



Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association Records.

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HENNEPIN COUNTY WOMANS SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

March 19th, 1917

A meeting of the Hennepin County Womens Suffrage Association was held, Monday, March 19th, at 3 P.M. The president, Mrs. Simpson, presiding.

Mrs. Robbins Gilman spoke on th "Economic Status of Women".

It was announced that the College Women's Club will give a performance of Pomander Walk on Monday at the Studio Theatre, the proceeds will go to establish a "Vocational Bureau".

A concert-drama will be presented, under the auspices of the University Equal Suffrage Club on Saturday evening, Mar. 24th at the Little Theatre and the cooperation of our members is asked.

Announcement was made of the Suffrage Conference, to be held in Duluth on April 26th and 27th; Mrs. Catt will be in Duluth for one day and an interesting time is assured anyone in a position to attend this conference.

It was also announced that a Charity Bridge and "500" would be given by the "Catholic Women's Society" for the benefit of Relief Work at the Leamington Hotel, on April 16th, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

In order to acquaint the members at large with the actual Business of this organization, it was decided at the last Board Meeting, to hold an open business meeting ^{once a month} every Monday afternoon^s at 2.30; preceding the usual Monday meetings.

Attention was called to a Correspondence Course in Suffrage, consisting of 12 pamphlets; these contain some excellent information and anyone willing to give time to the study of them would derive considerable benefit from this study. The pamphlets may be obtained from Miss Fischer.

Preparations for the Easter Sale are progressing satisfactorily, but there is still great need of used summer clothing for women and children. Donations for the Sacrifice Table are also urged as well as general support for the other departments.

Miss Jeanette Rankin is expected here the latter part of this month to address a meeting at the Auditorium.

Collection was taken of \$3.18.

Mrs. B. S. Harris.

HENNEPIN COUNTY WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

March 26th, 1917

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

Mrs. Simpson gave a stirring talk, explaining "Why Suffrage First".

It was announced that the Honorable Jeanette Rankin the first and only Woman Congressman would speak at the Mpls. Auditorium, on Thursday, March 29th, at 8.15. Her subject will be "Let the People know". Ways and means of advertising this talk were discussed and among other things, it was decided upon to have a band play in front of the Auditorium on Thurs. evening.

The Easter Sale is going to take place this week, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and all the committees are reporting favorably concerning the progress they are making.

The Presidential Suffrage Bill will come up for voting at the Capitol in St. Paul on Thursday afternoon and all members that can spare the time, this busy week, are requested to be present.

A letter from Mr. Edwin H. Brown was read, regarding the moving picture Board of Review. Mr. Brown has been appointed by the Advisory Board of the Mayor of Minneapolis to investigate the need of a Board of Review for the moving pictures. It was voted unanimously that it is considered ^{by our organization} necessary for the City of Minneapolis to have a Board of Review to pass upon the moving pictures that are to be

presented here.

Mrs. Katherine Williamson of Colorado gave a short talk, contrasting the Effect on Legislation in Suffrage States with the ineffectual methods in non-voting states.

A collection was taken of \$7.65.

Mrs. B. S. Harris.

HENNEPIN COUNTY WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

April 2nd, 1917.

A meeting of the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Association was held April 2nd, 1917, the president, Mrs. Simpson in the chair.

Mr. Benjamin Drake spoke on the most important actions taken by the City Council in the last few months, outlining the following five measures: Censorship of Moving Pictures, Town Hall, Health Bill, Law Enforcement and Municipal Markets.

Mrs. Halsey Wilson of New York, under whose direction suffrage schools have developed into a big propoganda, gave a report of the schools and the method of their operation.

Mrs. Simpson reported regarding Miss Rankin's lecture, that altho, as far as expense is concerned, there is a slight deficit, it is the general opinion that her presence here aided our cause considerably, especially the favorable impression Miss Rankin produced at the Legislature.

Mrs. Simpson also reported that the Vote on the Presidential Bill ^{in the Senate} was lost by the small margin of 31 to 36.

The Easter Sale was held successfully and owing to the efficiency and enthusiasm of those in charge, the results are very satisfactory; no definite sum can be named as yet, but Mrs. Simpson was authorized to announce as a certainty, the sum of \$800.00.

The Flower Sale will take place on Friday and Saturday of this week, under the auspices of the Ways and Means Committee and the prospects look hopeful.

The Nominating Committee asks for suggestions from the members of this organization, and everyone is asked to fill out the ballots, found on each seat, for a straw vote.

The play produced at the Woman's Club "Alice on Wonderland" will be repeated at the Central High School Auditorium on Saturday afternoon, April 14th.

Attention was again called to the Suffrage Conference to be held in Duluth on April 26th and 27th, which it is hoped Mrs. Catt will attend. If 30 names are given, a private car may be procured for the Minneapolis group of women.

Miss Merrill presented a resolution, expressing our sorrow in the loss of Mrs. Mc^{Mary S.} Intosh, who passed away recently.

This resolution received the unanimous vote of the Hennepin County Womans Suffrage Association. (*Resolution appended*)

Mrs. Ueland announced that according to the wishes of Mrs. McIntosh there had been no funeral, but the friends of Mrs. McIntosh would gather for a service at the Church of the Redeemer, on April 3rd, at 7.30 P. M.

It was announced that under the auspices of the Political Equality Club, a Historical Pageant will be presented, entitled, "Catching up with Father". The performance will take place on Tuesday, April 17th, at 8 P. M.

Mrs. Simpson received plans from the Council of the National Suffrage Association, which are to be considered in case War is declared. It was voted unanimously that a Committee of Five be appointed to arrange a mass meeting of the County and State organizations to consider the serious undertaking of co-operation with existing societies doing special garden work and

for the initiation of ^{new} ~~ne~~ branches of such work, in connection with these plans for thrift and land development sent out by Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt.

It was also voted unanimously to form a Red Cross Unit, to be called the Minneapolis Suffrage Unit for the purpose of furthering Red Cross Work. Mrs. Simpson to appoint a committee directing this work, giving one ^{day} ~~afternoon~~ a week at Suffrage Headquarters to the purpose of carrying on this work successfully.

A collection was taken of \$ 3.23

Meeting adjourned.

Mrs. B. S. Harris.

Resolution adopted April 2, 1917.

The Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Association desires to express its sense of loss in the death of Mrs. Mary McIntosh whose service to women in the crowded thoroughfares of work was so constant and helpful; who held so steadfastly the hope for women of equality of opportunity in all the activities of life; and whose loyal and generous advocacy and support of this ideal will be greatly missed.

HENNEPIN COUNTY WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

April 9th, 1917.

A meeting of the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Association was held April 9th, 1917, at 3 P. M. The President, Mrs. Simpson in the chair.

Mr. David C. Adie addressed the organization, his subject being, "The Working Woman and the Vote".

Mr. L. M. Grosgrave, economics instructor in the University of Minnesota spoke against the financing of the war by bond issues. Mr. Grosgrave stated that the University offers 20 men to lecture on this subject before any body of men or women, desiring to be instructed.

Mrs. Simpson explained that owing to the present grave crisis of the country, it had been decided to omit the Frolic planned for the end of the season. All the more urgent then is the call to attend the Duluth Conference, to be held April 26th and 27th. As many as can possibly attend this Conference will please leave Mpls. at 1.30 P. M., on the Soo R. R. on April 25th; the fare is \$3.09 each way. Those who wish it, will be entertained.

It was announced that Mrs. Halsey Wilson of White Plains, N. Y. a former Mpls. woman, will speak before a group of women at the home of Mrs. E. Dana Durand, 629 Fifth Street S. E. on Thursday at 3 P. M.

Mrs. Simpson again called attention to the Historical Pageant , which will be produced under the auspices of the Political Equality Club on Tuesday evening, April 17th, at 8 P. M. The name of this pageant is "Catching up with Father".

It was announced that a mass meeting will be held at these headquarters on Wednesday afternoon, April 11th, to consider plans for Thrift and Land Development.

Red Cross Work will be carried on at Suffrage Headquarters ~~xx~~ every Thursday and all interested will please leave their names with Miss Fischer.

Collection was taken of \$ 4.17

Meeting adjourned.

Mrs. B. S. Harris.

April 16th, 1917.

HENNEPIN COUNTY WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Association was held Monday, April 16th, at 3 P. M. In the absence of our President, Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. Harrison occupied the chair.

Mr. E. N. Morgan of the University of Minnesota spoke on "Forward Looking Legislation in Suffrage States".

Mrs. Chalmers gave a short talk, deploring the recruiting of young boys for the army and navy and suggested that a protest - meeting be held.

It was again announced that any person wishing to suggest names for officers for next year, to the Nominating Committee, please place a slip with same, in the ballot-box.

Mrs. Harrison also called attention of those present to the Mass Meeting, to be held at Suffrage Headquarters on Wednesday afternoon, April 18th at 3 o'clock. At this meeting further plans for Thrift and Land Development will be considered.

It was unanimously voted that a resolution be sent to our representatives at Congress, urging them to vote for the bill, prohibiting the manufacture of grain into intoxicating liquors.

A collection was taken of \$2.34.

Meeting adjourned.

Mrs. B. S. Harris.

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HENNEPIN COUNTY WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Association was held Monday, April 23rd, at 3 P. M. - The president, Mrs. Simpson in the chair.

Dr. Mabel S. Ulrich spoke on the "Principles of Feminism". Mr. Lewis Harthill, Chief of Police of the City of Minneapolis, gave a talk on "The Human Side of the Police Department".

Mrs. Hubble announced that a Suffrage Mass Meeting would be held at Robbinsdale, at the Village Hall, on Tuesday, April 24th at 8 o'clock.

The Duluth Conference is to take place this week and all members in a position to attend this Convention are asked to leave on the Soo Line, at 155 Wednesday afternoon.

It was announced that the meetings, considering plans for Thrift and Land Development would be continued Wednesday afternoons. Miss Clifford is to give practical garden-talks, demonstrating use of tools, proper clothing, etc. Mrs. Hickock will speak on subjects, dealing with Household thrift.

Mrs. Ueland gave an interesting report of her visit in Brainerd, Minn., speaking of the good opportunities for Suffrage Work in this district.

Red Cross Work will be carried on at Suffrage Headquarters every Thursday and Friday and all interested in this phase of the work, will kindly leave their names with Miss Fischer.

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Mrs. Simpson announced that this was the last regular ~~business~~ meeting of this season, the annual meeting to take place ^{2.30} Monday, May 7th, at 3 P. M. At the Annual Meeting reports of the various officers will be read and election of officers for the ensuing year will take place.

A collection was taken of \$4.82.

Meeting adjourned.

Mrs. B. S. Harris.

MINNESOTA WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

DULUTH APRIL 26-27, 1917.

List of Hennepin County Members Who Attended:

Mrs. A. W. Armatage
Mrs. C. G. Bates
Mrs. E. Dana Durand
Mrs. H. G. Harrison
Mrs. Luth Jaeger
Mrs. S. T. McKnight
Miss Hope McDonald
Miss Nellie Merrill
Miss Florence Monahan
Mrs. W. C. M. Pyke
Mrs. L. L. Schwartz
Mrs. A. L. Searle
Mrs. D. F. Simpson
Mrs. C. S. Thompson
Mrs. W. H. Thorp
Mrs. Andreas Ueland
Mrs. W. L. Wolford
Mrs. A. E. Zonne

Fifteen of this number, together with Mrs. L. C. Bacon, Mrs. James Forrestal and Mrs. George M. Kenyon of St. Paul and Mrs. J. N. Weir of Winona, went by special car on the Soo Road, Wednesday afternoon, April 25. Mrs. C. P. Noyes of St. Paul followed on Thursday--twenty-three in all from the Twin Cities and Winona.

Luncheon for Mrs. McMahon.
Hotel Dyckman, Saturday, May 5, 1917
24 present.

Mrs. A. H. Bright	Mrs. W. M. Morse
Mrs. C. A. Bucknam	Mrs. M. D. Purdy ✓
Mrs. Colton (Duluth)	Mrs. L. L. Schwartz
Mrs. D. R. Gunkle ✓	Mrs. A. L. Searle ✓
Mrs. F. G. Howard	Mrs. D. F. Simpson
Dr. Ethel E. Hurd	Mrs. Joseph Strong (St. Paul)
Mrs. W. J. Lieb	Mrs. J. L. Sundean
Mrs. Albert McMahon	Mrs. C. S. Thompson ✓
Miss McMahon	Mrs. W. F. Thwing
Mrs. A. E. Merrill	Mrs. Andreas Ueland
Miss Merrill ✓	Miss Marguerite Wells ✓
Miss Monahan ✓	Mrs. A. E. Zonne ✓

Short talks by Mrs. Ueland, Dr. Hurd, Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Morse.

Mrs. McMahon was presented with a Corona Typewriter.

HENNEPIN COUNTY WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

The second annual meeting of the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Association was held at headquarters, May 7th, with the President, Mrs. Simpson, in the chair.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

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

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

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

Mrs. L. L. Schwartz gave the report of the Window and Decorations Committee.

Mrs. Purdy gave a report for the Organization Committee.

