley Conference , Mrs. Stockwell who was Chairman of the House Committee for the Conference, kindly took over the duties of this committee, also.

Respectfully submitted,

Nellie L. Merrill, Chairman.



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ANNUAL REPORT OF EXTENSION COMMITTEE.

5/22/16.

The Extension Committee's aim is to reach clubs, conventions, church and fraternal organizations, and groups of employed women, in order to give information about suffrage and to secure membership in the organization.

Miss Fisher wrote letters to 83 presidents of Hennepin County Women's Clubs, and received 7 responses, 4 accepted, 1 was undecided and 2 declined. The letters requested the president to reserve some time in their programs for an equal suffrage speech and to allow the Hennepin County Ass'n. to furnish the speaker.

The factory sub-division, under the leadership of Mrs. F.G. Howard, with Mrs. Bryant White, Mrs. L.L. Schwartz, Miss Katharine J. Smith and Miss Emily Pyke, spoke at 12 factories at noon on Mondays and returned many signed enrollments.

The W.C.T.U. sub-division with Mrs. Mary G. Andrews as Chairman, reported two conventions addressed on Equal Suffrage and a promise of opportunities for speakers in nearly all of the districts in the fall.

Miss Fisher wrote to all the Conventions meeting here in March, April and May, and received replies accepting speakers on Suffrage at the following Conventions:

The TriState Postmasters Convention.

The W.C.T.U.

Mpls. District of C.E. Union.

Minn. Electrical Ass'n.

Intercollegiate Prohibition Ass'n. of Minnesota.

Minn. Chapter of P.E.O. Sisterhood.



Full data with regard to speakers and dates is on file in another place in this secretary's book. They are filed according to the time of the meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Mabeth Hurd Paige, Chairman.

EXTENSION COMMITTEE.

Conventions.

Feb. 18 at 10:00 A.M.

Tri-State Postmasters' Convention at Post Office.

(Included Minn., S. Dak. & N. Dak.)

Mrs. R. E. H. Stevens spoke 10 minutes. 60 present.

Feb. 18 at 3:00 P.M.

Large W. C. T. U. Meeting at home of Mrs. G. E. Towle, 2000 Blasidell.

Mrs. R. E. H. Stevens gave a talk.

Feb. 26 at 3:00 P.M.

Mpls. District of Christian Endeavor Union at

Park Ave. Congregational Church.

Miss Florence Monahan gave 15 minute talk. 50 Present.

Mar. 21, 22.

Booth on balcony at Hotel Radisson during convention of

Minn. Electrical Ass'n.

Mar. 28 at

Intercollegiate Prohibition Ass'n. of Minn. at West Hotel

Mrs. Ueland gave a talk on "The Vote & the Home". 50 Present

April 7 at 3:00 P.M.

Minnesota Chapter of P. E. O. Sisterhood. Radisson.

Mrs. Ueland gave 15 minute talk.

May 9, at 3:00 P.M.

State Universalist Convention at Tuttle Church

Mrs. Millie Trumbull of Oregon gave 20 minute talk.

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Mar. 21, 22.

At the suggestion of Mr. Fred Otto, Secretary of the Minnesota Electrical Ass'n., we arranged for a booth on the balcony floor of the Hotel Radisson during the convention of the Association.

We were assigned a splendid corner to the right of the door into the Ball Room, and given a table and chair to use.

With our nice velvet table cover and some suffrage banners, we made a very attractive booth.

Mr. H. B. Smith and the porters were exceedingly courteous.

Those who assisted were:

Tues. A. M. Mrs. C. J. Staples & Mrs. W. W. Hodgman

P. M. Mrs. " " " , Mrs. R. M. Bennett, & Mrs. S. T. McKnight

Wed. A. M. " " " " , Miss A. J. Wells, & Mrs. A. B. Jackson

P. M. " " " " , Mrs. L. Tinsley & Miss Hope McDonald

A good bit of literature was given out ~~and~~ <sup>altho</sup> we had *no* signatures to enrollments.

Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Ass'n.

Extension Committee.

Tuesday, Feb. 1st, 1916.

Mrs. Bryant White and Mrs. F.G. Howard went to Robitshek Co., 23 North 4th St. Main 1036. Mrs. Dugan is in charge of women. There were about 100 women. They sit at their machines to eat their lunch during the half hour between 12 and 12:30.

Not a very pleasant place to speak.

About 50 gathered around and were interested; others chatted and talked and there was more or less confusion.

24 signatures.

May return in six weeks. Distributed about 150 leaflets.

Monday, Feb. 7th, 1916.

Loose-Wiles Biscuit Co., 701 Washington Ave. No. Main 4247.

Miss Hawkins, chairman of Sunshine Society; she herself rather indifferent and did not sign a blank.

A large factory room on the 5th floor, open and clean, and girls were clean and appeared happy. About thirty gathered around, sitting on cracker boxes; some apparently interested.

33 signatures.

Distributed about 150 leaflets.

Mrs. White and Mrs. Howard.

Monday, Feb. 14th, 1916.

International Stock Food Co, Exposition Building. East 1082. Hours 12 to 1.

Miss McCullem in charge of several hundred girls. Very cordial and glad to have us come.

About 100 girls listened, off and on; quite attentive.

48 signatures.

Distributed about 300 leaflets.

Mrs. White and Mrs. Howard.

Monday, Feb. 21st, 1916.

Mrs. White and Miss Pyke went to Nevens Laundry, Marquette at 12th. Main 3880.

10 signatures.

Will have lunch room about May 1st. An excellent place. Talked to about 60 girls on three different floors.

Monday, Feb. 28th, 1916.

Mrs. White and Miss Pyke to McKusick, Towle & Co., 108 3rd St. No. Main 1073.

Miss Harris. Hour 12.10.

11 signatures.

Conditions very good; excellent atmosphere. Girls very happy. Talked to about 35 girls.



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Extension Committee.

Monday, March 6th, 1916.

Mrs. White and Mrs. Howard to Bemis Bag Co.,  
610 So. 4th St. Mr. C. W. Simmons, Sup't.  
12 o'clock.

Most pleasing surroundings for the girls.  
About 200 employed. Very large room on the fourth  
floor, with tables. The firm furnishes coffee,  
sugar and cream, and the girls bring their own  
lunch and sit at tables.

Mr. Simmons perfectly charming man. Mrs. Clark,  
forewoman, equally charming. A delightful place  
to go.

44 signatures.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

The Program Committee for 1915 - 16 report comes largely in the form of a recommendation.

Our Secretary has outlined the subjects covered by the Speakers, who might be roughly divided into two classes. Those who have educated and stimulated us because of their grasp of the subject and conditions and those whom we have educated and stimulated not because they have not been good suffragists, but because they have added to their belief by participating with active suffragists.

