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# Equity League Minutes 1911-1914

Mississippi Woman Suffrage Association

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October - 1911

\* At the request of the state president, Mrs. Dornerville, a preliminary meeting of the woman suffragists of Jackson, Mississippi was called by Mrs. C. H. Thompson in October 1911. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. C. C. Warren, those present being Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. C. A. Richardson, Mrs. Warren.

It was decided to organize at a meeting appointed for November 15<sup>th</sup>, with Mrs. Richardson.

(\* The meeting was called by Mrs. Thompson of her own volition <sup>L.W.F.</sup>)

November 15, 1911. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Richardson at her home 311 N. State St. Upon motion, Mrs. Chas. H. Thompson was made temporary chairman. The first order of business being an election of officers, the following were elected:

Mrs. Chas. H. Thompson, President

Mrs. C. C. Warren, Vice-President

Mrs. C. A. Richardson, Secretary

Mrs. V. R. Howie, Treasurer

Mrs. Thompson addressed the meeting, bringing out the importance of organization in Jackson



at this time, after which a general discussion of the situation and support of the movement was had. A discussion of the name of the organization, resulted in a decision to wait until the December meeting for a name. The special feature

of the meeting was the address of Mrs. Somerville, president of the Miss. Woman Suffrage Association, whose forceful words will aid us in our organization + development.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. Nancy Burke at three thirty, Dec. 12th 1911.

(Those present at this meeting were Mrs. C. H. Thompson, Mrs. C. E. Warren, Mrs. J. T. Noble, Mrs. Nancy Burke, Mrs. Harriet Kells, Mrs. Harmon Thompson, Mrs. E. O. Biggs and Mrs. Richardson.)

Elizabeth Richardson  
(Mrs. C. A.) Secretary.





Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> 1911. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. Thompson. The secretary being absent, there were no minutes. The adoption of by-laws was postponed. Names for the organization were suggested: New Era, Hypatia, Magnolia League, Equity League. The matter of dues was discussed, and fixed at a dollar and a half. There was music by Miss Primrose Thompson and a reading by Miss Elizabeth Manship entitled "The Calf Path". It was decided to send a year's subscription to the Woman's Journal to the Millsaps College library. A history of the woman suffrage movement in the U.S. was read by Mrs. Warren. A vote of thanks was given for this paper. After singing "America" the meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. Warren the second Tuesday in January.

This meeting was held with Mrs. Nancy G. Burke at Mrs. J. N. Powers. Acting Secretary. (Subt. Education) D. W. G.



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Monday Jan. 18-1912 The meeting was held with Mrs. C.C. Warren, eight ladies being present. The president opened the meeting with prayer. Owing to the absence of the secretary the minutes were not read & Mrs. Warren was appointed secretary pro tem. The treasurer was absent but sent a request that the cash be temporarily loaned over to Mrs. Noble who was instructed to forward the proportion of our dues which went to the state, as soon as there should be \$5. in the treasury. Under old business, the adoption of a name was deferred, also the constitution. The secretary was instructed to write Mrs. Kella a note of congratulation on her recovery from illness, saying we missed her & hoped to see her soon. The President explained the use of the cards for enrolling the names of persons friendly to votes for women, and urged the importance of having such a list of names in our possession. Mrs. Thompson then gave a brief history of the cause in Miss. as a substitute for a paper on the subject.



which was to have been read by Mrs. Kells.

She then introduced the Rev. Mr. Edmonds who had kindly consented to address the meeting on the subject of "Roman Suffrage in New Zealand". Both the subject and manner of presentation by one speaking from personal knowledge, were enjoyed to the utmost by those present.

Mrs. Thompson offered her home for the next meeting, and the meeting adjourned.

Ruth Noble Warren

Acting Secretary.

Feb. 2-1912 The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. J. N. Powers 429 Hamilton St.

The president being absent, the vice president Mrs. Warren, presided. Mrs. Biggs was appointed to act as clerk, & the minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Noble, showing a balance of fifty cents after sending five dollars to the state, and



Paying one dollar for Woman's Journal to be sent to Millsaps College library. Thirty one enrollment cards were collected & the names read.