Miss Hilda Humpfner gave a report of her work in the 36th district.

Miss Nellie Merrill gave the report of the Committee on Printing and Publicity, as well as the Speakers Committee.

Mrs. Sumner McKnight gave the report for the Public Demonstration Committee. (To be added.)

Mrs. Fullerton gave the report of the Ways and Means Committee. (To be added.)

Mrs. Timberlake gave the report as Chairman of the Volunteer Helpers.

Mrs. Mrs. C. S. Thompson, gave the report for the Program Committee.

Mrs. W. A. Jordan gave a report for the House Committee.

Mrs. Simpson, as president, gave a most interesting and stimulating talk, reviewing the work of the past year.

Miss Hope McDonald, as Chairman of the Nominating Committee reported the following names:

President:	Mrs. D. F. Simpson
1. Vice-President:	Mrs. Andreas Ueland.
2. " "	Mrs. H. G. Harrison.
3. " "	Mrs. A. L. Searle.
4. " "	Mrs. A. B. Jackson.
5. " "	Mrs. G. H. Partridge.
6. " "	Mrs. Carlyle Scott.
7. " "	Mrs. William Morse.
8. " "	Dr. Ethel Hurd, Pres. of P. E. C.
9. " "	Mrs. J. L. Sundean, Pres. Scan. C.
10. " "	Miss Abigail Mabee, Pres. W. W. C.
11. " "	Mrs. Charlotte Stockwell, Pres. 1915 C.
12. " "	Miss Beatrice Hardy, Pres. U. C.
Cor. Secretary	Mrs. B. H. Timberlake
Rec. "	Mrs. Wilbur F. Decker
Treasurer:	Mrs. A. E. Zonne

The secretary was instructed to cast a ballot for the entire slate.

Mrs. Simpson, read a letter from Mrs. Catt, with reference to increasing and conserving food supplies. Miss McDonald offered a resolution, which was unanimously voted, that the following letter be sent to the parties concerned:

"The Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Association, in common with the national and all local woman suffrage associations, is endeavoring to increase and conserve food supplies.

"It is also our aim to prevent waste of human resources by conserving the children and women workers.

"We recognize the danger in having conditions and laws to protect women and children in labor, obtained by years of effort, suddenly swept away under the stress of military and economic necessity.

"We ask your co-operation in granting equal pay for equal work where women fill the places of men drafted for military service, and in refusing to lengthen hours of work.

"We ask this, not alone as a matter of justice to women but in fairness to men, that cheap labor may not lower standards below the living wage".

Mrs. Simpson announced that more workers were required for Red Cross Work and that Suffrage Headquarters would continue to be open for this work all day Thursday and Friday.

Meeting adjourned.

Mrs. B. S. Harris, Sec'y.

REPORT OF TREASURER
REPORT FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1916 TO MAY 1, 1917.

RECEIPTS

Office Expense	193	32
House Committee	66	38
Public Demonstration	611	13
Program	53	09
Literature	34	16
Finance	5062	85
Ways and Means	4482	91
Assessment to Minn. W. S. Assn.	10	
Convention	522	10
Window and Decoration	25	
Red Cross	84	94
War Aid	9	12
Fund for French Wounded	50	

DISBURSEMENTS

Office Expense	1510	05	
House Committee	286	04	
Press	251		
Public Demonstration	861	80	
Program	194	33	
Organization	394	52	
Salaries	737		
Literature	161	27	
Ways and Means	712	51	
Minn. W. S. Ass'n	4410		
Convention	580	44	
Extension	5		
Printing	15	80	
Music	4		
Window and Decoration	245	50	
Red Cross	32		
War Aid	4		
Cash on Hand	799	74	
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Minneapolis, Minn. April 1st, 1918

HENNEPIN COUNTY WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSN.

Treasurer's report for six months ending Mar.30, 1918

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Oct.1,1917	449.43
Office Expense	30.67
Public Demonstration	203.29
Literature	8.15
Finance	1946.77
Ways and Means	3242.65
Red Cross	659.35

DISBURSEMENTS

Office Expense	1415.67	
House Committee	75.65	
Press Committee	250.00	
Public Demonstration	267.10	
Salaries	611.25	
Literature	16.72	
Finance	50.00	
Ways and Means	539.51	
Assessment to State Assn.	1890.00	
Convention	50.00	
Extension	25.00	
Window Decorations	27.20	
Red Cross	1038.66	
Balance cash on hand	283.55	
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HERNIMPIN COUNTY WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE ASSN.

Statement for month of April, 1918

Cash on hand April 1st-	283.55
Red Cross	178.09
Finance	407.30
Office Expense	2.78
Ways & Means	.35
Public Demonstration	54.63

DISBURSEMENTS

Red Cross	167.58	
Office Expense	277.06	
Public Demonstration	2.70	
Window Decoration	3.75	
Press	20.00	
State Assessment	201.00	
Salaries	40.00	
Balance cash on hand Apr. 30th	214.61	
	<u>926.70</u>	<u>926.70</u>

Statement for month of May, 1918

Cash on hand May 1st,	214.61
Red Cross	241.80
Ways & Means	10.65
Finance	11

DISBURSEMENTS

Office Expense-	158.54	
Red Cross	218.18	
Public Demonstration	7	
Window Decoration	19.40	
Salaries	25.	
Balance cash on hand May 31st	49.94	
	<u>478.06</u>	<u>478.06</u>

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MAY 7, 1917.

The past year has been both lean and abundant in matters financial in the Hennepin County Suffrage Organization. On the whole, however, our prosperity has been most pronounced.

The day of large things dates from the return of our delegates from the National Convention in September where, at Mrs. Catt's request, they assumed \$30,000.00 as Minnesota's share in the \$1,000,000.00 fund to be raised in the U. S. this year for Suffrage, 10% of that amount, as in all the other states, to go directly, and in cash, to the National Organization, the fiscal year to begin October 1, 1916.

It was agreed that this high mark could be reached only by systematic planning on the part of the officers, and hearty co-operation from the membership. To this end, our State President, Mrs. Ueland, called a meeting of the presidents, treasurers, and Chairmen of finance committees of the State, Ramsey, and Hennepin Counties. At that meeting, Ramsey County agreed to raise 30% as her share of the \$30,000, (\$9,000); Hennepin County 45 % (\$13,500); and the remaining counties, 25% (\$7,500). In this financial plan each county organization is to be regarded as a miniature national organization, with the legislative districts representing the states; so that each organized legislative district is apportioned a per cent of the entire amount to be raised in the county, proportionate to its enrolled numerical and financial strength.

It was not the intention of Mrs. Catt that this entire \$30,000 should be raised in cash, but that money expended, or professional time or talent used, in legitimate suffrage effort, might be credited on the books. For instance, if a notary public, friendly to Suffrage, witnesses a signature, and does not charge for so doing, his forfeited fee may be credited as his contribution to the cause; or, delegates to a suffrage convention, paying their own expenses, can have that amount credited, etc.

After eight months of effort, it is with much pride that we find to the credit of the Hennepin County Suffrage Association with uncollected pledges amounting to \$3,500.--, leaving about \$1200.00 to be raised, in order to complete our apportionment, \$13,500, between now and October 1.

Our income has been received from three sources: through voluntary pledges; as the result of personal solicitation; and from the proceeds of sales, entertainments, collections, etc.

The promptness with which pledges have been renewed as a result of notices sent out stating that a subscription had expired, and asking for a renewal, has been most encouraging to the chairman of the Finance Committee. May I request this year, as I did last, that, in order to save effort on the part of the finance committee, the membership will again be prompt and generous in their response to these notices?

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MAY 7, 1917.

The great events this year, so far, have been the White Elephant Sale, and the Nellie McClung luncheon, held at the Radisson Hotel, December 5. At that time \$8,000 was pledged. I feel quite sure that never in the history of women's gatherings in Minneapolis, has a like amount been given, so freely and enthusiastically, for any purpose--surely a matter for great rejoicing, that our cause has set an example of generosity, not only for ourselves to follow, but for other interests of women to emulate.

The various committees, and district leaders, in charge of sales, entertainments etc. have done such good work and brought so much money into the treasury, as a result of their efforts, that they deserve special mention.

There is another matter deserving of special notice, the small per cent of unpaid pledges last year--less than one per cent, and the regular loss on such money is about 5%. Surely an indication of the sincerity of our membership.

What about the \$1290 still to be raised this year, if Hennepin County is to live up to what is expected of her, and what she has pledged herself to accomplish? Through what effort and by what means shall this be done? We have given our pledge to our contributors that only once a year shall they be solicited. Shall we also raise money for materials to carry on the Red Cross work already begun, for the garden planning and planting, for a course of talks on the conservation and use of food in home management? These efforts would be in line with Mrs. Catt's suggestions of women's part in this war.

The international situation is casting a gloom over us all, and it takes courage to face the uncertainties of the future. But do not let us lose sight of the fact that, as we work for the true democracy, the completed democracy--to have the mother's voice heard in the councils of the nations--just in proportion as that aim is accomplished will war be made impossible. For Motherlove, actual or potential, is the force, that educated and made effective, will bring about what a man-governed world never has been able to do and never can accomplish alone, a civilization freed from the curse of bloodshed.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen H. Bennett

(Mrs. Russell M. Bennett)

Chairman Finance Committee

May 7, 1917.

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN ON WINDOW AND DECORATION.

The first week the valentine sale was featured with various attractive captions and included two placards bearing significant facts concerning suffrage. An exhibit of suffrage literature was also used.

In commemoration of Susan B. Anthony's birthday there was featured a portrait of Susan B. Anthony bearing the inscription below:

Susan B. Anthony, whose last message to suffragists was, "Failure is Impossible".

A lettered copy of the Federal Amendment was used, done in the form of a scroll and draped with American Flags; also a poster with "Four Reasons for the Federal Amendment".

We featured portraits of Lincoln, Washington and Susan B. Anthony during the birthday month of February. A characteristic motto was used before each portrait. Under Lincoln's portrait the quotation - "I go for all sharing the responsibility and privileges of government, by no means excluding women." Below, running straight across the window there were the words: "Three Great Americans Whose Lives Were Dedicated to the Ideals of Democracy", and as a background for all the exhibits draped American flags were used and a scroll bearing the suffrage slogan "Ballots for Both".

At the time of the inauguration of the president we exhibited a picture of President Wilson and a copy of the letter which he wrote to the Honorable W. R. Crabtree, President of the Tennessee Senate, urging that the vote rejecting woman suffrage be reconsidered. A quotation from a statement of President Wilson's showing why he is in favor of woman suffrage, and also a statement of the fact that Wilson, himself, voted for woman suffrage in his state was given.

The following week we featured Dr. Marion LeRoy Burton, the new President of the University of Minnesota, exhibiting his portrait and quoting from an expression of his regarding woman suffrage - also a list of college presidents who have indorsed suffrage.

Then we had a chart indicating advanced legislation in suffrage states in comparison with non-suffrage states.

We featured the Easter Sale with the spring window, done thru the courtesy of the Young-Quinlan and the L. S. Donaldson Companies. We were able to obtain white lattice and artificial flowers enough to make a garden scene.

Our next window was a floral window featuring the suffrage flower shop and the Easter Tea that was held for several days.

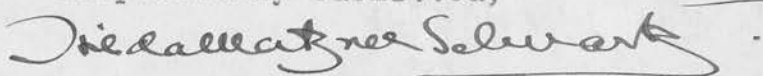
We exhibited a picture of a sleeping baby called, "A Little Bit of Heaven". Under this picture we had a suitable inscription emphasizing the unfairness of handicapping the girl baby.

Up to this point we had all manner of suffrage news displays and temporary exhibits which were utilized along with the weekly exhibits, keeping the window full of current suffrage news.

By this time our national crisis arose and we practically abandoned suffrage propaganda exhibits and devoted our attention exclusively to national aid work. We exhibited a poster showing an attractive nurse and stating the fact that we had undertaken Red Cross work. We had bulletins concerning household thrift and then devoted an entire week to gardening propaganda. A beautiful picture of a flower garden was used with an inscription beneath: "What are you going to do for your country? Help increase the food supply - plant your garden."

Then for baby week we were fortunate enough to obtain Mr. T. B. Walker's famous picture, "Her Man is on the Sea", which is so significant at the present time. Below the picture we had the slogan: "Our Babies: the Real Wealth of the Nation. Save the Babies". We had a short poem entitled "War", emphasizing women's contribution. We used a background of draped flags with the American eagle in the center and the suffrage slogan. This display completed our most successful window.

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman, Window and Decoration Committee

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF LITERATURE USED ON PLACARDS IN
WINDOW DISPLAYS.

1. DO YOU KNOW THAT WOMEN DO WANT THE VOTE?

These women have said so:

International Council of Women, representing over 7,000,000 women.

General Federation of Women's Clubs, representing over 2,000,000 women.

Every state Federation of Women's Clubs, where women vote and many where they do not vote.

National Women's Trade Union League.

National Order of Maccabees.

International Council Of Nurses.

Worlds' Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

American Nurses' Association.

National Women's Relief Corps.