We are constantly being asked by people "Where can I find out more about suffrage?" When our suffrage Speakers go out to different Clubs, they should be able to offer something very concrete to meet the interest awakened in these various groups. Again our members need constant sharpening of the wits and to this end the Committee recommends a tryout of ten lectures on "Womans Suffrage" a study outline prepared by Justina Leavitt Wilson.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth G. Thompson

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPEAKER'S COMMITTEE OF HENNEPIN COUNTY SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

In as much as the year has been a short one and my term in office but two months I have very little of importance that I can report. However all requests for speakers have been filled during this time. The following is a list of places dates and speakers.

Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Ass'n.

Suffrage Talks Given in 1916.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
Jan. 10	Mrs. C. S. Thompson	Mrs. M. W. Savage's. (Mrs. Southard)	Evening-men & women.
" 18	Miss Marguerite Wells	Hope Chapel	Girl's Club.
" 21	Mrs. Gertrude Hunter	Woman's Boarding Home (1612 Stevens Av.) (Miss Kirkbride, matron.)	40 present-eve
" 25	Mrs. D. F. Simpson	Gethsemane Church. (Miss VanNostrand, Pres.)	"Tuesday Club"
Feb. 11	Mrs. D. F. Simpson Mrs. Robbins Gilman	Carpenter's Union.	eve. 1800 mems.
Feb. 2	Mrs. E. D. Durand	Park Av. Cong. Church (Pres. Mrs. Benjamin) (Mrs. Teitsworth)	Ladies' Club- noon
" 15	17 Speakers for the nine District meetings (annual) (See February Program)		
" 28	Mrs. Andreas Ueland (Mrs. J. B. Gilfillan)	College Women's Club.	100 or more pres.
" 29	Mrs. D. F. Simpson	res. of Mrs. B. A. O'Neill 1717 Dupont Av. S.	Young Matron's Club
" 21	Mrs. Robbins Gilman	res. Mrs. C. F. Struck 2432 Bryant Av. S.	Study Club (15 pres)
Mar. 7	Mrs. D. F. Simpson ( & Mrs. E. L. Carpenter)	Mrs. W. M. Morse	Minnetonka Club.
" 14	Mrs. D. F. Simpson	Menominee, Wis.	Stout Institute
" 8	Mrs. D. F. Simpson	res. Mrs. C. E. Fisher	Neighborhood Tea.
" 17	Mrs. L. L. Schwartz	Pillsbury House	Girl's Club supper.
" 20	Mrs. R. Gilman	West High School	Home Economic Classes. (arr. by Miss Drummond)
" 20	Mrs. Ueland & Mrs. Simpson	Lake Harriet School	33 Legis. Dist. Meeting



HENNEPIN COUNTY WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

Suffrage Talks Given in 1916.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Speaker.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
Mar. 20	Mrs. R. Gilman	West High School	Economic Section. 50 pres. (Miss Turner) morn.
" 24	Miss F. Monahan	Wells Mem'l. House	Bus. Wom. Club. 50 pres. (6:30)
Apr. 4	Mrs. A. Ueland	Knickerbocker Hall	Girl's Club. 35 pres. (6:30) (Miss VanNostrum)
Apr. 5	Mrs. L. L. Schwartz	Wells Mem'l. House	Mother's Meeting 50 pres. (3:30)
" 11	Miss Lillian Ritchie	Park Av. Cong. Church	Girl's Club 25 pres. (6:30)
May 13	Miss Margaret Foley	Radisson	Grade Teachers Ass'n. Mrs. J. D. O'Brien

It has been impossible to ask for many places on programs of regular organizations, but my plan for the coming year will include an aggressive campaign to place speakers on the programs of all societies, clubs and other available organizations having regular meetings as well as to conduct an active Street Speaking Campaign.

The work, it seems to me should be divided into two parts. The first, to find places to speak, and second to supply the right speaker for the place. In other words I hope to classify the places and the speakers.

I have made a systematic endeavor to get places to speak, by using the directory of churches for the names of all woman's clubs and societies belonging to them; Sunday School forums: Young peoples organizations and the federated men's church clubs. From The Minneapolis School directory, the names of all economic, civic and history teachers of the High Schools, and history and civic teachers of the grades, can be secured.

I will consult these teachers in the fall for places to speak in their class rooms at intervals thru out the school year. I have had the pleasure of speaking before two economic classes at West High School recently and consider it most <sup>important</sup> to our cause to have these lectures continue. The students and teachers signified their willingness to have other talks upon the subject.

The Parent - Teachers organizations are open to speakers and there is no reason why we should not have at least one suffrage talk at each school building in the City during the year. These organizations have regular monthly programs and some have stated that they ~~would~~ like to hear speakers for and against suffrage at different meetings. This is the best possible way to present the subject.

There are many Clubs at Settlement House where speakers are welcomed.

Labor organizations have had speakers but more should be sent to them. The various smaller groups will be asked to have a speaker.

Minneapolis is rich in literary, sewing, and social clubs. Everyone of these should be asked to receive a speaker at least once this year.

The men's clubs of the city have speakers upon many of the questions of the day.

The subject of suffrage should be presented to the men at their regular meetings or at meetings especially called for this purpose.

This list of places contains a few over 1200 possible places to speak. If half of them refuse, we will still have a big program and the half or two thirds that may refuse a speaker will have had to at least think of the subject for the moment. Even this is beneficial.

These places should be classified and the speakers carefully chosen to present suffrage to the various groups in the most interesting and intelligent manner.

To carry out this program it is necessary to recruit new speakers to reinforce the old ones who are greatly overworked.

A bureau of Suffrage information should be established for these new speakers. It should, in my opinion, take the form of a forum where every one contributes knowledge on a definite subject previously assigned. This pooling of specific information produces concentration, intensity and confidence. When an individual is well informed on a subject it is difficult to restrain them from speaking. The speaker forgets to think of personal embarrassment when the mind is filled with a subject of so much importance and interest.

It is suggested that the class be conducted along the following general lines.

Get a small group of women interested in speaking upon the subject. Outline about 12 phases of the subject in which definite data can be used. Ask an authority to speak upon the facts of this theme. Limit the speaker to 20 minutes and throw open the meeting for a general discussion. Call upon each member of the class, for her opinion on the matter under discussion. Attack material but not the speaker. Let the speaker forget herself and get at the facts.

The second step in this program is to assign a group of three or four to a definite place, to hold a meeting where the phase of the subject just studied would be presented by them.

Here also literature, buttons, blanks for signatures etc, just such things as seem wise for the place, could be used.