The acting president read a letter from Mrs. Mohlenhoff in regard to the state convention at Flora, and the approaching visit of Mr. Garwood of Colorado, asking aid from the club in paying expenses. A letter was read from Mrs. Dudley in regard to a debate on woman suffrage at Clinton College, in which the affirmative won. A very able paper was read by Mrs. Burke on "Why I am a Woman Suffragist". "Current Events" were gleaned and read by Mrs. Biggs. Mrs. Warren gave a resume of the different bills in which women are interested, which have been defeated or laid on the table. The next place of meeting was appointed for Mrs. Noble's the third Tuesday in March. Adjourned.

E. O. Biggs

Secy pro tem.



March 22-1912. No meeting, for lack of quorum, and no further meetings held until May 17<sup>th</sup> 1912 at home of Mrs. J. T. Noble 500 N. State St. The president was in the chair & seven others were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & approved. Mrs. Noble, acting treasurer, read the financial report which was approved.

Under old business, action on Mrs. Richardson's resignation as Secretary was deferred to the next meeting when regular election of officers would be held. Upon motion, a draft of the proposed by-laws was read, discussed and adopted with one change. Article I providing for a name was left open for another meeting.

The president called attention to the new state by-laws which had just been printed in convenient form, saying we could pay our share of the cost by each buying a copy at 10¢ a piece. Since the next annual state convention was to be in Jackson, the president said she had written Miss Jane Adams



inviting her to address us then, but learned that she could not promise so far ahead.

It was decided to address Judge Lindsey in case we could not have Miss Adams.

The question of an exhibit at the state fair was discussed, & a motion carried to rent a booth, appoint a special secretary to solicit funds, & to have several committees - the details to be worked out later.

Attention was called to the Mississippi Valley Suffrage Association's meeting to be held in Chicago May 21st to which delegates from Miss. were invited. To our great regret, no one from Miss. seemed able to attend.

The next meeting was appointed for Tuesday June 4<sup>th</sup> with Mrs. Thompson.

As much business would have to be dispatched, all were urged to be punctual.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Ruth Noble Warren

Acting Secretary.

\* The President of the Local League, Mrs.



Thompson has just been elected president  
of the State Association, held at the state  
convention held in Florida, hence her  
"asking Jane Adams to speak at the  
next convention";

L. W. F.

Tuesday June 4 1912. The meeting was  
held at Mrs. Thompson's home  
Fortification St. After a short program  
of music, the minutes were read by  
Mrs. Richardson. The Treasurer's report  
was read by Mrs. Noble. Under old business  
the name was first taken up, and a  
vote by ballot resulted in the name "Equity  
League". Mrs. Thompson reported that  
according to suggestions at the last  
meeting, she had interviewed one of our  
moving picture men and found him quite  
willing to put on the new suffrage play  
for us if we wished to have a night's  
use of his theatre + sell tickets for 20% of  
the proceeds. He would also run in between  
slides with mottoes of our choosing. The  
members approved of this plan.

Our proposed state fair exhibit was decided  
upon + Mrs. Biggs appointed a committee for  
the bazaar; Mrs. Warren for decoration of booth  
+ reception of visitors. It was estimated



at least

that \$100. would be needed for this undertaking.

Mrs. Mohlenhoff was appointed to solicit funds <sup>and articles</sup> by correspondence in the state for this.

Election of officers for the year resulted as follows:

- Mrs. E. J. Edmonds, President
- Mrs. J. W. Tucker, 1st vice-president
- Mrs. Nancy G. Burke, 2nd " "
- Mrs. C. C. Warren, Secretary
- Mrs. Jas. T. Noble, Treasurer

It was decided to buy one dollar's worth of state by-laws

The meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. C. A. Richardson in two weeks, on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>

Ruth Noble Warren

Secretary

\*1 The name "Equity League" was submitted by Mrs. Nancy Green Burke

\*2 This "sawing picture man" to first allow a suffrage benefit at his theater was Mr. H. A. Seabrook. L. W. F.