2. DO YOU KNOW THAT WOMEN SHOULD HAVE THE VOTE?

These men and women have said so:

National Education Assn. (The teachers of your land.)

National Grange (Men and Women Farmers.)

Farmers' National Congress.

American Federation of Labor.

United Mine Workers of America.

National Rurality Conference.

National Association of Letter Carriers.

National Association of Post Office Clerks.

International Brotherhood of Stationary Firemen.

Grand Council of United Commercial Travelers.

Yearly Meeting Society of Friends.

General Conference Methodist Episcopal Church.

3. SPEAKER CHAMP CLARK JOINS SUFFRAGE RANKS.

Washington, March 16, Speaker Champ Clark is out flatly for woman suffrage.

"It seems to me that woman suffrage is inevitable", said the speaker to-day in a letter to J.J. Duncan, Missouri state senator. "I have believed that since I first got the hang of the Declaration of Independence."

4. Status of Woman Suffrage in the Scandinavian Countries.

Norway)	
Denmark)	
Iceland)	Women vote on exactly the same terms as men.
Sweden	Women have Municipal Suffrage.

WHY NOT IN MINNESOTA?

5. "The graat master-work, the state, will be perfected by man, when in all seriousness he takes woman as his helper."

Selman Lagerlof
First woman who won the Nobel Prize.

6. FOUR REASONS FOR THE FEDERAL AMENDMENT.

1. It is the shortest way in which all women get the vote.
2. ALL MEN born in OTHER COUNTRIES who become citizens of the U.S. are naturalized by federal government.
3. INDIANS are enfranchised by Federal government.
NEGROES were enfranchised by federal government.
4. Women demand the vote by the same process which gave it to men - BECAUSE NATIONAL ISSUES REQUIRE NATIONAL ACTION.

7. COLLEGE PRESIDENTS WHO ENDORSE WOMAN SUFFRAGE:

S. Parks Cadman	Adelphi
Frederick W. Atkinson	Brooklyn Polytechnic
M. Carey Thomas	Bryn Mawr
John P. Brooks	Clarkson
Elmer E. Bryan	Colgate
Frederick H. Sykes	Connecticut
Jacobs Gould Schurman	Cornell
Andrew D. White 5	formerly of Cornell
A. Cameron McKensie	Elmira
M. W. Stryker	Hamilton
Lyman P. Powell	Hobart
George S. Davis	Hunter
Joseph A. Serena	Keuka
David Starr Jordan	Leland Stanford
Marion LeRoy Burton	Minnesota
Mary E. Wooley	Mount Holyoke
Elmer E. Brown	New York University
Henry Church King	Oberlin
John Grier Hibben	Princeton
Palmer C. Ricketts	Rensselaer
Rush Rhees	Rochester
Wm. H. S. Demarest	Rutgers
Alex C. Humphreys	Stevens

James R. Day	Syracuse
Charles A. Richmond	Union
James H. Kerkland	Vanderbilt
H. N. McCracken	Vassar
Kerr D. McMillan	Wells
H. A. Garfield	Williams
Charles R. Van Hise	Wisconsin

8. "I certainly do want women to have all their rights. What I look forward to is the day when no woman shall be at a disadvantage because of her sex, and when no woman shall be able to take an unfair advantage because of it. Both conditions exist to-day, and each is a necessary corollary of the other."

Dr. Marion LeRoy Burton.

9. "A LITTLE BIT OF HEAVEN."

If this little bit of Heaven is a boy, when he is 21 he will have the right to vote; if it is a girl when she is 21 she has not the right to vote.

IS IT FAIR TO HANDICAP OUR GIRLS?

10. There are now in this country more than 1900 suffrage organizations with a registered membership of 50,000.

In the National American Woman Suffrage Association there are 63 affiliated societies organized in 45 states with over 75,000 dues paying members.

11. President Wilson's letter to the Hon. W. R. Crabtree, President of the Tennessee Senate.

"May I not express my earnest hope that the senate of Tennessee will reconsider the vote by which it rejected the legislation extending the suffrage to women? Our party is so distinctly pledged to its passage that it seems to me the moral obligation is complete."

12. PRESIDENT WILSON CONGRATULATES NORTH DAKOTA.

Mrs. C. C. Catt, President of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, has received the following letter from President. Wilson.

My dear Mrs. Catt:

May I not express to you and to your organization as well as to the women of North Dakota, my congratulations upon the passage by the legislature of that state that bill granting to the women of that state the right to vote for presidential electors and for municipal officers? As you know I have a very real interest in the extension of the

suffrage to women, and I feel that every step in this direction should be applauded."

Woodrow Wilson.

13. WHY PRESIDENT WILSON IS FOR SUFFRAGE.

" Its growth has gone on not because women are discontented it is because women have seen the vision of duty and that is something which we not only cannot resist, but if we be true Americans, we do not wish to resist. What we have realized in dealing with forces of this sort is that we are dealing with the question of life itself."

Woodrow Wilson.

DONATIONS MADE TOWARD THE WINDOW EQUIPMENT

Cash:

Miss Marguerite Wells	\$100
Mrs. C. C. Bovey	\$ 20 (For decorated bulletin board)

Gift:

Mrs. W. Thorp	Two big American flags
Mrs. L. L. Schwartz	Eagle and shield

REPORT OF ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

One year ago we had the frame work of our present organization, which was the result of several weeks' work of the former chairman, Mrs. Searle. This carefully worked out plan has greatly simplified the work for the organization committee during the past year.

During the summer of 1916, after the resignation of Mrs. Searle, Mrs. McMahon, our state organizer, took charge of the work and carried on some very successful canvassing work, thereby adding a large number of names to our membership and setting us an example of strenuous organization work--an example which has been most helpful but one we have not been able to line up to.

The present chairman began work October 1, 1916. The first thing to be done was to find out what our strength really was and to get all our information classified. As we had grown over night from a comfortable little club to a big unwieldy political organization, we had not had time, money or help for this work. The board appropriated money for this very necessary work and the month of October was given up to finding out something about ourselves and filing our information. The result is our two card file of our membership--one an alphabetical file of the entire county, the other arranged by districts and precincts. As you look at these files and work with them, you feel that they have always been in the office and that they have just made themselves, but let me assure you the office force knows that they mean weeks of hard work. November 11, 1916 our files were complete and we had an enrollment of 5504 members. With every thing brought up to date, it was possible to keep the files up and now we know at the beginning of every month just what our strength is and where it is.

Having the two offices has made it necessary to have another alphabetical file and our experience in suffrage work has suggested a slight modification of the old file. We all know that 5000 members does not mean 5,000 workers; so in the new file, which has been started, all members who have contributed anything to the organization--money, time, work--or who have in any other way manifested an interest in the cause, are filed on colored cards. That makes a much easier task for the one who is looking for any special kind of help.

The purpose of organization work is to perfect a machine that can be used for political work when necessary and for educational work all the time. In working toward that end, we have secured leaders for each of our nine districts in Hennepin County and chairmen for subdivisions of the districts as far as possible. There are seventy-five names on our organization list--leaders and chairmen. I cannot say seventy-five workers, because they are not all workers; but a large number are, and I am very hopeful about the others.

Three lines of work have been carried on: first, the canvassing, the house-to-house work. This has been done in each district, but the severe cold and bad roads have made the work almost impossible from January 1 to April 1. The second phase of the work has been bringing suffrage to the attention of groups. This has been done in many ways. There have been a great many neighborhood teas, bringing together from fifteen to fifty women. Study clubs have given us a little time to present suffrage; parents' and teachers' meetings have welcomed us.

Several large meetings have been held. These have meant a great deal more work than speaking to clubs and other ready-made audiences. Securing a hall, speakers and audience and planning some way to finance a meeting is a difficult piece of work for a leader, but it has been done many times during the year. (Public demonstration.) The third line of work has been money raising. The very successful sale conducted by the Ways and Means Committee in March was greatly assisted by the districts' each one taking a booth and furnishing the stock.

The result of our Year's work is not great in numbers--the increase from November 1 to May 1 being 1,000 members (6500 May 1)--but I am sure that a great many people have been made to think about suffrage through the efforts of our organization committee.

I would like to call attention to one great weakness in our work. It is the lack of accurate definite suffrage knowledge on the part of workers and that applies to all of us, the chairman first discovering this in herself. Many of us are suffragists by instinct, by inheritance, by association. Being an anti-suffragist is unthinkable, but our ideas may not be clear enough to make us very useful in educational work. Now I feel that our work in the next two or three years is to be almost exclusively educational. I believe that our next big piece of political work will be working for the ratification of the federal amendment legislation, and in the mean time we must educate ourselves and our neighbors. With that in mind, I would like to make the following suggestion: that we have a suffrage school or study class at headquarters, open to anyone interested; but that we see that a few members from each district pledge themselves to do serious work in the classes. I believe that we can find the woman qualified to take charge of this class and if twenty or thirty of us agree to give up two hours a week to this study, we shall soon develop a corps of workers having a real educational value.

The work of the 36th district, which is all of Hennepin County outside of Minneapolis, is so unlike the work in the city, and has such unusual difficulties connected with it, that I have asked the leader, Miss Humpfner, to make a special report on that work and it will be filed as a part of the annual report of the organization committee.

Chairman, Organization Committee

Mrs. M. D. Purdy

LEADERS APPOINTED DURING YEAR IN 36th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

ROBBINSDALE

Leader: Mrs. C. H. Hubbell
Club organization (successful)

Secretary: Mrs. C. A. Garner

Extension: Harry L. Taft

Press: W. E. Wines (excellent worker)

Other workers:

Mrs. Carrie Swift (Very representative fine woman)
Mrs. M. E. Perry (Good Suffragist)
Mrs. Stinchfield

WAYZATA

Leader: Mrs. J. E. Spenser

Other workers:

Mrs. R. H. Fairfield (Best kind of suffragists;
Mr. " " " good at rural work)
Mrs. C. W. McCormick (Good with so-called common People)
Mrs. Roy Morre Jr.

HOPKINS

Leader: Mrs. Jack Burns

Mrs. W. B. Anderson (Club woman but does not really see
Suffrage-kind of an academic suf-
fragist)

Miss Lucy Souba (Probable worker)

tone through the Woman's

Leader: Mrs. R. S. Fowler (Fine-former 1915 Club girl)

Mrs. Wm. Morse
Mrs. Olmsted

CRYSTAL BAY

Mrs. Lewis-teacher in schools--excellent material, needs training

Mrs. J. E. Stangland (Faithful, but has poor health. Husband
postmaster-good suffragist.)

MOUND

Mrs. J. P. Wilkins

EDEN PRAIRIE

Mrs. E. V. Lucas

HASSAN

Mrs. W. I. Paislow

GLEN LAKE

Mrs. D. C. Mackenzie

BDOOMINGTON

Mrs. C. E. Wales
Miss Freda Glassner

OSSEO

G. W. Savage (Lives at 3010 Columbus)

Note: The names in red type are those of potential leaders.

See Miss Merrill's report for list of organizations where speakers have been placed, and who the speakers are.

Madam President, Members of Hennepin County Suffrage Association:

You all know the receipt for cooking rabbits from the old English cook book: first you catch your hare, then prepare him for the pan.

Last summer we used autos to catch hares. We had three auto trips and spread suffrage gospel to ten towns.

Our rural teachers are invaluable friends. Last October we arranged nine meetings and tea for them. Mrs. Simpson and Miss Sanford were the speakers. I found good results from this meeting in several of the small towns.

Miss Monahan and I stormed Hopkins last March with a "movie" film and one of her speeches. The speech was well received but the film and one of her speeches. The speech was well received but the film too long. However, the "movie" is an excellent means of propaganda and we must have some short reels for the purpose.

I spoke before the Parkers Lake Farmers' Club and have lists of other clubs.

Our last effort is National Aid Meetings. We have had two at Robbinsdale and one will be held at Wayzata and Crystal Bay to-night; speakers--Miss Sanford, Mr. Crosgrove, Mr. Burt, Mrs. Stockwell, Dr. Raymond Phelan and Mrs. Horace Lowry. These programs are very well received and do a great deal of good both to Suffrage and to War Work.

Total enrollments for this year are 531--twelve district leaders--one club--suffrage departments in three other clubs, and one club in the making at Crystal Bay, the summer home of the "Antis".

Cars:

Mrs. Armatage
Mrs. Fullerton
Mrs. Zonne
Mrs. Harrison
Mrs. Russell Bennett
Mr. ~~Klappner~~ *Heckner*
Mrs. Schwartz
Mrs. McGowan (\$10)

Respectfully submitted,

Hilda Kumpfer

Leader 36th District

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

The work of this committee during the past year has consisted

First -- In supplying speakers for meetings within the organization and without--district meetings, automobile tours, street meetings, automobile tours, street meetings, women's clubs, men's clubs, colleges and conventions.

Second--In organizing a Speakers' Training class. This class was started in August, under the leadership of Mrs. McMahon. The plan for conducting the class was to have three members appointed each week to give ten minute talks, the remaining members to represent different groups, as a state fair crowd, factory group, men's club, women's club, etc. Time was allowed for questions, criticism, and for extemporaneous talks. The class held eight meetings, the first five under Mrs. McMahon, the last three under Mr. C. E. Woodward.