The whole group should come together again the following week, where another phase of the subject should be presented by another authority. The discussion would follow as before. Then time should be given to take up such questions as have come to the various groups at their respective meeting places. These points will be most interesting and beneficial.

Soon a classification of speakers can be made, and this list of speakers may be used to supply the classified program of places with the proper speakers.

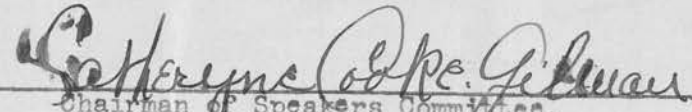
This plan in no way aims to monopolize the field of speaking.

There should be talks upon the technique of speaking. The technique of addressing large groups, small groups, and street crowds, should be discussed. The necessary precautions to take in handling crowds, whether in door or out, are ~~an~~ essential points, police protections etc.,

The class should not develop into what is known as a public speaking class. Such a course of instruction can be had more advantageously at the University. This group should be gathered together for the express purpose of tabulating in each individuals mind the

basio principles and facts concerning Suffrage.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Chairman of Speakers Committee.



REPORT OF DISTRICT LEADERS AND PRECINCT CHAIRMEN. 7/5/16.

A meeting of District Leaders and Precinct Chairmen followed the monthly Board meeting of Hennepin County Suffrage Association, July 5.

Mrs. Finsterbach reported that the First Precinct of Tenth Ward had four helpers, one of whom was a colored woman.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt had agreed to take Second and Third Precincts but were away for summer. She has helpers also in Ninth Ward.

The Thirty-third District are to have a meeting at Mrs. Ueland's at which Mr. Stockwell will talk on the Iowa Campaign. There will be a food sale and very light refreshments.

Mrs. Mc Mahon showed a blackboard plan of Districts with enrollments. She said the Miss. Pond, Mrs. J. B. Donahue, Mrs. Gaus and Mrs. R. L. Lamb had given valuable clerical assistance in the office.

Miss. Anne Wells

EXTENSION WORK

1916-1917.

Debates on Woman Suffrage.

October 6. Central High School. English Class.

" 10 Univ. Extension Class in Rhetoric. (Topic)

LUNCHEON FOR DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION.

9/22/16.

A luncheon for the Delegates to the National Suffrage Convention was held at the Leamington, Sept. 22 at 1:00 P.M. In the absence of Mrs. Simpson, Miss Katharine J. Smith occupied the chair. 132 persons were present.

Program:

Report Mrs. M. D. Purdy.  
3 Songs: Miss Elsa Mace, accompanied by Mrs. A. H. Quenby.  
Report Mrs. A. Ueland.  
"Status of English Women" Mrs. Seymour Van Cleve.

	<i>Tips</i>	.30
	<i>Comp. tickets</i>	3.75
Expenses:	Place cards	\$4.78
	Notices	8.60
	Ribbon for decoration.	4.35
	Total	<del>21.78</del>

Flowers for the tables given by Mazey & Co.

Large Kewpie, donkey, & duck, borrowed from Powers & Co.

Large elephant, loaned by Donaldson & Co.

Price 75 cents per plate.

West, East, South, North & Central High Schools.

English classes, Public Speaking classes, or Inter-Class debates.

Miss Chestnut, teacher St. Catherine's College (Midway) 6 sets  
for a class of 60. 11/11/16.



ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Organization committee was held at Suffrage Headquarters at 2:00 P.M., Oct. 16, with Mrs. M. D. Purdy in the chair.

As Leader of the 33 District, Mrs. Bucknam reported a possibility of getting Mrs. M. L. Fosseen to take the chairmanship of the Seventh Ward. A Chairman of the 10 Precinct, 13 Ward, has been appointed, Mrs. Ethel Colburn. She had a little suffrage tea with Mrs. Ueland as speaker. A collection was taken of \$1.40. Mrs. A. W. Armatage, Mrs. Renshaw, Mrs. Phelps Wyman, & Mrs. Harvey B. Smith have promised to have neighborhood teas.

As Leader of the 28 District, Mrs. Finstegbach reported that reports on all sides say that her district is almost hopeless because of the strongly entrenched liquor interests there. She has been helping in the 35 District.

Miss McDonald of the 30 District reported that she is working <sup>thoro</sup> one/precinct at a time. In a canvass in one precinct last week 24 were enrolled, there were 20 opposed, and 35 undecided. They plan some suffrage teas there soon.

Miss Humpfner Leader of the 36 District reported two auto trips. Last week a meeting was held in Robbinsdale at which Mrs. Simpson spoke. An organization was started there. We are now planning to work among the rural teachers. There are 33 towns in this district.

In the absence of Mrs. Loss, Leader of the 35 District, a report was given by Mrs. Purdy of the Canvass held there last Thursday. The ladies met at the Pilgrim Church, 40 were enrolled in the forenoon, and 30 in the afternoon, altho it rained. A good deal of interest was found because of the coming election. Some interesting experiences with the Jewish women were reported.

There is to be another all-day canvass in the 35 & 28 Districts  
Tuesday the 17, meeting at Unity House at 9:00 A.M. There

There were 5000 enrollments in Oct. 1.

Meeting adjourned.

Miss Anne Wells, Sec. Pro Tem.

The Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Ass'n. held its first meeting of the season at Suffrage Headquarters Oct. 16 at 3 o'clock.

The President gave an address of welcome and outlined the work for the winter.

She announced that there are about 5000 members now enrolled in the association.

At the Convention of the National Suffrage Ass'n. in Atlantic City in September, Minnesota pledged \$30,000 toward the \$1,000,000 fund that is to be raised for suffrage this year! This means lots of loyal and hard work for every suffragist in the state.

If anyone can give any work in the office, please leave your name with Miss Fisher.

The association is collecting papers, magazines, and paste-board boxes to sell later to raise some money. Mrs. D. G. McIntosh is in charge, and the papers are to be stored in the garage of Mrs. Corren Safford, 1519 Spruce Place.

Every member is requested to save the program which was mailed to her, because it covers the meetings up to the first of the year.

Miss Merrill stated that the Speakers Training Class which meets every Wednesday evening is well organized but that there is room for a few more members. Anyone may join by notifying her.

In accordance with the request from the National Suffrage Ass'n. we are to have celebrations once a month to call attention to the Federal Amendment. Our first one will be held on the steps of the Court House at 12:00 o'clock. There will be a band, a tableau and speeches.

The White Elephant Sale will be held the first four days of November in a store on Nicollet Ave. We hope to carry it out



2. on a large scale and advertise it well.

Mr. A. J. Todd of the University opened the winter's program with a very interesting talk on "Some Early Ideas of Sex Equality". Dr. Mabel Ulrich led a discussion on "Why was it the Status of Women had to be fixed in all Ages. Why not Men?"