Note, The June minutes should occupy this page for which see next page - (mistake in copying by Secretary R. N. Warren 21

July 10 - 1912

The Equity Club met July 16 with Mrs. W. C. Wilkinson. The President opened the meeting. All stood and repeated the Lord's Prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and corrections made. A list of 12 new names was read. Payment of dues was called for. Report of Committees being called for, Mrs. Wilkinson reported letters written for Handkerchief committee and 75¢ expended for postage. Mrs. Thompson reported receiving a beautiful banner from Miss Belle Kearney, and the first thing made for the bazaar - an embroidered apron. The committee on "Votes for Women" play reported, & this project was discussed. The committee was continued. The Bazaar committee was not present. The Literature committee had no report. Buttons were shown and bought, followed by a button talk by Mrs. Thompson. The Treasurer's absence was discussed, & Mrs. Tucker made temporary Treasurer. The Secretary was asked to write to the absent Treasurer. Mrs. Thompson suggested commending the editor of the Daily News for an editorial on the influence of the woman voter, and the Secretary was instructed to write a letter to him. The Treasurer's report was read and approved. Mrs. Thompson made a talk on the Journal. The next meeting, the second Tuesday in August



was taken by Mrs. Edmonds. Mrs. Thompson talked of Chautauque at Crystal Springs, & said she would ask for a day for the Women Suffragists next year. The meeting adjourned.

Mrs. J. W. Tucker (acting Secretary)

June 18 - 1912

June 18 - Tuesday - The meeting was held with Mrs. Richardson, State St. The meeting was opened by the President, with prayer. Mrs. Biggs was appointed Secretary pro tem, and read the minutes of the last meeting which were adopted with two slight amendments. It was decided to appoint an enrollment committee & offer a prize, with Mrs. W. C. Wilkinson chairman. The prize will be offered for securing the largest number of signed cards, the offer to remain open until the first meeting in October. The question of time of collecting dues was exhaustively discussed & it was decided to call for dues at each meeting, & give each member the privilege of paying dues at any time during the year. Notice was given of an amendment to the



Constitution, making the fiscal year end the last week in March. Mrs. Thompson read a letter from Miss Belle Kearney from California, in regard to the State Fair work. Mrs. Thompson discussed State Fair plans and asked for any "Saturday Evening Post" covers of Dec. 30 - 1911 - also for photographs of suffragists, banners, decorations etc.

The moving picture show was discussed, and it was decided to await the action of the manager of "Majestic no 2" who will notify us when the film is ready. Mrs. Thompson reported for Mrs. Warren who was absent, & gave progress of State Fair work, and then gave a very inspiring talk. It was decided for each member to ask for contributions - Bazaar chairmen were instructed to get all necessary information in regard to the concession. Mrs. Thompson reported on receiving a letter from Alice Stone Blackwell explaining the "Woman's Journal Fund", and getting an agent for the sale of Woman's journals. The President appointed Mrs. J. W. Tucker chairman of Literature Committee, which includes taking



subscriptions, selling buttons etc.

Mrs. Henry Yerger was appointed editor of the Woman Suffrage Column in the Daily News.

The Secretary was instructed to notify Mrs. Yerger of her appointment. A letter was read from Mrs. Mount asking for "Legal Status of Woman of Miss." up to date. It was decided to ask the Executive Board to publish this pamphlet in time for the State Fair - It was voted to reconsider the action taken at last meeting to buy ten copies of Constitution & By-laws, also to sell copies for 10¢ each.

Adjourned to meet with Mrs. W. C. Wilkinson 418 Hamilton Ave., second Tuesday in July - (See page 21)

Mrs. Biggs Rec. pro tem.



Tuesday-

Aug. 13-1912. The Equity League met at Mrs. Edmonds'. The meeting was opened with prayer. The minutes were read + approved. Mrs. Thompson reported six names on cards; Mrs. Varley, three.

The Treasurer reported \$1.50 dues rec'd.

Committee on "suffrage play" reported and was continued. Mrs. Biggs, Committee on Bazaar reported by proxy (Mrs. Thompson) that space at the fair had been secured in the Liberal Arts Bldg + contract signed. The President reported a new organization of suffragists formed at McCoub City.

The advisability of permanent headquarters was discussed + Mrs. Thompson named chairman of committee to see prominent gentlemen to solicit for this purpose + the Bazaar.