In the opinion of the chairman and of others who followed the progress of the class, it is difficult to hold such a class together long--a class in which there is no tuition, no particular authority and therefore no great sense of responsibility either as to attendance or as to taking part in the meetings.

The value of the class was twofold:

First--Several new speakers were discovered and developed.

Second-- This class, together with the talk by Prof.

Rarig of the University Public Speaking Department, stimulated interest in some of our members to the extent of joining the Public Speaking class at the University.

To return to the first duty of this committee--that of supplying speakers for meetings--the committee has a list of over a hundred possible speakers on suffrage but in reality the meetings for which this committee has furnished speakers during the past year have been covered by thirty people, several of whom have spoken many times. A list of meetings with dates and speakers is appended. In some cases, arrangements for speakers were made by those in charge of the meetings, but these meetings are included in an effort to make the list as complete as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Nellie L. Merrill

Chairman

HENNEPIN COUNTY WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASS'N

Suffrage Talks Given During Year Beginning May 1916.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Jul. 19	Miss Monahan	Res. of Mrs. R. L. Lamb 1023 University Ave. S. E.	29th District Meeting
" 20	Miss Monahan	Res. of Mrs. F. Finsterbach 2816 3rd St. N.	28th District Meeting
" 21	Mrs. C. A. Buckman	Res. of Mrs. G. S. Grimes Baird & 44th St.	33rd District Meeting
" 29	Miss Monahan Mrs. D. F. Simpson Mrs. A. Ueland	Robbinsdale, Osseo, Fletcher, Hassan	Automobile Tour Music-Quartette in Ballads-Ukalele Player
Aug. 10	Mrs. McMahon	Res. Mrs. Anna Brosky 500 8th Ave. S.	31st District Meeting
" 22	Mrs. L. L. Schwartz Mrs. McMahon	Wayzata, Long Lake, Maple Plain, Mound, Crystal Bay	Automobile Tour Music-Songs by Mrs. Cook-Violin, Miss Nina Spencer
" 25	Mrs. McMahon Mrs. Ueland Dr. J. W. Powell	Lake St. & 27th Ave. S.	Street meeting in the evening after day of canvassing in 32d dist.
" 31	Mrs. Edward Nelson	Res. Mrs. W. J. Lieb 5011 43rd Ave. S.	32nd District Meeting
Sept. 4	Miss Monahan	403 6th Ave. W.	Majestic Club in con- nection with Zion Bap- tist Church (colored)
" 8	Mrs. McMahon Mr. Stockwell	State Fair	Talks given outside suffrage tent.
" 12	Mrs. H. A. Tomlin- son	Res. Mrs. D. A. Reed 400 Beacon St. St. Paul	Brown Study Club
Oct.	Mrs. D. F. Simpson	Robbinsdale	Library Club
"	Mrs. G. Hunter	Wayzata	
"	Mrs. Ueland Mrs. D. F. Simpson	Res. Mrs. Edith R. Daniels Hopkins	Woman's Club
Nov. 2	Mrs. D. F. Simpson	Res. Mrs. Celia E. Depew 3217 Colfax Ave. S.	Literary Club
" 9	Mrs. C. A. Bucknam	Res. Mrs. J. F. Trimble 2020 Girard Ave. S.	Thursday Study Club
" 17	Mrs. McMahon Mrs. Luth Jaeger Mrs. J. A. Peterson Mrs. S. A. Stockwell	Res. Mrs. Frank Traff 2317 30th Ave. S.	32nd District Meeting
"	Mrs. S. A. Stockwell	Res. Mrs. C. L. Langlie 2137 Minneapolis Ave.	32nd District Meeting
" 25	Miss Sanford	Headquarters 403 Essex Bldg.	36th District & Teachers
Dec. 14	Miss Monahan	Res. Mrs. C. A. Bucknam 3928 Richfield Ave.	Pillsbury House Club
" 15	Mrs. S. T. Willis	Res. Mrs. A. H. Long 823 Laurel Ave. St. Paul	Friday History Club
"	Mrs. C. A. Bucknam	Res.	Eastern Star
<u>1917</u>			
Jan. 2	Mrs. R. A. Hall	Excelsior	Woman's Club
" 14	Mrs. D. F. Simpson	Como Congregational Church	Sunday Evening Service

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Jan. 26	Mrs. R. A. Hall	Deephaven	Parents & Teachers Ass'n
" 30	Mrs. E. Dana Durand	Robbinsdale	"First Suffragists"
	Miss Humpfner		"Objections Answered"
Feb. 3	Mr. D. C. Adie	Christ Episcopal Church	Men's Club Smoker
		Blaisdell & 37th.	
		Rector F. F. Brunner	
" 6	Mrs. H. G. Harrison	West Hotel	Laundry Owners' Convention
" 8	Miss Julia Clifford		
	Miss Humpfner	Wayzata	Woman's Club
" 15	Miss A. Binzel	Res. Mrs. E. H. Day	Pioneers' Birthday Party-
		2729 Portland Ave.	Political Equality Club
" 16	Mrs. A. Ueland	West Hotel	Farmers' Grain Dealers Conv.
" 17	Dr. J. W. Powell	Lagoon Theatre	34th District Suffrage
			Matinee
" 19	Mrs. L. L. Schwartz	930 Nicollet	Lecture Recital--Music & War.
" 20	Mrs. Peter Oleson	Minnesota College	Chapel Exercises-300 Students
" 21	Mrs. G. Hunter	Logan Park Field House	28th District Meeting
" 27	Mrs. R. A. Hall	Robbinsdale	Suffrage Club
" 28	Mrs. C. A. Bucknam	Oliver Pres. Church	Women's Societies
" 28	Mrs. S. A. Stockwell	Res. Mrs. K. E. Mo	29th District Precinct Meet.
	Mrs. C. S. Thompson	701 15th Ave. S. E.	
Mar. 1	Mrs. McMahon	Wayzata	36th District Suffrage Tea
" 2	Mrs. C. A. Bucknam	Seward School	Mothers' Club
" 2	Mrs. L. L. Schwartz	Res. Mrs. C. H. Chalmers	29th District Precinct Meet.
		523 S. E. 7th St.	
" 6	Mrs. D. F. Simpson	Res. Mrs. B. Z. O'Neill	Young Matrons' Club
		1717 Dupont Ave. S.	
" 8	Miss Monahan	Hopkins	Moving Picture Show
" 8	Mrs. McMahon	Res. Mrs. R. O. Sweeney	Holy Trinity Guild
		1120 7th St. S. E.	All day sewing meeting
" 16	Mrs. Robbins Gilman	Woman's Boarding Home	Women Workers' Suffrage Club
	Mr. A. H. Bright	52 S. 11th St.	
" 20	Mrs. C. S. Thompson	Logan School	Parents' & Teachers' Assoc.
" "	Miss Monahan	Res. Mrs. John Liden	Opportunity Club-Bethsaida
		2520 28th Ave. S.	Lutheran Church
" 21	Miss Hope McDonald	Women's Welfare League	Schoolmasters' Wives' Club
		Club	(Mrs. White, Col. 4749)
		11512 Harmon Place	
"	Mrs. C. A. Bucknam	Res. Mrs. L. L. Hill	Linden Hills Cong. Church
		4243 Linden Hills Blvd.	Aid Society
" 27	Mrs. McMahon	Res. Mrs. Winns	Suffrage Club
		Robbinsdale	
" 28	Mrs. McMahon	Collegiate Business	
		Institute-920 Nicollet	
		Ave. (Anti-Suffrage Aud.)	
" 30	Mrs. Joseph Jorgens	Res. Mrs. S. D. Lamb	Oak Park Literary Club
		4516 Xerxes Ave. S.	
" 31	Miss Countryman	Hamline University	Intercollegiate Prohibition
			Ass'n Conference
Apr. 3	Miss Monahan	Hiawatha School	Woman's Improvement League
"	Mrs. J. Jorgens	Irving School	Mothers' Club
" 13	Miss Humpfner	Parkers Lake Schoolhouse	Farmers' Club
" 24	Miss Sanford	Robbinsdale	Patriotic Mass Meeting
			"Loyalty of Women"

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Apr. 28	Mrs. J. Jorgens	Plaza Hotel	Minnesota Alumnae Club Luncheon--Anti-Suffrage Monologue
May 1	Dr. R. V. Phelan Mrs. George Swift	Robbinsdale	"Labor and War" Outlined plan of Community Center for Red Cross Work
" 7	Miss Sanford Mr. Jas. McFall	Wayzata	"Keeping Sane" "Financing the War"
" 7	Mrs. R. A. Hall Mr. Jas. McFall	Crystal Bay Auditorium of School House	"Experiences of a Vote- less Citizen"

SPEAKERS WHO HAVE GIVEN SUFFRAGE TALKS
DURING YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1916

Mr. David C. Adie
Miss Alma Binzel
Mr. Alfred H. Bright
Mrs. C. A. Bucknam
Miss Julia Clifford
Miss Gratia Countryman
Dr. Harry Deiman
Mrs. E. Dana Durand
Mrs. Robbins Gilman
Mrs. R. A. Hall
Mrs. H. G. Harrison
Miss Hilda Humpfner
Mrs. Gertrude Hunter
Mrs. Luth Jaeger
Mrs. Joseph Jorgens
Miss Hope McDonald
Mrs. Albert McMahon
Miss Florence Monahan
Mrs. Edward Nelson
Mrs. Peter Oleson
Mrs. J. A. Peterson
Dr. Raymond V. Phelan
Dr. John W. Powell
Miss Maria Sanford
Mrs. L. L. Schwartz
Mrs. David F. Simpson
Mr. S. A. Stockwell
Mrs. S. A. Stockwell
Mrs. C. S. Thompson
Mrs. H. A. Tomlinson
Mrs. Andreas Ueland
Mrs. S. T. Willis

SPEAKERS' TRAINING CLASS

Organized August 10, 1916
(20 present)

Meetings held Wednesday Evenings at 403 Essex Building

<u>Date</u>	<u>Audience Represented & Subjects</u>	<u>Leader</u>
Aug. 16 Miss Florence Pond Mrs. L. L. Schwartz (Mrs. R. W. Mabin, Miss Fitzsimmons)	State Fair Crowd 15 present	Mrs. McMahon
" 23 Miss Radebough Mrs. C. A. Bucknam (Mrs. Erb, Mrs. Brown, Miss Humpfner)	Woman's Literary Club 32 present	Mrs. McMahon
" 30 Miss Florence Pond Mrs. K. E. Mo Mrs. W. E. Dodge (Mrs. S. T. Willis)	State Fair Crowd 18 present	Mrs. McMahon
Sept. 6 Miss Radebaugh Mrs. S. T. Willis Miss Hilda Humpfner (Mr. & Mrs. Thompson)	Woman's Literary Club 18 present	Mrs. McMahon
" 13 Mrs. R. W. Mabin Mrs. C. S. Thompson Mrs. E. R. Conklin	Factory Group Justice Expediency Progress	Mrs. McMahon
" 26 Miss Clara Curran Miss Bertha Ferguson Mrs. K. E. Mo	Men's Club Actual Workings of Suffrage	Mr. C. E. Woodward
Oct. 4 Miss Hope McDonald	Mothers' Club Of what benefit will Woman Suffrage be to the next generation?	Mr. C. E. Woodward
" 11 No Speakers	Only three present	Mr. C. W. Woodward

Report of the Chairman of Volunteer Helpers.

The work of the volunteer helpers consists for the most part in furnishing help to both the state and county organizations when there is an excessive amount of work to be done, or in keeping the office when any of the secretaries are absent.

In the month of December we used 13 helpers who did $23\frac{1}{2}$ hours of work - $17\frac{1}{2}$ hours in folding literature and 16 in addressing literature.

In January, 24 volunteers helped us. They put in 44 hours of work divided in this way:

4 hours	Folding literature.
20 hours	Stamping "
17 hours	Keeping the offices at lunch time.
3 hours	Addressing postals.

The volunteers who worked in February numbered 13. They spent:

4 hours	Enclosing and correcting literature
16 hours	Relieving secretaries at lunch time.
14 hours	Typewriting.
2 hours	Addressing envelopes.

Seven volunteers worked 16 hours in March. They gave:

2 hours	to office work
10 hours	to addressing envelopes
4 hours	to typewriting.

REPORT OF THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The regular weekly meetings of the Hennepin County Suffrage Association began Monday, October 16, 1916.

In response to the frequent demands for more definite information regarding the fundamental principles and facts of Suffrage, the program for the first half of the year was based upon a study outline prepared by Mrs. Halsey W. Wilson. The committee deemed it essential that the speakers should not only know their subjects, but that they should be able to assemble and put over their material in an attractive form.

As this program developed, it became more and more apparent that the exercise of suffrage presupposed a very definite knowledge of social problems affecting our municipal, state and federal life. Consequently the program committee based its second half year program on "Social Aspects of Suffrage", with the idea of stimulating a greater interest in the vote by an intelligent discussion of such conditions and questions as were interesting our community. We win people to suffrage through many methods, but one of the functions of the program is to connect people's interest with concrete conditions that affect them and which are in turn affected by the ballot.