The meeting adjourned for a reception and tea.

Mrs. Wm. Fulton, Sec'y.



The Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Ass'n. held a celebration on the Court House steps on Oct. 21 at noon as was done in many cities at the request of the National Suffrage Ass'n. This celebration was to advertise the Federal Amendment and to call the attention of people everywhere to the question.

An automobile parade of 24 decorated cars left headquarters and went down Nicollet and over to the Court House. A Tallyho with a Band preceded them and drew hundreds to the Court House.

Miss May Cutler posed the girls in a very beautiful tableau which represented Liberty, Justice, Maternity, the "Free States", the "Gray States" and the "Black States". Mrs. Schwartz was in charge of the costumes.

The girls in white were procured by Miss Julie Plant, the "gray" ones by Mrs. Ueland <sup>& Olive Erickson,</sup> and the "black" ones by Miss Florence Monahan and Mrs. Haney.

A Collection of \$16.76 was taken. *Costume Co. donated \$3.50.*

Expenses.

Material for Costumes (Wyman Partridge Co.)	\$ 29. 21
<i>Rental of Costumes</i>	<i>11. 50</i>
Tallyho (Twin City Taxicab Co.)	5. ✓
Band (Musicians Union-R. H. Rehl)	22.
Rental of Shields (L. Kopfman) & sample	4. 35 ✓
Chains (Henn. Hardware Co.)	1. ✓
Signs (Art K Mundby)	4. ✓
Flags & draping (Filmore & Sons)	5. ✓
Dressmaker (Mrs. John Holdway)	14. 63 ✓
Pennants for cars	3.
Lee Bros. for Photos	5. ✓
Stamps	. 55
Pins, tape, &c	1. 58 ✓

*Total - \$101. 50*

FEDERAL AMENDMENT DAY

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The women of one-fourth of the States of the Union are entitled to vote for President in November; and

WHEREAS, The women of Australia, New Zealand, a large part of Canada and several important European countries, now vote upon equal terms with men; and

WHEREAS, The unenfranchised women of the United States are as intelligent, law-abiding and patriotic as any women of the world, be it

RESOLVED: That we, the citizens of (name of town) in mass meeting assembled at (the Court House) do hereby call upon all candidates for member of the House of Representatives and the United States Senate (leave out Senate if no Senator is being elected in your state) to pledge their aid, if elected, by vote and influence to secure the submission of a Federal Woman Suffrage Amendment for ratification by the Legislatures of the several states.

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A meeting of the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Ass'n. was held at Headquarters, Oct. 23 at 3:00 P.M. with the President in the chair.

Announcement was made of the White Elephant Sale to be held the first four days of November. at 818 Nicollet Av. This is not just a Rummage Sale, but a sale of good things which are no longer of use to the owner. Please send in things early. The store will be open to receive things beginning Friday, Oct. 27.

This sale is to raise as much money as possible toward the \$30,000 apportioned Minnesota by the National Suffrage Ass'n. Last year 89 % of the State's Funds was raised in Hennepin County, consequently, we must bear the lion's share of this fund.

Please bring trimmings for hats for the trimming bee next Saturday at 2:00 P.M. to be held here. Mrs. G.H. Selover is Chairman.  
on the Court House Steps  
Our Celebration on Saturday was the first of a series to be held each month to advertise the Federal Amendment for Suffrage. Moving pictures of this will be shown at the Lyric.

Mrs. D.G. McIntosh is Chairman of the Paper Collection. If anyone has any, please call her at Kenwood <sup>437</sup> 437.

Announcement of the Peace Society Meetings, held every Wednesday morning at the Woman's Club at 10:00 o'clock. Everyone is invited.

Mrs. Walter Thorp reported on the Press work, and also requested everyone to report any indecent moving pictures directly to the Mayor. The Censorship Board is growing so that they have a paid secretary, and each club who sends delegates is asked to help support it.

Next Saturday is the last opportunity to register for voting on the School & Library Boards. Mrs. Harry Owen of the Woman's Club



10/23/16.

Committee gave a report on the four candidates, 3 men & 1 woman.

Miss Ina Firking of the University Library gave a very interesting talk on "The World Movement for Suffrage".

A vote of thanks was given to the speaker.

Everyone is requested to enroll as a member of the County Suffrage Association.

Meeting adjourned for tea.

Mrs. Wm. Fulton, Sec'y.



The meeting of the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Ass'n. was called to order at the usual time by the President. In the absence of the Secretary, Mrs. M. D. Purdy was appointed to her place.

After the reading of the minutes, Mrs. Simpson gave a report of the White Elephant Sale, saying that \$2550.00 had been taken in.

Announcement was made of the State Convention to be held at the Radisson, December 4 & 5.

A dinner for Lincoln Steffens is to be held Friday night at the Minneapolis Club.

Mrs. T. G. Winter gave a most delightful talk on "A Survey of Women's Rights beginning with the Early Romans".

After an interesting discussion, the meeting adjourned for tea.

Mrs. M. D. Purdy,

Secretary Pro Tem.

The Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Ass'n. met at headquarters October 30 at 3:00 o'clock with Mrs. Simpson in the chair.

Members were requested to take the front seats when they come in and to leave these in the rear for late-comers.

Everyone is urged to save all papers and magazines for our paper collection, which is being kept at the Garage of Mrs. Orren Safford, 1519 Spruce Place. Mrs. D. G. McIntosh is in charge and will send for any that cannot be taken by the person,

Everyone is urged to subscribe for the Woman's Journal, it is the best way to know the recent suffrage news. It costs \$1.00 per year.

The Board decided that a collection be taken at every meeting- the collection amounted to \$5.04. ~~xxxxxx~~.

Mrs. Finsterbach asked for help in taking a canvass in her district.

In the absence of the regular speaker, several were called in. Mr. Paul Benjamin spoke on "City Health and the Red Cross seals" The Candidates for the School Board spoke.

Mr. Cavour Langdon, Mrs. T. F. Kinney, Mr. Lynn Thompson, and Rev. O. H. Sletton.

A Resolution was passed to be sent to Mr. Henry Ford commending his action in giving equal pay for equal work to his <sup>women</sup> employees.

Mrs. Thompson announced a talk by Mary Gray Peck next Saturday at 10:30 A.M. on the "Movies" in the Directors Room at the Library.

Dr. J. W. Powell talked on the "Censorship of the Movies".

Adjourned for tea.

Mrs. Wm. Fulton, Sec'y.

HENNEPIN COUNTY WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION Nov.13,1916

A meeting of the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Ass'n. was held at Headquarters Nov.13 at 3:00 o'clock with the President in the chair.

Mrs.Simpson reported that incomplete reports for the White Elephant Sale show a probable profit of \$2400.00.