The Committee on literature reported.

The President was asked to see if the Journal could not be placed on sale at the news stands here, and to solicit subscriptions.

The President suggested programs for the meetings, + after discussion, the sense of the meeting was that the work was sufficient to



fill the time & outside things unnecessary.

Mrs. Thompson suggested a means for making money by taking orders for aprons through advertising in the Journal. A motion was carried authorizing Mrs. Thompson to take necessary steps for this.

After appointing the September meeting to be with Mrs. Warren, the meeting adj.

Mrs. J. W. Tucker

Acting Sec'y.

Tues. Sept. 3-1912. The meeting was held with  
 Mrs. Warren, <sup>8 members being present in all.</sup> The President requested Mrs. Thompson to open with prayer. Owing to difficulty of notifying the acting Secretary, the minutes of the previous meeting could not be read.

The President called for report of new names enrolled, and urged that any of this year's dues still remaining, be paid in as promptly as possible.

Mrs. Warren was appointed temporarily to receive these dues. Mrs. Edwards reported reported result of efforts to place Woman's Journal



on sale at local newsstands, saying that the Journal had advised us to send the names of our local dealers to the Journal's office direct. A motion was carried to send the Journal to Major Millsaps for one year.

Type written copies of the Equity League's Constitution were distributed to those present.

Mrs. Thompson, our state President, read a letter sent by her to Mrs. Harriet Upton Taylor state president of Ohio, expressing our heartfelt desire for success in the pending election in that state.

The reports of the Bazaar Committee for State Fair were then called for. A letter from headquarters was read in regard to renting an exhibit or samples ~~and~~ posters, banners etc exhibited to those present - also a handsome California pennant sent us as a gift by Miss Belle Kearney.

A card was read from a Kansas lady offering us a Kansas pennant.

The Secretary was directed to make out a tentative list from the N. G. W. S. A. catalog.



of advertising propoganda, to be submitted for discussion at the next meeting.

Our great need of money + ways + means of getting it were discussed.

A motion was carried to negotiate with a moving picture company as one way of raising funds, + Mrs. Garner was appointed to see to this. On motion, the meeting adjourned, to meet next time with Mrs. C. H. Thompson.

Ruth Noble Warren, Sec'y.

Tuesday Oct. 1 - 1912. The League met with Mrs. Warren by special request of Mrs. Thompson, owing to unforeseen circumstances.

There were thirteen members in all present + the President opened with the Lord's Prayer in concert.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with one correction.

The regular question of payment of dues was mentioned but none were handed in on this occasion.

Mrs. Wilkinson being absent, Mrs. Thompson



reported for her on enrollment of new names on cards. Thirteen were read; the prize ordered by Mrs. Dickinson had not yet arrived, so a motion was carried to postpone final report on names & giving of prize until next <sup>regular</sup> meeting.

The resignation of the Press Committee, Mrs. Yarger, was read and upon motion, accepted.

Mrs. Warren was appointed to temporarily fill this place.

The Secretary read the list of literature & supplies made out according to instructions of previous meeting, and after discussion and some changes, the order was authorized - amounting to \$30.

The amount reported in Bazaar fund was ~~reported~~ of which \$16.50 represented returns from the moving picture benefit at the "Dixie" Sept. 20.

Mrs. Carleton here suggested to the meeting that her husband would be perfectly willing to arrange with us for a second benefit at the Dixie and this offer was referred to Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Ganser & Mrs. Varley as committee, to be reported on at next meeting. A motion carried to allow



decoration committee for Bazaar booth, freedom to use their own discretion in the work.

It was decided to meet once more before the Fair, at the home of Mrs. Thompson on Friday Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> at 4 o'clock; and the meeting adjourned.