The program committee makes the following recommendations:

- 1st-that no speaker be required to sit through any of the business of the organization.
- 2nd-that he be given the floor as soon as he comes,-for in most instances he is a very busy man, giving his services to our group and he should receive every consideration.
- 3rd-that the main speaker have precedence over any other speaker on the program. acknowledgement
- 4th-that a letter of appreciation should be sent to the speaker by the chairman after each meeting.
- 5th-that in a legislative year not too set a program be arranged because there is always more material than time or place for.

The committee wishes to extend to the Board and to the audience appreciation of their interest in the program by their attendance and support of the work.

The chairman wishes to acknowledge her indebtedness to Miss Merrill and Mrs. Thorp for their unfailing loyalty and help.

REPORT OF HOUSE COMMITTEE

The House Committee served tea at all the Monday meetings, and superintended the moving to the new location on Nicollet Avenue.

We selected hostesses for the teas from the different districts, in this way getting a representation from all members of the group.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah M. Jordan

REPORT OF THE MUSIC COMMITTEE

The services of Miss Elsa Mace, Contralto, were secured for the luncheon given at the Leamington.

Miss Bendeke and a pupil played at a meeting for school teachers at the Suffrage Headquarters in the Essex Building.

The Chaminade Ladies' Quartette sang two groups of songs and Miss Whirry whistled at the luncheon held in the Radisson Roof Garden, December 5th, 1916.

An attempt was made to organize a large chorus to sing Suffrage songs at public meetings etc. and especially for the lecture at the First Baptist Church. The first meeting was held at the home of Miss Merrill and one person attended besides Miss Whirry who whistled for the committee. An arrangement was made to meet for a half hour before the lecture and practice March of the Women etc. About a dozen people formed the chorus which led in the singing, before the lecture.

When the reception, or Open House, was held at the new headquarters, at 930 Nicollet Avenue, on January 20th, the Shibley-Squires three-piece orchestra was hired to furnish music during the afternoon.

The matter of buying a piano or renting one was thoroughly looked into but finally dropped as one was loaned for the summer.

Cards were sent out to people asking them to assist in a chorus for the lecture held in the Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church, February 13th, but a very few responded. Miss Berdina Gerhart kindly consented to lead the chorus on account of the necessary absence of the chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. A. H. Quenby,

Chairman.

REPORT OF THE GARDEN COMMITTEE

At the mass meeting held at Suffrage Headquarters on April 11th, to organize for National Aid, Professor MacIntosh, of the Agricultural School and Mrs. N. K. Sawyer of Excelsior spoke in the interests of the Suffrage Branch of the Garden Club. At a meeting on the following Wednesday, Mrs. Sawyer was the only speaker. Membership cards for the Garden Club were left at the desk and given to members of Mrs. Purdy's committee, but only five members were secured in this way, the women being largely interested in back-yard gardening.

Miss Julia Clifford gave three most interesting talks, showing charts, the kinds of soils, necessary gardening tools etc., and gave a practical demonstration of seed planting. Those talks were given at Headquarters on April 25, April 30 and May 7. Miss Clifford also spoke at the Harrison School before the Parents' and Teachers' Association; at the Logan School, at Como Congregational Church, S. E. to a Sunday School Class; and at the Girls' Vocational School.

Volunteer speakers included Mrs. W. E. Rockford, Mr. John Wilson, Mr. Guy Hunkins, Prof. MacIntosh, Miss Thompson, Mrs. E. W. Gould, Mrs. F. H. Gibbs, Mrs. Tillotson, and Mrs. McIntosh. The field covered by those speakers was widespread-including West High, Willard, John Erickson, Adams, Holmes, Motley, Calhoun, Hiawatha, Hamilton, Holland and Hawthorne Schools. Mrs. C. M. Scott and Mrs. Wm. Fulton assisted in securing these speakers and places.
and Mrs. W. A. Willard

Miss Merrill arranged the following program:

- Apr. 19---Bryn Mawr Improvement Association--Bryn Mawr School
Speaker--Mr. Sherman Dickinson, Agricultural Instructor-
In charge of Agriculture and Garden work for the
Public Schools
- Apr. 23---Lake Harriet Commercial Club
Speaker--Mr. R. O. Bridgford, Assistant at Bremer School
- Apr. 24---Tuesday Night Club, Parish House, Gethsemane Church
Speaker--Mr. Arthur V. Storm, Assistant at Seward School
- Apr. 26---13th Ward Improvement Association, Eugene Field School
Speaker--Mr. Sherman Dickinson
- Apr. 27---Como Improvement Association, S. E. Branch Y. M. C. A.
Speaker--Mr. Arthur V. Storm

Mrs. Frank M. Warren raised the sum of \$50.00 to defray expenses of the Garden Committee, of which \$20.00 has been spent. Mrs. Sawyer was paid \$5.00 for her talk on April 18th. Miss Clifford was paid \$15.00 for her three talks at Headquarters and to reimburse her for some expense incidental to those talks and the four others which she gave in the field.

THRIFT COMMITTEE

The Thrift Committee was most fortunate in being able to obtain the services of Mrs. Harvey Hickok of the Home Culture Section of the College Women's Club.

The work is being carried along in three ways:

1. By the collection of pamphlets and books on Home Economics and dealing with its various subjects such as: distribution of income, canning and preserving, and purchasing. These will all be on file at the desk.

2. By establishing a question box which it is hoped will be used by all interested. This has not been taken advantage of much up to date, most questions being in the nature of telephone calls. All questions will be given consideration and answered as soon as possible.

3. By giving a weekly talk in the Hennepin County Suffrage Association rooms.

These talks will, from now on, be given on Monday afternoons at 3 o'clock. A large attendance is earnestly requested, as the talks are of much value and help. The average attendance has been 50.

Three talks have been given up to date, the first by Mrs. Hickok being a "General Analysis of Work in the Home".

The proper distribution of incomes, understanding the family needs, market conditions, and a consideration of skill in cooking and preparation of foods were some of the subjects up for consideration. Incomes ranging from \$68 to \$150 per month were used as examples.

The second and third talks were on Proteins. The second was given by Miss Mc Donald associated with the University Extension work of North Dakota.

The talk to be given this afternoon at the close of this meeting will be "Meat Substitutes" by Mrs. Hickok.

There has been a request to give a talk on the "Distribution of Incomes" in detail. This will be given at a later date. The next talk will be next Monday on Carbo-Hydrates.

Annetta M. Thwing.

HENNEPIN COUNTY WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

Statement for month of April, 1918

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand, April 1st	\$283.55
Red Cross	178.09
Finance	407.30
Office Expense	2.78
Ways & Means	.35
Public Demonstration	54.63

DISBURSEMENTS

Red Cross	\$167.58	
Office Expense	277.06	
Public Demonstration	2.70	
Window Decoration	3.75	
Press	20.00	
State Assessment	201.00	
Salaries	40.00	
Balance Cash on hand Apr.30th	214.61	
	<u>926.70</u>	<u>926.70</u>

Statement for month of May 1918

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand, May 1st	214.61
Red Cross	241.80
Ways & Means	10.65
Finance	11.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Office Expense	158.54	
Red Cross	218.18	
Public Demonstration	7.00	
Window Decoration	19.40	
Salaries	25.00	
Balance cash on hand May 31st	49.94	
	<u>278.06</u>	<u>278.06</u>

HENNEPIN COUNTY WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

Statement for month of June 1918

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand June 1st	\$ 49.94
Red Cross	55.05
Public Demonstration	50.00
Finance	364.50
Literature	.75
Office Expense	.30

DISBURSEMENTS

Red Cross	\$271.72	
Public Demonstration	4.00	
Salaries	43.30	
Office Expense	83.64	
Bal. cash on hand June 30th	117.88	
	<u>520.54</u>	<u>520.54</u>

HENNEPIN COUNTY WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR NINE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 1918

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Oct. 1, 1917	\$449.43
Office Expense	33.75
Public Demonstration	307.92
Literature	8.90
Finance	2729.57
Ways & Means	3253.65
Red Cross	1134.29

DISBURSEMENTS

Office Expense	\$1934.91	
House Committee	75.65	
Press Committee	270.00	
Public Demonstration	280.80	
Salaries	719.55	
Literature	16.72	
Finance	50.00	
Ways & Means	539.51	
Assessment to State	2091.00	
Convention	50.00	
Extension	25.00	
Window Decoration	50.35	
Red Cross	1696.14	
	(7799.62)	
Balance	117.88	
	<hr/> 7917.51	7917.51

The annual meeting of the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Association was held Saturday morning, July 13th, at 10 o'clock.

The minutes of the second annual meeting, held May 7, 1917, were read and approved.

The President, Mrs. Simpson, presided and called first on Mrs. H. M. Hicock for a report of Food Conservation work done last summer.

In the absence of the Treasurer, the secretary, Miss Merrill, gave the Treasurer's report for nine months- Oct. 1, 1917- June 1, 1918. (Report appended to these minutes). The Secretary also reported as follows:

Balance cash on hand July 1st,		\$117.88
Receipts, July 1-12,		591.80
Disbursements, July 1-12,	\$452.43	
Balance July 12, 1918,	257.25	
	<u>\$709.68</u>	<u>\$709.68</u>

Mrs. R. M. Bennett, Chairman, gave the annual report of the Finance Committee. (Report appended to these minutes).

Mrs. E. K. Wilcox, Chairman Suffrage Red Cross Station in Mrs. Zonne's absence, gave the report for the station, including Mrs. L.L. Olmstead's report of field work.

Dr. Hurd reported for the Knitting Department. (Full report of Red Cross Station from April 15, 1917 to Oct. 1, 1918 appended).

Mrs. R. D. Barrett, Chairman Liberty Luncheon Committee, gave her report which is appended.

Miss Marguerite Wells, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, reported that a form letter had been sent before the primaries to candidates for the legislature, asking if we might expect their support when the Minnesota Legislature is asked to ratify the Federal Suffrage Amendment. 54 letters were sent to candidates for representative, 30 replies received; 24 letters to candidates for senator, 14 replies received. These replies were all favorable with the exception of one from a candidate for senator who was non-committal. Miss Wells also told of the work done in the 30th District before the primaries in June when a letter supporting the candidacy of Frank C. Smith was sent to 200 voters of the district.

Mrs. Ueland made a legislative report for the state. Mrs. Ueland also read Mrs. Catt's bulletin giving the Washington prospects.

The President, Mrs. Simpson, gave her report for the year.
(The President's address is appended)

Mrs. Purdy, chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported the following nominations:

President	Miss Hope McDonald
Vice President	Mrs. Andreas Ueland
	" H. G. Harrison
	" A. B. Jackson
	" G. H. Partridge
	Dr. Ethel Hurd
	Mrs. Carlyle M. Scott
	" J. E. Spencer
	" F. E. Kenaston
Cor. Sec.	Miss Nellie Merrill
Rec. "	Mrs. A. E. Zonne
Treasurer	

Moved and carried that the secretary cast the ballot for the ticket as presented.

Miss McDonald took the chair. In accepting the office of president, she spoke briefly, making the following points:

- 1st--1500000 men are in France. Who will take their places at the polls?
- 2nd--War countries think it necessary for the vote to be given to women.
- 3rd--If we are going to talk about Democracy, we must live it at home.

Miss Merle Higley told of the State wide Industrial survey.

After announcement of the civic Pageant, The Torch Bearers, to be given on the steps of the Art Museum Thursday evening, July 18, the meeting adjourned.

Nellie Merrill,

Executive Secretary.

Annual Report Finance Chairman,
Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Association.

The results accomplished by the Chairman of the Finance Committee have been anything but satisfactory to her this past year.

The elusive Federal Amendment, coupled with war conditions, has created a state of vacillation which has not been conducive to financial equilibrium in the Association. However, the total of \$8,509.31 expended this year shows that the friends of suffrage have responded generously to financing the activities of the organization.

The income of the Association has always been derived from three sources: (1) personal solicitation, (2) voluntary pledges, (3) the proceeds of sales, entertainments, collections at public meetings, etc. Heretofore, on account of the delay in the passing of the Federal Amendment, and consequent uncertainty of plans, it has been deemed inexpedient to solicit money. Now, however, we shall have to ask our friends for financial help, or else allow the direct efforts for suffrage to lapse.

The voluntary pledges, made at the only serious effort that has been made this year to get money by that means, the Nellie McClung luncheon in St. Paul at the time of the State Convention, were generous, although not amounting in toto to half of what was raised last year by the same method.

The result of our third method of money raising has also necessarily been reduced, as war conditions have made most efforts along those lines inadvisable. The outstanding endeavor was the successful White Elephant Sale.

This past unsatisfactory year of financial effort on the part of the Chairman of the Finance Committee has convinced her that the budget system is the only even approximately satisfactory way to finance a large organization, and that that method should be adopted, even if the plans have to be reversed, contradicted and amended several times during the course of the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. R. M. Bennett,

Chairman Finance Committee.