The latest count of the enrolled membership of the County Association shows that we have just passed the 5000 mark which we set for ourselves last spring.

The first speaker for the afternoon program was Miss Marguerite Wells, who talked on " Arguments based on Evolution, Justice, and Expediency".

A collection of \$9.40 was taken.

Then, our organizer Mrs.McMahon, told of her recent work in the South Dakota Campaign.

Miss Alma Binzell spoke on the "Arguments based on the actual working of Equal Suffrage".

Mrs.James A.Stewart, Director of the Little Theater of Milwaukee told briefly of a summer speaking tour for Suffrage which she and Mrs.Henry Youmans made.

Meeting adjourned for tea.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs.William Fulton, Sec'y.

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Mrs. Andrews moved an objection to the consideration. The objection was not sustained. The motion carried.

Mrs. Thorp gave resolution:

" That the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Association urge the Child Welfare Commission to raise the minimum age limit for street trade from 10 to 12 years: it being the unanimous sense of this association that no child under the age of twelve should be allowed to carry on a street trade either down town or in the residence district."

Motion carried.

Mrs. Ueland asks anyone that is interested in this bill to write their approval of this resolution to Judge Waite.

Mrs. Rust moved that this Association send a resolution to Representative A. M. Peterson asking him to withdraw his Suffrage Amendment bill now before the Legislation.

Motion carried.

The Speaker of the afternoon was Senator Washburn on "What is the Significance of Recent Political Changes."

Collection was then taken of \$6.95 .

Mrs. Simpson told of new Ordinance for Municipal Market Presence of women at City Hall is necessary when this bill comes before City Council.

Adjourned

Mrs. Fulton



A meeting of the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Association was held at Headquarters Nov. 20 at 3:00 o'clock with the President in the chair.

Mrs. Simpson announced the annual Convention of the State Association at the Hotel Radisson Dec. 4 and 5 and that Mrs. J. A. Ridgway had been appointed chairman of the Entertainment Committee.

Mrs. Simpson announced the formation of a suffrage glee club by Mrs. Arthur Quenby, Chairman of the Music Committee. She said that the association would like very much to have a piano at the Headquarters and asked if anyone could loan one.

She announced the <sup>special demonstration</sup> meeting for ladies at the Convention of the State Canners Association at the Radisson, to which members of this association are invited.

The program announced for today has been disarranged, but two good speakers for the program. Mrs. Simpson was able to get Mrs. Bartlett of Kansas City to talk on the "Position of Kansas City Women on Suffrage".

Miss Blyct of Christiana Norway, a guest in the city, spoke a few words on Theosophy.

A collection was taken which amounted to \$6.78.

The speaker of the afternoon, Miss Edith Houston, talked on "Evolution and the Woman Movement".

The President thanked the speakers on behalf of the Association. The meeting adjourned for tea.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. D. G. McIntosh,

Sec'y. Pro Tem.

HENNEPIN COUNTY WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION. Nov. 27

The President was in the chair at the meeting of the Hennepin County Association held at headquarters, November 27 at 3:00 P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Members were requested to save all newspapers, to fold them in quarters and tie in bundles, ready for collection by the Paper Committee.

Announcement was made of some amateur plays to be given for the Art Students League.

The association is to have a float in the Health and Happiness parade, December first.

Everyone is urged to attend the State Convention of the Suffrage Associations at the Radisson, Dec. 4 and 5. Since this association is to be the hostess, members are urged to give a cordial welcome and to pay especial attention to strangers.

The first speaker was Mrs. C. P. Noyes of St. Paul, who talked on "Women in Politics".

On account of illness, Mr. G. B. Leonard was unable to speak on "Women and the Law".

Mrs. Mary Hanford Ford of Chicago gave a very interesting talk on the "Woman Movement Today."

A collection of \$4.08 was taken.

Meeting adjourned for tea.

Mrs. Wm. Fulton, Sec'y.

TEACHERS SECTION of HENN.CO.WOMAN SUFF.ASS'N. Dec.9,1916

The Temporary Chairman of the Teacher's Section called a meeting on December 9 at 2:30 P.M. to form a permanent organization for the Teachers of the County.

The following officers were elected:

Chairman: Miss Florence Monahan,

Vice-Chairman: Miss Bessie Tomlinson

Secretary-Treasurer. Miss Anna Barnum.

A Committee was appointed by the Chairman for two purposes, namely:

1. To find out the attitude of all teachers on Suffrage.
2. To investigate the New York Teacher's Association in order to model this one after that one. That association is very powerful and has a membership of 85,000.

There are to be no regular meetings, probably there will be a meeting once in two months.

Meeting adjourned.



The President was in the chair at the meeting of the Suffrage Association held December 11 at 3:00 P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The President again asked for the use of a piano at headquarters, saying that the Chairman of the Music Committee feels the need very keenly. Another pressing need at Headquarters is for a safe, small in size but secure for our valuable papers and for sums of money.

Announcement was made of the appointment of Mrs. Byron Timberlake as Chairman of Volunteer work, and

Mrs. C. S. Thompson reporting for the Program Committee gave the topics to be discussed at the meetings after the first of the year.

Mrs. W. A. Jordan proposed an amendment to the By-Laws, which follows :namely: that the Leaders of Legislative Districts be elected or appointed by the Chairman of Organization Work. This will be acted upon at the next meeting of the Association.

Strangers at meetings are asked to come to the President at the end of the meeting and introduce themselves.

Mrs. Jordan was asked to take the chair while the President took part in the program, giving a talk on "The Suffrage Speech".

A collection of \$3.31 was taken.

Professor F. M. Rarig of the University gave a talk on "the Suffrage Speaker".

A rising vote of thanks was given to both speakers for their very interesting talks.

Meeting adjourned.

Mrs. Wm. Fulton, Sec'y.



Invitations were sent to all girls in the High Schools and eighth Grades of the city schools. through the Grade and English Teachers of the Public Schools.

Forty girls were present and voted to organize a Junior League with no dues. Of that number, 27 enrolled. 11 Schools were represented.

The following Temporary Officers were elected who shall act until the next meeting on January 20 at 10:00 A.M. when a permanent organization will be formed.

Myrtle Hanson, Temporary Chairman. (Corcoran School)

Program Committee:

Alice Madsen , Kenwood School

Margaret Christan, Harriet School

Lillian Skolnik. Sumner School

Schools Represented:	Corcoran	<i>Sumner</i>
	Harriet	Grant
	Calhoun	Garfield
	Kenwood	East High
	Robert Fulton	South High
		North High

On January 8th the regular meeting of the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Association was called to order by the President at 2:00 o'clock. In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. W. E. Dodge was elected secretary pro tem.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

It was voted to adopt the proposed amendment to the By-Laws, namely:

Article VI, Sec. 1 be amended to read: The chairman of organization work in consultation with the President shall elect or appoint persons to fill any vacancies among the District Leaders.