Ruth Noble Warren  
Secretary

Friday Oct. 11, 1912. The League met with Mrs. Thompson, and reports of committees were made. The chairman of Bazaar Committee Mrs. Biggs, reported that Mrs. Milling, a lady newly arrived in town, had been asked to serve in the booth for the six days of the Fair, <sup>she</sup> to receive \$1.00 a day (Oct 11-16). The decoration committee reported their work well under way, the walls having been papered and furnishing provided for. It was decided to have the Equity League treasurer receive only the regular club dues, <sup>pending the life of Bazaar fund</sup> - all other contributions to be handed to Mrs. Biggs, treas. of Bazaar fund. Mrs. Carlton delivered

Correction - A report of money and articles sent in since last meeting, was made.



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the tickets for the benefit at the "New Dixie"  
moving picture show on Thursday, Oct. 17th.

The next meeting was appointed for Friday  
Oct. 18th at 9:30 A. M. with Mrs. C. H. Thompson  
and the meeting adjourned.

Ruth Noble Warren - Secretary

Friday Oct. 18-1912. The League met with Mrs.  
Thompson and reports were made as follows:

Mrs. Biggs said Mrs. Milling had been engaged  
for daily attendance in booth at Fair. (It was  
then decided to arrange a schedule for those serving  
in the booth with Mrs. Milling; to divide each day  
into thirds - morning, afternoon + night - and to have  
at least two members always on duty at one time.)

The photograph of "Suffrage arousing her sisters" which  
had been ordered as our emblem for display in  
the Woman's Booth at the Fair, was shown and  
much admired. It was decided that this picture in  
suitable frame would represent us most appropriately.

The results of the benefit at the "Dixie" were reported - \$14.50  
The sign for booth was reported finished and



it was decided to tender Mr. Carlton a formal vote of thanks at the next meeting. More articles received for the bazaar were reported. The meeting adjourned.

Tuesday Oct 29, 1912. A <sup>special</sup> meeting of the League was held with Mrs. J. M. Tucker to hear reports on the results of the bazaar held in our suffrage booth at the Fair. The minutes of the three previous meetings read, corrected, + approved. As the complete report was not ready this was deferred to the regular meeting in November.

Some belated articles contributed too late for the bazaar were handed over to the Chairman of this committee.

The Secretary was instructed to write notes of thanks to Mr. Carlton for his kindness in painting our signs and in giving us two benefits at the "Dixie"; and to Mr. Tucker for his generous contribution of note paper. Thanks were also approved for what others had done toward making bazaar a success. The meeting adjourned to meet next Tuesday Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 with Mrs. C. H. Thompson Ruth Noble Warren, Secretary.



The Treasurer reported \$15.69 on deposit in the Capitol National Bank, with all debts paid.

Tuesday Nov. 5, 1912. The meeting was held with Mrs. Thompson and although this was to be the regular monthly meeting, no business could be transacted for lack of a quorum, only four being present - one of these a visitor.

Tuesday, Dec 3, 1912. The regular monthly meeting was held with Mrs. E. T. Edmonds, 913 N. State St. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The report on new names enrolled, showed two new names. No new dues were reported.

The president appointed Mrs. Carleton & Mrs. Noble a committee to get subscriptions for the Woman's Journal and if possible to secure permission to place the journal on sale at some of the newsstands.

The matter of supplying suffrage news for a column in each of the local papers was discussed and Mrs. Edmonds said she would confer with Mrs. Thompson on the subject.

In reply to a member's request for some report on the results of the booth at the state fair, Mrs. Biggs said that the net receipts were \$41.80



and that the sum contributed toward the booth by the Equity League, by donations of members and donations solicited by members, amounted to "about" \$60.

Report was also made that Mrs. J. W. Tucker of Jackson had been elected new State Treasurer, at the last meeting of the State executive board.

Under new business the secretary reported that at the suggestion of the state president, she had written to Miss Belle Kearney of Flora, Miss. inquiring whether she could give an address on suffrage before a Jackson audience under the auspices of the League. A reply had not yet been received. The President instructed the Secretary to notify her as soon as the reply came, with a view to calling a special meeting if necessary, to take action.

An invitation was reported from the Board of Trade, for the League to take part in a parade soon after Christmas. After some discussion, the sense of the meeting was that this would be a good



opportunity to advertise the cause, provided the expense in time and money were not too great

The subject of regular programs for the meetings was discussed and several suggestions made. For the next meeting the president appointed Mrs. Carleton to furnish a paper on "Current Events" in the suffrage movement, and Mrs. Warren to repeat a paper of last year, on a brief "History of the Movement."