July 13th, 1918.

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Chairman Finance Comm.

July 13th 1918.

REPORT ON WAR WORK
OF
HENNEPIN COUNTY SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION, APRIL 2, 1917 TO OCT. 1, 1918.

Following the declaration of war by the United States, the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Association voted April 2, 1917 to form committees on Gardens, Thrift and Red Cross.

GARDENS

The Garden Committee arranged for meetings at the Suffrage Headquarters and supplied speakers on gardening to the various schools and clubs of the city. The talks included discussion of soils, tools, etc., and also practical demonstrations of seed planting were given.

A series of lectures on Gardening by Mrs. Sawyer were held and large numbers of War Gardens established.

FOOD

The Thrift Committee was able to secure the services of Mrs. Harvey Hickok of the Home Culture Section of the College Women's Club. Mrs. Hickok conducted weekly meetings at Headquarters and discussed such subjects as Proper Distribution of Incomes, Understanding the Family Needs, Market Conditions, Food Values, and the Cooking and Preparation of Foods. A question box was one feature of this work; and pamphlets and books on canning, drying, purchasing, etc., were on file at the desk. From time to time the window displays featured Food Conservation, various posters and charts being used. It was the desire of the Association to develop the Food Conservation work to a greater extent and possibly to establish a Food Facts Bureau.

Liberty luncheons were given in the Unitarian Church, open to the public and recipes distributed, carrying out the Hoover conservation principles. Miss Elizabeth Nickerson, Federal Food Demonstrator for Minneapolis was in charge. Mrs. Richardson Barrett was chairman of the luncheon committee.

WARD ORGANIZATION

Our Ward Organization formed the plan on which the Minneapolis Woman's Council of National Defense based its wonderful activities. The President of Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Association, Mrs. David F. Simpson, became the first Chairman of the Woman's Council of National Defense, serving in that capacity eight months. Because of this, the city was able to make its food canvas and have its results on file in Washington on the date requested by Mr. Hoover, as very few cities were able to do. Also it was said in Washington that Minneapolis led all the cities in the country in work accomplished the first five months of the war, by this woman's organization.

RED CROSS

From April 2, 1917 to Oct. 1, 1918 - 18 months, the Hennepin County Suffrage Association maintained a large Red Cross Unit with three departments - Surgical Dressings, Knitting and Garments. It rapidly became one of the most important in the city - both in amount of work turned out and in the number of people it brought into touch with the Red Cross.

The station was on the ground floor, 930 Nicollet Avenue, open every day from 8:30 to 5:30 and much of the time evenings and workers were encouraged to come in at any time. It was for a long time the only station open daily. It was the first to have evening work. It included among its workers, factory groups colored women, members of the Blind Society, and rightly gained its reputation for democracy and service. The station was the distributing, supervising and inspecting center of 25 field units.

These circles were such bodies as Parent's and Teachers' Associations, Sewing Circles, Literary Clubs, Neighborhood Groups and Patriotic Leagues.

The Knitting Department was an important branch. Yarn was given out free. Instruction was given by Dr. E. E. Hurd, who also inspected every finished article. A card file of knitters noting criticisms of work and improvement was kept.

TOTALS

Knitted articles	4600
Christmas packages	100
Gauze	224232
Garments	4000
Operating linen	5575
Bandages	<u>17515</u>
	256022

DIRECTORS

The Red Cross work has been directed by:-

Mrs. Frank Warren	Mrs. Lawrence Horton
Mrs. A. E. Zonne	Mrs. Frank Fraser
Mrs. A. E. Wilcox	Mrs. Frank L. Towne
Mrs. William Troendle	Mrs. L. L. Olmstead
Dr. Ethel Hurd	

Mrs. George Partridge was chairman of the Hennepin Co. Woman Suffrage Ass'n Red Cross, which gave \$2000 for the Overseas Hospital for N. W. S. A.

The Liberty Luncheon Committee of the Hennepin County Suffrage Association gave a series of seven luncheons in the diningroom of the Unitarian Church on Thursdays, commencing February 14, 1918. These luncheons were the regular weekly meeting of the Association and were used as a means of demonstrating conservation recipes and menus under the supervision of Miss Elizabeth Nickerson, Federal Food Expert for Minneapolis.

The luncheons were a little more than self-supporting, the committee being able at their close to hand in a small sum to the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

Katheryn S. Barrett,
Chairman.

Copy of Letter to Legislative Candidates Asking Support
of Federal Suffrage Amendment

May 29, 1918.

We are sending out a form letter to candidates for the Legislature in hope of obtaining the latest information about what their attitude would be at the next session toward ratification of the Federal Suffrage Amendment now pending in the United States Senate.

As this information will be very helpful to us in planning our work, we trust that you will find it convenient to answer the following question:

May we expect your support when the Minnesota Legislature is asked to ratify the Federal Suffrage Amendment? _____

Please find enclosed stamped and self-addressed envelope.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Very truly yours,

Marguerite M. Wells

Chairman Legislative Committee
Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Association

Copy of Letter Sent Before the Primaries to 200
Voters of the 30th District

June 13th, 1918.

The committee of this association representing the thirtieth district has given the legislative situation in this district careful consideration and finds that among the seven candidates, MR. FRANK C. SMITH, hardware merchant at 1401 Western Avenue, residence 2204 Western Avenue, stands preeminently for the best interests of the community, and with the character of his backing, has a good chance for nomination.

For these reasons and because, in addition, Mr. Smith favors ratification of the Federal Suffrage Amendment, will you not give him one of your two votes for representative from the thirtieth district?

Very truly yours,

Hope McDonald

Leader, 30th Legis. Dist.

Nellie Merrill

Executive Secretary

Copy of Letter Sent Before Election to 700 Voters
of the 30th District

November 1st, 1918.

Careful consideration of the candidates for the Legislature for the Thirtieth District has convinced this Committee that Mr. Frank C. Smith, hardware merchant, 1401 Western Avenue, whose residence is 2204 Western Avenue, is preeminently fitted to serve the best interests of the community.

Mr. Smith, who ran second among seven candidates at the primaries, is the kind of man this community wants. He is "right" on everything, is a sound business man, a substantial citizen, and a progressive thinker.

For these reasons and because he favors ratification of the Federal Suffrage Amendment, we urge you to give him one of your votes at the election November 5th.

Very truly yours,

Marguerite M. Wells

Chairman Legislative Committee

Report of the President for 1917-18.

At the meeting of the Council of the National Woman Suffrage Association, a year ago last spring, a plan was adopted for the conduct of suffrage associations during the war. The plan, which was that of organizing for patriotic work during the war, was wholeheartedly adopted by this association when laid before them by the president on her return from the meeting.

I believe I am correct in saying that this association was the first in the city to undertake war work other than Red Cross work. Promptly following declaration of war, committees on Gardens, Thrift and Red Cross were formed.

Of the work on Gardens we have no report today, for the sad reason that the leader in the work is no longer with us in the body. You all recall the vigorous work of Miss Clifford, our window filled with garden implements, the inspiring lectures given by herself, Mrs. Sawyer, Mr. Wilson and others, and the records we read of the establishment of large numbers of gardens by her.

Of the Thrift and Food Conservation Committees and of our Red Cross work you have heard today. We have beside a strong Americanization Committee formed and in them you have sufficient proof that our policy has been well carried out. The few public meetings we have had part in, the luncheons for Miss Lathrop, Mrs. Olesen, and Mrs. Morrisson, and the meeting for Miss Fraser, which was in its inception and forward carriage primarily the work of this association, were substantially stimulants to our patriotic endeavors. Beside these we have been able to contribute indirectly the none the less vitally to patriotic service because we were the largest and best organized association in the city, and our organization formed the basis on which the woman's committee of the Council of National Defense based its manifold activities. Because of us the city was able to make its food conservation canvass and have its results on file in Washington on the date requested by Mr. Hoover, a thing very few cities were able to do, I was told in Washington that we led all the cities of the country in work accomplished the first five months of the war.

The White Elephant Sale so ably managed by Mrs. Searle and the concert held at Mrs. Harrisons for the benefit of the knitting fund, the meeting in the interest of the school board election and the exhibition and distribution of literature at the automobile show in the winter make the sum of the undertakings of this association outside of its patriotic work. Of these the only strictly suffrage work was that done at the automobile show.

There have been a few who have thot this a mistaken policy- but they have been only the few. I am confident that at this time the great majority have felt that our beloved land in her unselfish struggle for freedom for all the world must come first, even before the righteous struggle for the liberty of women.

I am convinced not only that this policy has been a following in the path of duty, but that in it we have but cast our bread upon the waters, and it did not wait many days to return to us.

Our war work has not only attracted to us a large body of women we could not reach thru other channels. but the hard work and willing sacrifice which women have made for this war has converted more unbelievers to suffrage than any other act or argument has ever converted.

This is the most illogical argument ever offered in favor of votes for women, I grant you, but we must remember always the anti-suffrage mind is an illogical one.

The children of men are dull and hard to teach. But guns at last are pounding into them the prime importance of Democracy, and the few are fast becoming the many who see that our peaceful propaganda carried on for so many years has been speaking the same words that the guns of the Allied forces are speaking.

The time has now passed for indirect work for suffrage. A new condition presents itself which calls for immediate and direct action on our part. The Federal Amendment for the enfranchisement of women is about to pass the second house of Congress. We have good reason to believe, our leaders tell us that it will pass the Senate sometime soon. We are untrue to the cause of suffrage and to the great cause of Democracy itself, if we do not at this time give the best that is in us to the work of ratification of the amendment.

The Hennepin County Association has never failed to respond when important suffrage work was to be accomplished, and it is going to respond again in this ratification work, I am sure, however much engrossed it may be with its other undertakings.

I cannot end my service as president of this association without a word of appreciation of the membership which has so wonderfully sustained my efforts.

When I became president four years ago, we had a membership of 1250, an income of \$1,200., employed a secretary on half time and occupied quarters on the fourth floor of a building facing a side street. In the third year we had a membership of 7,000, an income of \$16,000., employed two secretaries on full time, and occupied quarters on the first floor front of our main thorofare.

Report of the President for 1917-18 (3)

The war interrupted our progress. Had we gone on as we were going, our numbers would, I am sure, very soon have doubled.

We reorganized in the three years three times. We made ourselves first a truly democratic institution by discarding dues and depending solely on voluntary contributions for our support, and reorganized by wards and precincts; second, we flew from the seclusion of our nest, came down to the ground, reorganized our office force, established new committees, and adopted a more aggressive policy of advertising; lastly, we reorganized for our war work, moved our quarters in the interest of economy to these rooms. This work of mobilizing and advancing at the same time has not been easy to accomplish. It has been done because the noble self-sacrifice and tireless energy of a large body of women was always ready to be drawn upon. It is not fair to say that the growth of suffrage sentiment in general has carried us to the really proud position we have occupied in this city. The growth of sentiment has of course been a factor in our progress, but it is not that alone which has made this association so strong that it is counted the strongest county suffrage organization in the country outside of a campaign state.

It is your own fine spirit which has wrought such really wonderful accomplishments.

I do not recall in these years ever having a member refuse to take an office, or do a task unless prevented by circumstances which plainly made it impossible or unwise for her to undertake the work.

It goes without saying that it has been a pleasure to be the president of such an organization. It has been a long sail and a sunny sail we have had together, and now as we are almost in the harbor, with the statue of Liberty in sight, I am saying goodbye and going over the side of the ship. But I do so with the assurance that my successor will meet the same heartening response that I have always met, that your faithful work is almost ended, and your feet will soon be treading the shores of the promised land.

Josephine S. Simpson,
President,
Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Association

Call for Conference, August 23, 1918.

August 19th, 1918.

My dear Mrs. _____:

We are about to begin what promises to be a final campaign for suffrage, which shall make equal suffrage an established fact. The times are ripe for it. Countries like Canada and England that we are accustomed to think of as less democratic than ourselves have given their women the franchise as a war measure and our own Administration recognizes it as part of our war policy which shall convince friend, foe and neutral alike that no real democratic movement can suffer defeat in America.

The only doubtful element consists of the women, whether they recognize in these times of pressure that we cannot win the war if we anywhere fail to win democracy,

Signs are not lacking, however, that suffragists were never more in earnest and all that is now needed is that we shall rally, everyone of us for one last strong pull over the line.

We want you to come to a conference which we hope will prove the beginning of the campaign for victory. Time-Friday, August 23rd, 3 P.M. Place - this office - 312 Meyers Arcade.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary

On Friday, August 23rd, at 3 o'clock, at 312-314 Meyers Arcade, a conference was held to make plans for an intensive campaign for suffrage.

Miss Hope McDonald, President of the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Association, presided. A list of those present is appended.

Mrs. Ueland gave the status of the Federal Amendment in the Senate. Mrs. William Fulton reviewed President Wilson's attitude.

Miss Marguerite Wells, Chairman of the Ratification Committee, then presented ratification plans. When the amendment has passed the Senate it is hoped that 20 states will ratify this winter, 16 states next winter. It is hoped that Minnesota will be among the first to ratify and to insure that result huge petitions should be secured to be presented to the Legislature. Thirteen ardent suffragists are needed as Ward Chairman for two or three weeks, 1,000 workers for two or three days.