The Scandinavian branch of the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Association elected Mrs. J. L. Sundean to represent their association as a vice-president on the Board of Directors. This nomination was ratified.

Mrs. George Partridge announces a class in Parliamentary Law to meet at her home beginning next Thursday Jan. 11. All are cordially invited to join. Mrs. Mary B. Lewis will conduct the class.

A Suffrage Bridge is to be held at the home of Mrs. A. W. Abbott January 10th at 2:30 P. M.

The congregational Church of Como Avenue has opened its pulpit for a suffrage speaker the night of January 14th and offered half of the collection to us. Mrs. D. F. Simpson will speak there.

An important announcement was made of the moving of the County Association on January 16th to 930 Nicollet Avenue.

Miss Grace Darling of Wichita, Kansas gave a most interesting talk on "Some Needed Reforms in Methods of Child Saving."

The meeting adjourned for tea.

Mrs. W. E. Dodge,

Secretary pro tem

HENNEPIN COUNTY WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION Jan. 15, 1917.

The Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Association held its last meeting in the old headquarters Jan. 15 at 3:00 P.M. In the absence of the President, Mrs. C. S. Thompson presided.

In spite of the very severe weather a capacity audience came to hear the very interesting program.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Announcement was made of the lecture by Mrs. *Chalmers* Adams on Thursday night at the First Baptist Church in the interest of the American Relief Fund for the French.

Mrs. Thompson read a suffrage resolution adopted Jan. 4 at the State Convention of the Farmers Association.

Everyone was invited to the Housewarming in the new quarters of the County Association at 930 Nicollet Ave. It is to be held Saturday, Jan. 20 from 3 to 6:00 P.M.

The first speaker was Mr. O. H. Miller, Principal of the Junior High School, who gave a very enlightening talk on the plan before the Board of Education just now, to return to the old policy of having a number of committees for the work instead of the present plan of having everything done by the Board, a method which is used by practically every large city now.

At the close of his speech a motion was offered that the County Association endorse the plan of School business which is now being used and deplore the reversion to the old method of ~~a~~ committees.

Mrs. Ueland amended the resolution by moving that the consideration of such a resolution be postponed for one week. The amendment carried.

The second speaker was Mr. W. W. Hodson, Secretary of the



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Child Welfare Commission, ~~Mr~~ He talked on the Proposed Legislation for Children which the Commission has been working on.

Mr. F. J. Bruno lead the discussion on the subject, making the point that public opinion is needed to put through these new laws for the welfare of the child in Minnesota.

Mrs. Andreas Ueland announced that a bill for a suffrage amendment to the State Constitution has just been introduced in the Legislature by Representative A. M. Peterson. Since it was decided at the State Convnetion Dec. 4 & 5 that it was not wise to enter into a campaign for an suffrage amendment this year, everyone is urged to write to Representative Peterson at once. This is very important. The State Association is working this year for Presidential Suffrage.

Miss Marquerite Wells asked that everyone promise to write to some member of the School Board urging them not to go back to <sup>the</sup> old way of having committees do the work of the Board.

Meeting adjourned.

Mrs. Wm. Fulton, Sec'y.



The President was in the chair at the meeting of the Henn e-  
pin County Woman Suffrage Association held in the new headquarters  
January 22 at 3:00 P.M.

Announcement was made of the Shaw play "The Philanderer" to  
be given at the Woman's Club Feb. 2.

Everyone interested is invited to a lecture on "Peace in Eur-  
ope " by Francis Neilson at the Unitarian Church Jan. 23 at 6:00 P.M.

Tickets are for sale here for the entertainment which is to  
be given at Studio Hall, Feb. 6 and 7.

Any Committee or district which is planning entertainments  
should notify Mrs. Walter Thorp the Press Chairman, in time for her  
to give adequate publicity.

Mrs. Simpson told of her recent trip to Fargo to speak on the  
suffrage bill. On her arrival, she found that the bill had just  
passed the legislature granting women municipal and Presidential  
suffrage so that the meeting was turned into a jubilee meeting.

Mrs. H. N. Owen introduced the following resolution:

" Resolved: that we believe <sup>in</sup> the present plan of conducting the busi-  
ness of the School Board in a committee of the whole, and that we  
would regret to see a return to the former system of separate  
Committees. "

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Jan. 29, 1917

Owing Mrs. Simpson was called away owing to illness in her family and the program for the day, therefore was changed. In her absence, Mrs. H. G. Harrison presided at the meeting of the Hennepin County Suffrage Association held in the new headquarters January 29th at 3.00 P. M.

Mr. W. F. Webster spoke on "Compulsory Military Training in the Public Schools". Mr. Webster, who is the assistant superintendent of Minneapolis Schools explained, that he is opposed to military training in the public schools for the following three reasons:

"It is not the best, or in any sense a good way to develop a fine healthy body or mind".

"It is not in harmony with American ideals of education

"It magnifies brute force and minimizes the spiritual side of the child's nature".

Mr. A. V. Thomas, a newspaper man of Winnipeg, Canada, told the association that "Militarism has proved brutalizing in Canada."

Miss Wells called attention to the meeting of the School Board at the City Hall, at 2 o'clock <sup>Tuesday</sup> and urged the members to be present.

Miss Merrill moved that the Chairman appoint a Committee to see the performance at the Shubert Theatre and report whether any objections are to be found regarding their reference to Woman's Suffrage".

Miss Barber offered the following resolution: "That the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Association protest against the pardon of the man, named "Kid Scully"."

Mrs. Fisher announced that the 34th district is giving a picture show to help raise the money assessed to their district. The date has been set for Saturday, Feb. 17th, at 2.30 P. M., at the Lagoon Theatre.

Mrs. Walton announced that the Woman's Club will present Bernard Shaw's play, The Philanderer, on Friday afternoon and evening, Feb. 2nd.

Mrs. Wallen announced that the Political Equality Club would present a "Concert- Drame at Studio Hall, on Wednesday evening, Feb. 7th, .

Miss Clifford invited the members to be present at a meeting at East High Auditorium, when Mayor Van Lear and Prof. Maria Sanford are to speak.

The 30th district announces a "Valentine Sale" to help raise the money apportioned to their district.

Collection was taken of \$6.99

Adjourned,

Mrs. Harris.



HENNEPIN COUNTY WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

Feb 5th, 1917

A meeting of the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage

Association was held Feb. 5th, 1917, at 3 P.M.

Mrs. H. G. Harrison presided in the absence of ~~Mrs~~ the Mrs. Simpson.

