

to oppose all candidates for the State Legislature who are opposed to woman suffrage was re-endorsed.

Mrs. Townsend Scott pledged \$25 from the Baltimore County League to the State work; the Montgomery County League also pledged \$25; the Howard County League pledged \$6, and a provisional pledge of \$25 was made by Mrs. Robt. Moss for the Anne Arundel County League.

The Luncheon.

Quite the pleasantest feature of the convention was the luncheon at the Lucky Bag Inn tendered to the delegates by the Anne Arundel County League. About 60 guests were present. A number of toasts were responded to informally. Among the speakers were Mesdames Kirby, Peplow, Poe, Herr, Hooker, Keller and Moss.

The Mass-meeting.

Conditions in Maryland which had never before been fully realized by the delegates were ably presented by Miss Anna Herkner, assistant chief of the Bureau of Statistics and Information, at the mass-meeting held at 8 P. M. in the old Senate Chamber. The percentage of non-attendance among school children, the rate of illiteracy and the enormous number of young children at work in Maryland were explained to the convention by means of charts. Miss Herkner's address aroused her audience to a new realization of the need of the enfranchisement of women.

Dr. Willbur Crafts, superintendent of the International Reform Bureau, spoke on the subject of woman's opportunity for social service. He told of the many good women, among them Lady Aberdeen, Mrs. Mary Hunt and others, who had achieved much for the general welfare through government, and he emphasized the fact that the result of their work had been to raise politics to a higher level and not to degrade womanhood to a lower level. Dr. Crafts spoke eloquently and convincingly and brought to his hearers a vision of a higher and nobler civilization in which men and women should work through government for the common good. At the close of the meeting Mrs. Robert Moss, President of the Anne Arundel County League, presented a prize for the best essay on woman suffrage to the winner of the contest, Miss Eugenie Vinot.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

One of the most encouraging signs of the increased strength of the suffrage movement in Maryland may be found in the manner in which the local leagues have assumed their share of responsibility. It will be observed in connection with the county league reports that much of the responsibility for the fairs and other county propaganda work has been assumed by the county leagues, which heretofore weighed heavily upon the State League. In the city also the strength of the organization has increased materially since the time of the annual meeting. Practically all of the open-air meetings which were held in Baltimore city during the summer were conducted under the auspices of the First Legislative District organization. Mrs. Edna S. Latimer, president of the First District League, organized twenty-five open-air meetings in different parts of her district. There were also about twenty indoor meetings held in various parts of the city during the summer months. In the counties the State League organized seven open-air meetings in new territory, and, in addition, suffrage speeches were made at most of the county granges. Approximately forty indoor meetings in the counties were held under the auspices of the various organized leagues. Thus we see that through the organized meetings approximately 2000 people were reached.

Special Work.

Aside from the work of the organized leagues, much general propaganda work has been carried on by the State League. On May 2 Mrs. S. Johnson Poe carried through a very successful demonstration and raised a considerable sum of money for the State League through the sale of Votes for Women pencils. On May 9 a large delegation from the State League took part in the Washington parade. On June 5 about \$125 was raised at a strawberry festival held at Cliffhurst, Mt. Washington. On May 19 the Fifteenth Ward Just Government League held a most successful May ball. On May 18 the Just Government League sent a delegation to the Rules Committee to urge prompt action with regard to the Federal amendment.

During the month of June the Garrett county hike was conducted by Mrs. Edna S. Latimer and Miss L. C. Trax. Eight hundred and twenty new members were secured as a result of this memorable march, and great interest in the work in Garrett county was stimulated.

In August Mrs. Latimer and Miss Trax took their forces to Howard county, and there also, in spite of the rainy weather, conducted a most successful pilgrimage. One hundred and sixty-one new members were secured.

On June 30 a deputation was sent to President Wilson and urged his support for the Federal amendment. In August the Anne Arundel

County League gave an excellent presentation of "Hiawatha" at Round Bay, from which approximately \$50 was realized.

Mrs. Spencer Heath, chairman of the Fourth Legislative District Just Government League, managed the suffrage section in the Star-Spangled Banner Centennial parade on September 7. The eleven victorious chariots were entered, and a large delegation of marchers from Washington and from Baltimore took part. The suffrage delegation was considered one of the most effective parts of the pageant.

The work of the autumn has been chiefly centralized on the suffrage bazaar, which is to be held at the old Fifth Regiment Armory November 5, 6 and 7. Many generous donations have been sent in by the county leagues, and the members of the league are co-operating with the bazaar committee to make the affair a success.

On the league's staff this summer were Miss L. C. Trax, Miss Edith Fisher, Miss Madge Thurlow and Mrs. A. H. Pattison. About the first of September Mrs. Pattison sent in her resignation to the league, as she was about to be married and to leave the State. The campaign which she conducted during the summer on the Eastern Shore brought in one new organization in Princess Anne and increased the interest in suffrage throughout the lower counties. The members of the league owe a lasting debt of gratitude to Mrs. Pattison for her excellent work.

Early in September Mrs. E. S. Latimer and Miss L. C. Trax left Baltimore for Kansas, where they are now conducting a campaign in behalf of the Federal amendment. It is expected that they will return to Baltimore shortly after election.

Political Work.

The political conventions were visited by the suffragists on primary election day, and a large number of workers distributed literature at the polls. It is hoped that on November 3 an even larger number will be present at the polls to distribute the literature and to act as watchers.

Plans for the Future.

The chief object of the league this winter will be to secure organizations in the counties where work has been done and where no formal committees have been appointed in charge. It is hoped to secure permanent organizations in the following counties: Washington, Worcester, Calvert and Charles, which will practically complete the organization throughout the State. There are at the present time eighteen local leagues directly affiliated with the State League.

If the resources of the league permit the completion of the organization, it may confidently be hoped that the woman suffrage plank will be inserted in the party platform of every political party in the State next summer.

Respectfully submitted,

EDITH HOUGHTON HOOKER,

President.

MULTIGRAPH REPORT

The multigraph is one of the busiest and hardest workers in the suffrage office. During the past six months almost 30,000 letters, postals, pledges, etc., have been printed. The cost of printing the postals more than covers the expenses of the machine. The below expense account includes the two typewriters as well as the multigraph:

EXPENSES.

Receipts.

Cash on hand April 1.....	\$7.51
From headquarters.....	30.00
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	\$37.51

Disbursements.

Telephone.....	\$.65
Benzine.....	.55
Multigraph plates.....	3.85
Ribbons.....	5.75
Carbon paper.....	2.50
Stamps.....	.31
Adjusting typewriter.....	1.60
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	15.21
Total receipts.....	\$37.51
Total disbursements.....	15.21

Cash on hand..... \$22.30

The total number of letters printed were 5203; envelopes, 7500; invitations and tickets, 1100; letter-heads, 2700; postals, 1500; pledge slips, 8500; credential blanks, 800, and a weekly bulletin for the first three weeks in April of two pages, 125 copies, or 750 sheets. This makes the total for the six months of 28,053.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. FISHER, Operator.

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