Cards to be filled in with promise to work were distributed and signed by many at the meeting. September 16-23 will be Suffrage Week. Offers of help were made by Mrs. George E. Towle, President of the W.C.T.U. and by Mrs. Strong, Chairman of the Woman's Committee, Council of National Defense. Mrs. Strong stated that cards could be placed in the Woman's Committee office and that the matter could be brought up in ward meetings.

Mrs. D. C. Dailey announced the meeting of the National Fraternal Congress of America opening Monday, August 26th, in Philadelphia. (As a result of this announcement a Federal Amendment resolution was presented to and unanimously adopted by the Congress, representing ten million members, ninety-four benefit associations, on August 29th.)

Announcement was made of the dinner in St. Paul, Thursday, August 29, at which Mrs. Charles L. Tiffany of New York is to be the speaker and of the luncheon for Mrs. Tiffany at the Radisson, Saturday, August 30th.

Adjourned.

Nellie L. Merrill,
Secretary.

Miss Mary Barbour
Mrs. John T. Baxter
Mrs. J.W. Betlach
Mrs. Mary E. Blackburn
Mrs. David Calvert
Mrs. C. D. Chalmers
Mrs. Frances Cranmer
Mrs. N. R. Cushing
Mrs. W. H. Dahn
Mrs. D. C. Dailey
Mrs. W. F. Decker
Mrs. Caroline H. Delles
Miss Ina Firkins
Mrs. James Forrestal
Mrs. C. R. Fowler
Mrs. Wm. Fulton
Mrs. John N. Greer
Mrs. M. F. Hanley
Mrs. B. S. Harris
Mrs. A. E. Helmick
Mrs. M. J. Horr
Miss Edith Horr
Miss Harriet Ireys
Mrs. Luth Jaeger
Mrs. F. E. Kenaston
Mrs. Jane D. Light
Miss Hope McDonald
Mrs. E. J. McFarland

Mrs. A. E. Merrill
Miss Nellie Merrill
Mrs. F. W. Miller
Mrs. K. E. Mo
Mrs. Marshall A. Nye
Mrs. Frank Peterson
Mrs. N. C. Radebaugh
Miss Elizabeth Russell
Mrs. Albert Scriver
Mrs. E. J. Scriver
Mrs. Chester B. Simmons
Mrs. F. B. Snyder
Mrs. A. W. Strong
Miss Clara Thompson
Mrs. George E. Towle
Mrs. H. C. Truesdale
Mrs. Andreas Ueland
Mrs. W. R. Vance
Miss Anne J. Wells
Miss Marguerite M. Wells
Mrs. Dorrance S. White
Mrs. Maurice Wolff

The annual meeting of the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Association was held at the Radisson Hotel - in the Spring Time Inn, adjoining the Roof Garden - Tuesday, May 13, at 10:30 A. M.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Miss McDonald.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The following reports, which are appended to these minutes, were given:-

Treasurer's Report - Mrs. A. E. Zonne
Finance Report - Mrs. R. M. Bennett
President's Report - Miss McDonald
Junior Squad Report - Miss Helen Jones (read by Miss McDonald)

Mrs. Thorp when called upon for the Press Report said that hers was not a press report at all or if it was a press report it was an anti-press. She then gave the substance of some anti suffrage literature which is being circulated in Minneapolis just now. In regard to the Press work, Mrs. Thorp stated that the number of papers favoring suffrage has increased very greatly; that on her list there are only 8 that say they are against, while over 400, including even the Minneapolis Journal, are for suffrage.

Mrs. C. S. Thompson, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, gave the report of her committee, as follows:-

President	Miss Hope McDonald
Vice-President	Mrs. Norman Wilde
Second Vice-President	Mrs. Andreas Ueland
Third Vice-President	Mrs. H. G. Harrison
Fourth Vice-President	Mrs. Anson B. Jackson
Fifth Vice-President	Mrs. George H. Partridge
Sixth Vice-President	Dr. Ethel E. Hurd
Seventh Vice-President	Mrs. J. E. Spencer
Eighth Vice-President	Mrs. A. E. Zonne
Ninth Vice-President	Mrs. A. W. Strong
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. David P. Jones
Recording Secretary	Miss Nellie Merrill
Treasurer	Mrs. F. E. Kenaston

The other members of the Nominating Committee were Miss Gratia Countryman and Mrs. M. F. Stellwagen.

Nominations from the floor were called for but none were made.

Moved and carried that the report be accepted as a whole.

Moved and carried that the secretary cast the ballott for this list of officers.

Miss Marguerite Wells reported for the Legislative Committee. (The report is appended to these minutes)

Mrs. Cora Fridley, Chairman of the Committee of Judges appointed to award the prize of \$50 in Thrift Stamps offered to the Precinct Leader who comes nearest to doubling her quota, providing the total is more than half again the size of the quota (the prize to be divided among block workers) in announcing the award made special mention of the work of many who took part in the petition drive and awarded the prize to Miss Juliet Halloran, of the Tenth Precinct, Fourth Ward. The other judges were Mrs. Carlyle M. Scott and Mrs. Nathaniel McCarthy. (Report appended to these minutes)

Members were asked to be thinking about plans for future meetings. Mrs. Ueland urged regular and frequent meetings and suggested courses by such men as Dr. Todd and Dr. Coffman.

Announcement was made that the secretary had cast the ballot for the list of nominees as presented.

Miss Wells was called upon to outline the organization and committees of the League of Women Voters. The organization was formed at the St. Louis Convention, March 24-29. It is composed of the ratification committees and suffrage organizations in the full suffrage and presidential suffrage states - as a state secures full suffrage, the state organization automatically becomes a branch of the League of Women Voters. The full suffrage and presidential suffrage states have representation on the Council through their Ratification Chairmen and Presidents respectively and each is entitled to one member on each of the eight committees, as follows:-

- American Citizenship
- Women in Industry
- Child Welfare
- Election Laws
- Social Hygiene
- Unification of Laws
- Food Supply and Demand
- Research

Mrs. Thorp called attention to the fact that this is the organization which the antis are calling the new I. W. W.

Mrs. Ueland emphasized Mrs. Thorp's point that the antis are circulating here and now many wrong impressions of

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of the League of Women Voters. We must counteract these impressions.

The meeting adjourned for luncheon in the Roof Garden followed by a talk by Mrs. Nancy Schoonmaker of Connecticut on "Political Parties and Elections".

Nellie Merrill

Secretary

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 1919-July 1, 1919

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| June 10, 1918 | Postcard urging registrations for school elections. |
| June 27, 1918 | Hennepin Co. recommends Petition drive for ratification of federal amendment to State Suffrage Association. |
| June 27, 1918 | Plan made for celebration of expected passage of federal amendment on steps of Capitol, St. Paul. |
| July 13, 1918 | Annual Meeting. Elections. |
| July 20, 1918 | Hope McDonald new president in chair. |
| August 23, 1918 | First campaign meeting to which heads of leading women's organizations invited to confer on a suffrage victory campaign. |
| August 1918 | Junior Squad organized. Helen Jones, president, Mrs. Justus Lowe, Secretary. |
| August 28, 1918 | Voted to suspend gauze work and give notice Sept. 1 that we would move out of Room 311 Meyers Arcade October 1. |
| August 29, 1918 | Thursday, 1 P. M. Luncheon at Minnekada by Mrs. Geo. Partridge for Mrs. Tiffany. |
| August 29, 1918 | Thursday, Mrs. Charles L. Tiffany - "Overseas Hospital" at dinner for delegates of Minn. Woman's Committee Council of National Defense. |
| August 30, 1918 | Minnesota W. C. N. D. passed resolution urging federal suffrage amendment. |
| August 30, 1918 | Luncheon at Mrs. Ueland's for Mrs. Tiffany. |
| August 31, 1918 | Hennepin Co. Woman Suffrage Ass'n at Radisson, Mrs. C. L. Tiffany speaker. |
| Sept. 1-8, 1918 | State Fair. |
| Sept. 14, 1918 | Saturday, Suffrage cartoons at a Garden party at home of Mrs. Andreas Ueland. |
| Sept. 1918 | Victory Celebration on Capitol steps set for Governor Burnquist and Marion L. Burton accept as speakers. |

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept. 16-21, 1918 Suffrage week for initiating Petition Drive.
- Sept. 26, 1918 Canvasser's lunch Dayton's.
Mrs. McKnight reports \$7615.00 pledged to the Suffrage Victory Fund.
Telegram received, reports probable failure of federal amendment.
- October 1, 1918 Tuesday, President Wilson's great speech for Suffrage in U. S. Senate.
- October 1918 Senate defeated federal amendment by 2 votes. Vote 53 to 31 but practically 54 to 30 because Jones of New Mexico voted to move a reconsideration.
- October 1, 1918 Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Ass'n moves its office to Room 312 Meyers Arcade and closes Red Cross Station.
- October 10, 1918 Board of Woman's Club asked to submit a resolution endorsing federal amendment to said club.
- November 14, 1918 Conference of Board and Ward leaders. Circularized Minneapolis women to vote in school elections.
Record breaking registration in June of 100,000 of which 70,000 men and 30,000 women; vote cast men and 18,000 women.
- November 20, 1918 Canvasser's Rally. Mrs. Peter Olesen of Cloquet.
- November 21, 1918 Shower of household goods for Mrs. Olesen, made homeless by forest fire, at Mrs. H. G. Hanson's.
- November 21, 1918 Peace Commission.
- November 21, 1918 Hennepin Co. Woman Suffrage Ass'n calls representatives of leading Minneapolis women's organizations, who unanimously passed a resolution calling upon President Wilson to include women in the Peace Commission at Paris about to be appointed. Gold Room Radisson.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- December 2, 1918 Friday, 3 P. M. Conference of delegates of Hennepin Co. Woman Suffrage Ass'n. Summary of reports of canvassers for petitions.
- December 7, 1918 Luncheon by Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Ass'n.
- December 7, 1918 Countess Loschi, Rome sent by Italian Government at invitation of U. S. Government to investigate social and industrial conditions of women.
- December 12, 1918 Proposed State Suffrage Convention cancelled by order of Board of Public Health in ruling about inter community meetings during influenza epidemic.

MINNESOTA LEGISLATURE 41st SESSION

- January 7, 1919 Convenes.
Governor's Inaugural Message urges ratification federal suffrage amendment.
J. A. Burnquist Governor.
- January 16, 1919 State Suffrage Amendment introduced in Senate by J. E. Madigan, Wright Co. and F. L. Cliff, Ortonville.
- January 22, 1919 Memorial to Congress. Introduced in Senate by Ole O. Sageng, Ottertail Co., January 22, 1919. Passed Senate Jan. 23, 1919. Vote 49-7.
Introduced in House by Theodore Christianson. Passed House January 22, 1919. Vote 100-28.
- January 22, 1919 State Suffrage Amendment passed in House 96-26. Introduced by Chas. H. Warner of Aitkin, Jan. 9.
- January 23, 1919 Presidential Bill introduced by Theodore Christianson and Passed House March 5, by vote of 103 to 24.
- January 26, 1919 Conference of leading Minneapolis Women's Organizations in regard to state suffrage amendment.
- February 7, 1919 3.30 P. M. Canvassers' Rally, Unitarian Church. Harriet Vittum, Chicago.
- February 10, 1919 U. S. Senate defeats suffrage by one vote. Vote 55-29.
- February 11, 1919 Art Museum tea for wives of legislators in twin cities.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- February 15, 1919 Hennepin Co. Woman Suffrage Ass'n endorses a League of Nations and sends resolution to that effect to U. S. Senators and President Wilson.
- February 28, 1919 State Suffrage Amendment failed in Senate 40-21.
- March 4, 1919 Primary Election for women. Bill introduced by Theodore Christianson.
- March 6, 1919 Attempt to take Presidential Bill out of Elections committee and put it in Judiciary committee.
- March 6, 1919 Hearing by Senate Elections Committee.
- March 17, 1919 Peace Congress gives women right to help shape affairs of the world by calling into conference.
- March 21, 1919 Senate passes Presidential Bill for Minnesota. 49-11.
- March 24, 1919 Governor Burnquist signs Presidential Bill.
- March 24, 1919 National Suffrage Convention St. Louis. Delegates Mesdames Burr, Koch, Walter Thorp, A. W. Strong, James Paige, O. J. Evans, H. G. Harrison, Reginald Passmore, Milton D. Purdy, A. E. Merrill, Victor Troendle, Misses Lusk, Marguerite Wells, Florence Monahan, Hope McDonald, Nellie Merrill and Josephine Berry.
- April 1919 Ramsey Co. Suffrage Ass'n St. Paul Hotel; Report of national convention. Musicale and luncheon.
- April 1919 Dinner for Mrs. Ueland at home of Marguerite Wells to meet delegation.
- April 23, 1919 Wednesday. Closing day of legislature.
- May 7, 1919 Wednesday. State Suffrage Conference. Hotel Radisson Gold Room, 9.30 A. M. Roof Garden 12.15 luncheon Mrs. Nellie McClung.
- May 13, 1919 Tuesday. Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Ass'n. Annual meeting and elections at 10.30 A. M. Hotel Radisson Roof Garden. Luncheon - Mrs. Nancy Schoonmaker of Connecticut.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 1919 Covenant of League of Nations provides that all positions in the league and under it are open equally to men and women.
- May 21, 1919 Susan B. Anthony Federal Amendment passes U. S. House, 304-89.
- June 4, 1919 U. S. Senate passes Susan B. Anthony Amendment 56-25. Signed by Vice President Marshall.
- June 9, 1919 Minnesota's Victory Celebration. Auto Parade 7.20 P. M.
Speeches by Burnquist, Burton, Sageng, Maria Sanford and Mrs. Peter Olesen in rotunda of State Capitol.
Resolution thanking U. S. Senators and Representatives; also a resolution asking a special session of state legislature to ratify.
- June 10, 1919 Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan ratify.
- June 14, 1919 Twenty states reply to Gov. Burnquist's telegram in favor of a special session, four non-committal, 6 unfavorable.