Mrs. Ueland delivered an address, the substance of which was that it is easier and better for women to obtain the ballot by means of a federal amendment than by amending state constitutions. Mrs. Ueland explained that the Federal or Susan B. Anthony amendment provides that no one shall be deprived of the vote because of sex. - Mrs. Ueland briefly presented the Minnesota situation. She said that there are two bills now before the Minnesota legislation. One is a Presidential bill, which provides that women can vote for the Presidential electors and the other, is a bill to amend the state constitution, to give women full suffrage. - Mrs. Ueland stated that in her opinion, the Presidential Bill could more easily be passed, for the reason that such a bill would require only a majority vote in the Senate and the House.

Mr. D. H. Holbrook, in charge of the attendance and vocational guidance department of the Minneapolis public schools, addressed the association on the subject: "Bridging the gap between the eighth grade and high school".

Mrs. M. Purdy announced and Easter Bazaar, to be given in the Suffrage Rooms, four days before Easter. Hats, flowers, cards, etc. will be on sale.



Mrs. McKnight announced a "Praise Meeting", to be given under the auspices of the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Association in honor of Susan B. Anthony's birthday, Feb. 13th at 8 o'clock at the Hennepin Ave. Methodist Church.

Mrs. Fischer reminded the members of the moving picture show, which will be given at the Lagoon Theatre, Feb. 17th, by the suffragists of the 8th ward.

Mrs. Ueland asked for donations of furniture for the state rooms.

Miss Merrill read a letter, written to Mr. Bainbridge of the Shubert Theatre, stating that a suffrage skit, embodied in the performance given at his theatre, was objectionable. It was moved seconded and carried that the letter be sent.

Mrs. Fisher announced that a suffrage tea would be given on the 15th of Feb. at the home of Mrs. Eugen Day, under the auspices of the Political Equality Club.

Mrs. Harrison announced that the regular meeting, Monday Feb. 12th, would be omitted.

Collection was taken of \$5.09.

Adjourned,

Mrs. Clark R. Fletcher.

HENNEPIN COUNTY WOMAN SUFFRAGE, ASSOCIATION

<sup>19</sup>  
Feb. 28th, 1917

A meeting of the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Association was held Feb. 19th, 1917, at 3 P. M.

Mrs. Harrison presided as Mrs. Simpson had reached town <sup>only</sup> shortly before the meeting.

Dr. Geo. B. Safford of the Anti-Saloon League spoke on the "Prohibition Fight". The "Wet Interests" of the state were characterized by Dr. Safford as the most powerful, complete, well-made, well-oiled machine now operating in the country. The speaker warned the women that in their fight for the vote, they would be up against opposition conducted by this same powerful machine and urged the most astute political methods in dealing with it.

A letter was read from the Minnesota Laundry Owners Association, informing Mrs. Harrison that their Convention passed a resolution, endorsing the Cause of Womans Suffrage. This is the first time, the Laundry Industry has gone on record as favoring this cause.

Miss Merrill reported on the "Praise Meeting", held in honor of the birthday-anniversary of Susan B. Anthony at the Henn. Methodist Church on Feb. 13th. Mrs. Beatrice Forbes Robertson and ~~and~~ Maria Sanford <sup>were</sup> ~~Hale~~ <sup>was</sup> the chief speakers, Mrs. Ueland and Mrs. Harrison presiding

Mrs. Hubble, president of the Robbinsdale Suffrage Society reported on the hearing before the Legislature, <sup>before</sup> ~~before~~ the Suffrage Bill was to come up. The Anti-Suffragists appeared in

such large number, that the meeting in the Committee Rooms had to be adjourned to the House. Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Lawrence of Duluth, Miss Monohan, Mrs. Olmstead and Miss Morse lead the debates in speaking for the Constitutional amendment.

Mrs. Zonne in speaking for the Finance Committee, stated that the \$30,000.- pledge, made for the State at the Convention held in Atlantic City last summer, necessitates the running of the Hennepin County Suffrage Ass. upon a different basis, as the book-keeping, for instance, had become much more complicated; the membership alone had increased from 2000 to 6000 members.

The various Suffrage States had unanimously advised the renting of a first floor location, as being the most practical the most accessible and chiefly, being a means of doing splendid publicity work, by utilizing the window to the best advantage. The window now is in charge of the Publicity Committee and Mrs. Zonne explained the expense entailed in using this window and emphasized the importance of making the most of this opportunity for propoganda.

The various districts are requested to confer with this committee as to any use they wish to make of this window, so that dates may not conflict.

Mrs. Simpson reported concerning the Easter Bazaar, which was to be held the early part of March.

Mrs. Twing stated four ways, in which everyone could help, in contributions, soliciting materials, in trimming and in advertising the sale.

Mrs. Sundin announced the Dramatic Entertainment, to be given by the Scandinavian Womens Suffrage Society at Central High

School, Wednesday Evening, Feb. 28th.

Mrs. Finsterbach announced a lecture on Music and Art, to be given Monday, Feb. 17th, at Suffrage Headquarters. The Shubert Quartet is to play.

A meeting at Logan Park Field House was announced, where Mayor Van Lear, Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Gilman are to speak on Wed., Feb. 21st.

Collection was taken of \$5.00.

)) Meeting adjourned.

Mrs. B. S. Harris.



Program  
1916-17

- Oct. 16 - Some early ideas on Sex Equality Mr. A. J. Todd  
Discussion led by Dr. Mabel S. Ulrich
- Oct. 23 - World Movement for Suffrage - Miss Iva Finkins
- Oct. 30 - City Health & The Red Cross Seals - Mr. Paul Benjamin  
Candidates for School Board - Mrs. J. J. Timney  
Mr. Cavan Langdon, Mr. Lynn Thompson,  
Rev. O. H. Sletten.  
Censorship of the Movies - Dr. J. W. Powell
- Nov. 6 - A Survey of Women's Rights - Mrs. J. G. Winter
- Nov. 13 - Arguments based on Evolution, Justice & Expediency  
Miss Marguerite M. Wells  
Arguments based on the actual working of  
Equal Suffrage Miss Alma Birgel
- Nov. 20 - Position of Kansas City Women on Suffrage  
Mrs. Bartlett  
Evolution & the Woman Movement  
Miss Edith Houston
- Nov. 27 - Women in Politics  
Mrs. Charles P. Hayes  
Woman Movement Today - Mrs. Mary Hanford Ford

Dec 4 - No meeting on account of State Convention. Dec. 4-5

Dec. 11 - The Suffrage Speech - Mrs. D. F. Simpson  
The Speaker Mr. J. M. Rarig

Jan. 8, 1917 - Needed Reforms in Methods of Child Saving  
Mrs. Grace R. Darling

Jan. 15 - Organization of Board of Education - Mr. C. H. Miller  
Proposed Legislation for Children - Mr. W. W. Hodson  
Discussion led by Mr. F. J. Bruno