One suggestion was that we occasionally invite a local speaker to address our meetings

It was decided hereafter to regularly publish notice of meetings to be held.

Mrs. Carleton invited the Club to meet with her next time at the parlors of the Bon Ton restaurant, by request of Mr. Smith the proprietor.

The president appointed Mrs. Warren & Mrs. Thompson a committee to see about securing permission to meet in the Edwards House parlors regularly.

On motion the meeting adj.

Ruth Noble Warren Secy -



No minutes found among the League's records from Nov. 5, 1912 to March 4, 1913

March 4 - 1913

Opened meeting with prayer led by Mrs. Thompson.

Enrollment committee asked for new names.

Literature Committee. No report.

Finance Committee. Reports \$9.00 from M. P. Show.

Wives. Mrs. Edmonds, Mrs. Ben Wells, Mrs. W. B. Taylor.

Washington Parade Report.

Mrs. Harmon Thompson being in Washington had charge of Miss. float

Executive Board donated what money necessary from Treasury to defray cost of Miss. float in Washington parade.

Sec to write vote of thanks to Mrs. page 62

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The regular monthly meeting of the Equity League was held Tuesday eve Mch 16<sup>th</sup> at the residence of Mrs. Thompson.

Meeting called to order by the President, Mrs. Edmonds.  
Prayer by the President

Minutes of last meeting, <sup>2<sup>nd</sup></sup> read & approved ~~with~~ ~~no~~ ~~correction~~ on account of absence of acting Secretary, Mrs. Noble

Treasurer Report  
to the report of the Treasurer on account of failure to bring same.

Enrollment of Members.  
Mrs. Ben Wells - This Ransom

Mrs. Thompson Reported that she was out of cards - but that -



and Mrs. Harmon Thompson for their good work in managing Miss float in parade. Members of Equity League as hostesses asked to concentrate on work for State Convention to be held in Jackson in April.

The meeting was then turned over to Miss Belle Kearney of Florida, who addressed it on suffrage. After her talk questions and general discussion followed.

Note. The above notes are unsigned. This meeting was held at the home of the President, Mrs. E. J. Edmonds, and she occupied the chair.

Miss Kearney gave a brilliant resume of what gains in equal rights together with a prophecy of victory for the future.

Mrs. Blanche Howland was a guest upon this occasion. Mrs. Frank Case 5-4

plenty would be printed & ready for distribution at next meeting.

Payment of dues - Mrs Ben Wells \$1.50 Mrs Ransom \$1.50

Report of Committee to Search funds for use in calculating State Convention. By Mrs Thompson - Cash 1.50 Credit 5.00

It was moved & seconded that this money be held by the treasurer for use of this Equity League in attending the State Convention in April.

Next Business. Discussion as to method of raising money to entertain the State Convention. Mrs Tucker was instructed to arrange with the Dix Theatre for an evening there.



Foy was present and took part in the discussion.

These items given from memory by

Lily Wilkinson Thompson  
Sec. for 1914-1916-

Plans for entertaining the State Convention were submitted but no definite arrangements were made.

Mrs Richardson was requested to see Mrs. Bruner in regard to use of the Excelsior Mansion for a reception to visiting ladies & delegates.

A decision was reached in regard to inviting especially the Federated Clubs of Jackson & Fraternal Order to attend the evening lectures during the convention & the secretary was instructed to issue same.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned & met with Mrs Richardson April 12

Mrs C. A. Richardson  
Secretary -



April 1<sup>st</sup> 1913 meeting was held at  
 the residence of Mrs C. A. Richardson  
 seven members being present.  
 The President, Mrs Edmonds being  
 in the Chair.

Minutes of last meeting read  
 & approved.

Treasurer report showed a balance  
 on hand in Bank \$11.19

Mrs Thompson read letter from  
 Iowa Suffrage organization expressing  
 a desire of their organization to  
 unite with the Equity League,  
 & enclosing \$5<sup>00</sup> state dues for  
 five members, said five dollars  
 being turned over to the State  
 Treasurer, Mrs Tucker, with out-  
 being handled through the  
 Equity League Treasurer.