HENNEPIN COUNTY WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT. MAY 1, 1919

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand May 1, 1918	214	61
Office Expense	11	34
Finance	3085	08
Victory Fund	4790	17
Public Demonstration	116	90
Red Cross	389	60

DISBURSEMENTS

Office Expense	2672	38
Public Demonstration	301	57
Red Cross	701	93
Press	386	04
State Assessment	4510	
Finance	18	65
Balance cash on Hand May 1, 1919	17	13
	8607	70

May 13, 1919.

Mme. President and friends of the Hennepin County
Woman Suffrage Association:

The past year has demonstrated more ~~than~~ any since the organization of the Hennepin County Suffrage Association the devotion, resourcefulness and persistency of the believers of equal franchise. Never before have so many women in the organization been working to attain the goal, and that in spite of the fact that during five of the past twelve months the U. S. was still at war. It was not that these women did not feel the obligation of helping win the war, but that they were convinced that the worst foe of militarism is the woman's voice, and that the most effective tool is the ballot. From this conviction of the relationship of cause and effect to the practical application is only a step, and the financing of our suffrage work to the extent of the expenditure of \$8607.70 was achieved by the asking. Not that all those solicited for money this year have responded, but the large majority have, and many have given more generously than ever before - several one thousand and five hundred subscriptions have been contributed.

It has been considered the best policy this past year not to try and raise money in any other way than by the solicitation of contributions.

When it looked as tho' victory was just within reach, a Victory Fund was solicited (Mrs. Sumner McKnight, chairman) to carry us over the top. \$8000.00 was the result of that effort. The postponement of that victory by the lack of one vote in the U. S. Senate delayed the passage of the Federal Amendment but has not cast down the friends of the cause. Could anything prove that more conclusively than the success of the luncheon given last week in this very room, where, with Mrs. Nellie McClung's speech as an inspiration, the presence of Mrs. Ueland to assure wise expenditure, over \$7000.00 was raised by Miss Marguerite Wells.

Another reason for justifiable pride in our financial stability, is the small per cent of unpaid pledges during the year, an entirely negligible quantity.

The assurance of the early vote in this 66th Congress of the U. S. on the Federal Amendment, puts the cause in the final steps of achievement. Even with the early passage of the amendment the likelihood is that it cannot be ratified in Minnesota until the next session of the State Legislature, a year from next fall, so there must not be any slacking on our part, but each and all must help in this final effort to victory in 1920.

Mrs. R. M. Bennett,
Chairman Finance Committee.

We have had a rebaptism by the blood of heroes of faith in democracy.

It looks as if the cherishing of this democracy was to be entrusted to women as well as men.

The year just passed has been momentous for suffrage in the world and in our country and our local activities have been closely bound to these large events.

First and last there has been the petition work of which you have heard.

Then our state legislature has kept us busy as you have been told.

We have been busy about things which never happened. I'll name two of these:

The Victory Pagenat to celebrate the expected passage of the federal amendment was in perfect readiness. It was to be held in October on the steps of our State Capitol and participated in by more than two hundred women. Governor Burnquist and President Burton were the promised speakers.

The tragedy of one missing vote in the U. S. Senate ended all for the moment.

This darkness was shot through with the gold of President Wilson's great suffrage speech delivered in person to the Senate Oct. 1, 1918. He called for favorable action on the amendment in words that will live in the hearts of women for generations to come.

A second event which never transpired was our state suffrage convention December 12, 1918. The call had gone forth, the program was completed in every detail when the convention was cancelled by order of the State Board of Health.

But let us record achievements. Our Junior Suffrage Squad was organized last August and under the able leadership of Miss Helen Jones has met many a task and emergency.

The members added to the brilliancy and gayety of the Garden party at Mrs. Ueland's, where cartoons were enacted depicting big and little ironies of anti suffrage propaganda and action.

The State Fair and Petition work profited by their help.

Regular meetings have been replaced by the most varied gatherings.

Conferences with other women's organizations, canvasser's rallies and luncheons with distinguished speakers have been the occasion of monthly and bi-monthly meetings.

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Among the speakers have Mrs. Charles L. Tiffany of New York, Mrs. Peter Olesen of Cloquet, Miss Helen Fraser of London, Countess Maria Loschi of Rome, Miss Harriet Vittum of Chicago and Mrs. Nancy Schoonmaker of Connecticut.

Perhaps the occasion we will remember best in years to come was a joint conference of representatives of leading women's organizations of Minneapolis called by Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Association to consider the membership of the Peace Commission about to be formed. A resolution was passed unanimously calling upon President Wilson to include women in the Peace commission. March 17, 1919 came the good news that the Peace Congress had given women the right to help shape affairs of the world by serving in committees for conference.

Feb. 10, 1919 the U. S. Senate for a second time defeated the federal amendment by one vote. (55-29)

If the women were excluded from national affairs they still sought international participation. Feb. 15, 1919 Hennepin County Woman Suffrage Association in common with women's organizations everywhere endorsed a League of Nations and sent copies of a resolution to that effect to President Wilson and U. S. Senators. And now embedded in that great covenant of nations is a recognition of the principle of woman suffrage in that it provides that the offices of the league are open to women as well as to men.

Like my honored predecessor Mrs. David F. Simpson and many other suffragists, I have followed the policy of this organization and shared in patriotic work during the war. My service has been as first vice president of the Minneapolis Division of the Woman's Council of National Defense and as chairman of Americanization for the same body. No one knows better than suffragists the problems in citizenship which threaten our national life. In many a disastrous campaign they have seen crowds of ignorant voters under corrupt leadership vote women suffrage down. Many an American woman with colonial ancestry - born on American soil, educated in American schools, loving American history and ideals has seen her country deny her a voice in her own government through the votes of men born in other lands, unable to speak English or to read their ballots. It is not the wrong to herself that has hurt the deepest but the peril to her country, its institutions and life.

President's Report 1918-1919.

May 13, 1919.

Even if it does belong to other reports by those who have worked hardest to secure it - still I must include in mine the great fact that we - the women of Minnesota have the vote for President of the U. S. It cannot be said too often, too gratefully or too happily.

The year closes with full suffrage or presidential suffrage in 28 states and with the Republican party favorable to the passage of the federal amendment in the 66th Congress summoned to meet next week May 19.

As suffrage workers you have one and all been loyal and helpful during this trying period when systematic plans and methods of work have been impossible. No president appreciates this devotion to a cause, despite all obstacles, better than I. Accept my thanks and those of your Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Hope McDonald, President.

The Junior Mobile Squad was organized in the early fall with a two-fold purpose in view:--to interest and educate its members in suffrage work and aims, and, as its name indicates, to be of ready assistance when called upon by the Suffrage Association. It was not from lack of willingness that this assistance was frequently lagging, but rather because the various occupations of its members prevented rapid mobilization.

However, in September, two beribboned Juniors were at the Suffrage Headquarters at the Fair Grounds every afternoon to pass out literature and lure the passer-by into the fold. At the suffrage party at Mrs. Ueland's they appeared in a poster, graphically representing to the audience that every war worker wanted, needed and deserved the ballot. Each member had her district to canvass in the petition campaign. At one or two meetings some of the Juniors acted as ushers.

It has been almost impossible to find a time for meeting when all or even a majority of the members could come together, but it was finally agreed to meet at lunch on the first Tuesday of every month. At these times great enthusiasm and interest has made up for the lack of numbers. Occasionally the Club met alone but at other meetings they very much enjoyed hearing and talking with Miss Countryman, Mrs. Todd, and Miss Florence Burton.

From time to time the Club has taken unto itself new members, the only entrance requirements being a display of interest and a desire to join. It is a regrettable fact that several of the original members have drifted away through lack of interest (or intelligence) so that the membership has continued at about thirty five.

Helen Holmes Jones.

Miss Wells reported for the Legislative Committee that canvassing for petitions to the legislature asking for ratification of the anticipated federal amendment began last autumn, that it has gone on throughout the following months and that the number of names now secured is 50,000. As the amendment did not pass the 65th Congress and could not therefore be ratified by the last legislature this petition work must continue in order to secure ratification from the coming legislature. The quota of men and women to present to the coming legislature must be based upon registration at the last primaries and therefore the number of names yet to be secured are 25,000 if the petitions are to come from a majority of the men and women in the city.

A lobby was busy at the Capitol during most of the session. Its first business was to secure a resolution from the legislature to the U. S. Senate asking it to pass the federal amendment. After this was secured there was introduced into both Houses of the legislature a proposed amendment to the state constitution. This was done in opposition to the policy of our Association as it was well understood by us, as well as by our friends in the legislature, that in states like Minnesota, where an amendment to pass requires a majority not of the votes on the amendment but of the total cast at the election, state constitutional amendments are practically impossible. In view of the pending federal action it was also thought unnecessary to make a campaign for a state amendment. Action on the measure was therefore opposed by our lobby and finally prevented in the Senate though the House had passed the state constitutional amendment. Lobbying was now begun for a Presidential Bill, which was finally secured both from House and Senate in spite of the fact that a small but active anti lobby was maintained on grounds of its alleged unconstitutionality. The Presidential Suffrage Bill is the first great suffrage victory won for Minnesota.

The last legislature was overwhelmingly for suffrage in sentiment, largely owing to the fact that they were "hand-picked" by the drys in order to ratify the prohibition federal amendment. Naturally the drys will not be so active in choosing the next legislature, which means that the suffragists must do their own campaigning for a good legislature. The psychological moment to approach candidates in order to persuade them to pledge for our measure is before the primaries in the spring and there is nothing which influences a candidate so much as to be able to tell him that we have petitions from a majority of the voters in his district favoring suffrage. In other words petition work is the key to our problem and it should be done before next May. The most favorable season for doing this canvassing is the summer.

Marguerite M. Wells

Report of Committee of Judges to Award Prize for Petition Work.

May 13, 1919.

To Miss Juliet Halloran, Ward 4, Precinct 10, the prize to be divided among her block workers, six including herself. Miss Halloran met the conditions of the prize having secured slightly over the one and one half times the assigned quota. This was done in a precinct where houses are scattered and it is interesting to note that it was done during the week that was the original time in which it was proposed to finish the canvass.

If prizes were available for those who have accomplished great results or shown themselves especially devoted and successful, many would qualify.

Mrs. Mary Brackett, leader of the 13th Precinct, 4th Ward, very nearly secured the one and one half times the given quota for the precinct and in addition secured alone on election day 314 names. This makes a total of signers to the petitions much greater than even registered in the precinct for an election vote. Names secured on election day at the polls do not count in awarding the prize.

Mrs. Howard Russell, 8th Ward, 16th Precinct, after completing her own quota for the precinct, canvassed in other precincts and secured herself 712 signatures.

In one of the most difficult wards of the city in which there are said to be more breweries than in any other part of town, Mrs. Chas. Abt, alone secured 461 signatures.

Mrs. G. B. Gates, a lady 74 years old did devoted work. While canvassing she fell through an open driveway and was badly bruised but as soon as she was able to be out of bed, she returned to the work.

Mrs. L.E. Moss, one of the canvassers in Mrs. Brackett's precinct, secured alone 328 names.

There are many other instances of excellent work: Dr. Blanchard secured 190 signatures in the city hospital; Miss Margaret Chapman who is employed during the day, secured during the evenings of the first week of the campaign 151 names. Your President, Miss McDonald, in addition to giving help in the wards secured 191 names at the polls. Mrs. Jane Light after her precinct, 7th of 13th Ward obtained quota, secured about 600 names at the polls. Miss Marjorie Rodger of the 13th Ward secured herself alone 266 names. Mrs. Gearhart, herself signed petitions amounting to 738 names. She has done famous work. Miss Helen Jones in the 9th Ward alone secured 201 names, a very difficult ward. Mrs. Newton's 4th precinct, 12th Ward, was almost if not wholly canvassed by herself, 269 names. Miss West in the 3rd Ward secured about 300 names. These are simply somewhat random illustrations of good work done by many women.

Mrs. Cora Fridley