Jan. 22 - What is the Significance of Recent Political  
Changes? - Mr. William D. Washburn

Jan 29 - Compulsory Military Training in the Public Schools  
Mr. ~~William~~ F. Webster  
Situation in Canada - Mr. A. V. Thomas

Feb. 5 - Ways To Win  
Presidential Suffrage  
Federal Amendment Mrs. Andreas Meland

Feb. 5 - Bridging the Gap between the Eighth Grade & the  
High School - Mr. D. H. Holbrook

Feb. 12 - No meeting on account of Thanksgiving Meeting  
in celebration of Susan B. Anthony's Birthday  
at Hennepin Avenue Church on Feb. 13th

Feb. 19 - Making a Black State White - Dr. George B. Safford

# HENNEPIN COUNTY WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

Feb 26th, 1917

A meeting of the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Association was held Feb. 26th, 1917 at 3 P.M.

Mrs. Harrison presided, as Mrs. Simpson is at Washington, attending the Special Meeting of the National Association.

Miss Marion M. Johnson, supervisor of the Minneapolis Public School department for the deaf and all speech defectives spoke, urging our members to support a bill to benefit deaf children. Two deaf children were seated on the platform during the talk and gave a demonstration of their remarkable power of lip reading.

The audience was so impressed with the work Miss Johnson is doing, that a resolution was passed endorsing, the bill, which Mr. W.I. Nolan is presenting before the Legislature. Two delegates, Mrs. L. L. Schwartz and Miss Nellie Merrill were appointed to attend the hearing before the education committee of the legislature.

Mr. W. I. Norton, who was advertised to speak at suffrage headquarters, was unable to be present.

Mrs. Mc Mahon came straight from the Legislature to report on the Suffrage Bill. The Bill passed the House, asking for a referendum - vote on full suffrage by a vote of 85 to 41. - Mrs. McMahon also reported that Ohio and Indiana had passed the Presidential Bill.

Miss Clifford reported for the 29th District, that an entertainment would be given at the Little Theatre, March 15th. One half of the proceeds to go to the district share of the \$30,000.- fund and the other half for propaganda work of the Suffrage Club at the University of Minnesota.

Mrs. Fensterbach reported concerning the meeting of Feb 21st, held at Logan Park Field House. Mayor Van Lear was not present, but Mrs. Hunter and Mr. Gilman gave excellent talks and it proved a very successful suffrage meeting.

Mrs. Harrison urged all members to attend the Dramatic Entertainment to be given by the Scandinavian Womans Suffrage Society at Central High School on Wed. evening, Feb. 28th.

A communication from Mrs. Fullerton, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, was read, making an urgent appeal to all members to assist with the work for the Easter Bazaar, to be held March 28th to 31st, for the purpose of raising the remainder of our share for the million dollar fund for suffrage.

Miss McDonald announced for

The Political Equality Club at their regular fortnightly luncheons at the Dykman Hotel on Saturday, March 3rd. Miss Naris Sanford and Senator Gjersert are to be the speakers.

Collection was taken of \$3.74.

Meeting adjourned.

Mrs. B. S. Harris.



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## HENNEPIN COUNTY WOMANS SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

March 5th, 1917

A meeting of the Hennepin County Woman's Suffrage Association was held, Monday, March 5th, at 3 P. M. The president, Mrs. Simpson presiding.

Mr. Lloyd M. Osgraves, social economist, University of Minnesota, spoke on the Compulsory Health Insurance Bill now before the Minnesota Legislature.

Attention was again called to the "Easter Sale" and the point emphasized that the help of every woman was needed, in order to insure success.

Announcement was also made that anyone desiring to make application for Membership to the American Red Cross, may leave their name with Miss Fischer.

A notice in the Pioneer Press of Sunday, March 4th was read, quoting a letter that President Woodrow Wilson wrote to the President of the Tennessee Senate, asking the Senate to reconsider its vote by which it rejected the legislation to extend suffrage to women.

A joint memorial from the State of Idaho, addressed to the governors of such states in the United States, as do not now grant equal suffrage to women, was read, urging the enactment of such legislation as will make possible the granting of equal political rights to both men and women.

A hearing on the Presidential Suffrage Bill will be held at the Capitol on Friday, March 9th, at 2 P. M. and the hearty cooperation of all members is requested.

operation of all members is asked and a large attendance most desirable.

Mrs. Simpson reported that at the board-meeting of the National Association in Washington, it was announced that a great Fair would be held, in order to raise funds to support the Washington Winter Headquarters. Mrs. Harrison suggested that our contribution take the form of "Flour", in this way advertising the industry of our state.

Mrs. ~~Tw~~ing announced that all day Thursday would be devoted to the trimming of hats for the Easter Sale and made an earnest plea for more hats and more workers.

Mrs. Simpson, who had attended the meeting of the Executive Council at Washington as our delegate, gave a most eloquent and intensely interesting report of the Convention. Mrs. Catt called this meeting of the National Executive Committee to consider the stand of the Suffrage Organization, in case a national crisis were to arise.

It was decided by a large majority vote that a note be sent to the President and the Government, offering the services of the National Woman~~s~~ Suffrage Association. - It was <sup>unanimously</sup> ~~moved and~~ <sup>voted</sup> ~~seconded~~ that we adopt the action of the National Council.

Mrs. Simpson also related the remarkable story of the cares and trials that had fallen to Mrs. Catt's lot, as a result of the Leslie Estate, which had been left to the cause of Suffrage the members listening with breathless interest to this really dramatic incident in Suffrage History.

Collection was taken of \$3.51.

Meeting adjourned.

Mrs. B. S. Harris.

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# HENNEPIN COUNTY WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

March 12th, 1917

A meeting of the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Association was held on Monday, March 12th, at 3 P. M.

The President, Mrs. Simpson, presided.

Mr. Charles F. Keyes, of the Health Commission, spoke on a Bill for the Creation of a department for "Public Health".

It was announced that Mr. John H. Dietrich would speak on Sunday morning, March 18th, at the First Unitarian Church, his subject being, "Growing Freedom of Women".

The Easter Sale was again announced and members urged to do all in their power to assist the committees in charge of the various tables. Special mention was made of the "Sacrifice Table" and anyone wishing to contribute to this, is requested to leave their name with Mrs. W. N. Carroll and Mrs. A. B. Jackson, who are in charge of this department.

The Hearing at The Capitol of Friday, March 9th was reviewed and owing to the unusual condition of "no further business", the meeting was adjourned early.

A Collection was taken of \$5.05.

Mrs. B. S. Harris.