Report of those who had denied  
 themselves in order to help out  
 treasury -



Mrs Tucker sold flowers - 1.00 (to be paid later)

Mrs Thompson washed table linen & among forty five cents which was turned into the treasury -

Mrs Buggs did washing - turning over fifty cents -

Mrs Taylor - care fare - .25

Mrs Edwards " " .10

Flora

On motion of Mrs Thompson the Secretary was instructed to express to the Flora League the pleasure of The Equity League at having had members of our organization -

Mrs Tucker was called upon to report on her visit to be had at the Dixie Theater - she having been unable to arrange for same instructions were given her to make



arrangements for a future date.

Mrs Richardson reported that she had seen Mrs Puffer in regard to allowing use of Mansion for entertaining State Convention & she expressing her willingness to allow same.

On motion of Mrs Puffer Trusty's money was set for his entertainment & Mrs Thompson Collier & Richardson were appointed a committee to arrange for dinner & fix all details.

Mrs Thompson brought up the subject of button badges to be used during Convention - Mrs Puffer very generously offered to give a number for sale, to be the property of the Equal League unless individuals wished to wear them in which event a charge would be made.

A roll of thanks was given Mrs Puffer for her generous offer.

On motion of Mrs Thompson the Treasurer was instructed to order one dollar worth of rolls for women buttons for use during the Convention.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs Richardson Tuesday afternoon April 8<sup>th</sup> 1894.

Mrs C. A. Richardson  
Secretary -

Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup>

This meeting being purely informal. No minutes were taken - being a general discussion of matters pertaining to the State Convention -

Mrs C. A. Richardson  
Secretary



April 22 - 1913

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The Equity League met in the Senate Chamber Tuesday April 22, 1913 with the following members in attendance; President Mrs. Edmonds, Mrs. L. W. Thompson, Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Parley, Mrs. Biggs and one enrolled member, Miss Mary Redding.

America was sung. Expenses of convention were discussed and it was decided to refund the money paid out to the employees at the Capitol to the State Treasurer by the Equity League.

The League then went into the election of officers after listening to the letter from Mrs. Hunt, the newly elected State President, thanking the Equity League for the hospitality accorded to the Miss. W. S. A., voicing the sentiments of the Equity League of Gayor City.

It was ~~decided~~ moved and carried that this letter be published in the Daily News of Jackson, and a



letter be written to Mrs. Hunt by the Secretary  
pro tem.

Mrs. Thompson then read a letter from  
Mrs. Warren our former beloved member  
now living in Rapid City, South Dakota  
which was greatly appreciated and en-  
joyed.

Mrs. Thompson then thanked the  
Equity League for its loyalty and  
financial support accorded her admin-  
istration as President of the State  
Association.

Mrs. Edmonds advocated bringing  
our cause more prominently before  
the public.

Names were called for and paid  
by the following; Mrs. Lily W. Thompson  
It was decided to have an enroll-  
ment contest, closing the last meet-  
ing before the Fair, Mrs. Thompson  
acting as Custodian of the names.  
It was moved and carried to



thank all persons who contributed in any way to the success of the convention.

The motion was made that the election of officers be postponed until the next meeting. The question was thoroughly discussed and defeated.

Mrs. Thompson was elected <sup>president</sup> on the first ballot and emphatically declined the honor. A second ballot was taken and Mrs. J. W. Tucker unanimously elected. Mrs. Moss Lewis was elected 1st Vice President, Mrs. Lizzie Richardson was elected Sec-  
Mrs. W. B. Taylor for Treasurer was unanimously re-elected.

Mrs. Thompson reported that Mrs. Bremer, wife of Governor Bremer expressed deep regret that our reception was called off and invited the League to entertain some time in the future at the Executive



Mansion.

Assembled to meet with Mrs. Tucker  
the third Tuesday in May 1913.

Ella C. Biggs  
Sec. Apr Jun

Copied from Mrs. Biggs manuscript  
into book by Lily Wilkinson Thompson  
Dec. of 1914-1915-



No minutes found in records from  
April 22, 1913 to June 17, 1913.

Lily Wilkinson Thompson  
Sec. for 1914-1915-

June 17-1913

Equity League met Tuesday, June 17,  
1913 at the residence of Mrs. Cross  
Lollins with the following officers  
and members in attendance.

Mrs. Tucker, president, Mrs. Taylor,  
Tras. Mrs. L. W. Thompson, Mrs. Cross  
Lollins, Mrs. E. C. Biggs, a visitor,  
member of the Era Club was in  
attendance.

Meeting was opened with reciting  
the Lord's prayer in concert.  
President called for new members  
and the following new names  
were presented: Miss Gurgian  
M. Stewart, Mr. J. W. Tucker joined  
and paid dues.

Mrs. Thompson paid in 50 cents  
for sale of curtains belonging  
to Bayarr. Money was turned  
over to Mrs. Taylor.

A Marion-Ledger editorial was  
reviewed and answered by



Mrs. Taylor who read her reply which was indorsed by the club.

Mrs. Thompson read some clippings from various newspapers. A general discussion followed.

The question of a bazaar was discussed and ways and means discussed.

Mrs. Tucker was appointed to see about an electric sign. Mrs. Taylor promised \$5.00 toward expenses.

Mrs. Lulline was appointed on the basket committee.

It was moved and seconded that the Equity League rent two spaces in the State Fair and assume the expense thereof. Voted on and carried. Phages of Fair articles were called for, and twenty six were phaged.

Mrs. Lulline served delicious refreshments.

Adjourned to meet with Mrs.



Biggs

The above was unsigned but written in the handwriting of Mrs. Ella C. Biggs who was evidently sec. pro tem. corrected by

Lily Wilkinson Thompson  
sec. of 1914-1915.

No minutes found covered between June 17, 1913 and August 18-1913

August 18-1913. The Equity League met at the home of Mrs. H. A. Leighton the following members answering to roll call. Mrs. Rosestream, Mrs. Laylor, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Tucker, president.

After repeating the Lords prayer in unison the meeting came to order for the transaction of business.

Mrs. Leighton was elected secretary pro tem, in the absence of Mrs. Richardson, whose resignation was tendered and accepted by League.

The minutes were read and accepted after slight corrections. Mrs. Biggs pledge for \$5.00 having been overlooked in the previous report of minutes.

The report of committees being next in order. Mrs. Tucker gave the report upon the sign or state



Fair Booth. The large electric illuminated sign was found to be much too expensive for the League to afford so upon vote it was decided that a pendant sign be used instead with the words Votes for Women painted in single letters, one upon each large globe. It was suggested that a letter of inquiry be written to Mrs. Mary Ware Bennett of New York in regard to the colors to be used in this sign and lighting.

The Bazaar Committee being absent the call for new members was answered by presentation of the following names.

- Mrs. G. H. Fleaming
- Mr. J. H. " both of Silver Creek, Wis.
- Mrs. E. F. Mc Mahon and Mrs. A. E. Grandberry, Jackson.

Payment of dues.



Mrs. Leighton paid yearly dues to the treasurer.

Report of Treasurer.

The League has on hand at present \$26.50 to be used in State Fair appropriation, and in addition to this a donation of \$5.00 from Mrs. Biggs ready when called for.

We were pleased to have with us at this meeting two visiting members, Mrs. Scripps of Saint Louis and Mrs. A. R. Granberry of Jackson.

Mrs. Granberry gave a very interesting little talk about the progress of woman suffrage in the eastern States, where she had been visiting, and spoke particularly of how very strong the enthusiasm and spirit of the cause is widening to all



classes as well as to political and financial women of New England States.

The meeting adjourned ~~to~~ meet the 18<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in September with Mrs. Thompson, a shower of donated articles; for the Fair Bazaar, to be given at this time  
Mrs. Carliton

Sec. pro tem.

Report from Mrs. Carliton's notes by  
Lily Wilkinson Thompson  
Sec. for 1914 - 1915 -



No record of Minutes for September 1913.

October 7 - 1913.

The League met with Mrs. Charles Thompson. The following were present. Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Farley, Mrs. Edmunds, Miss Mudding, Mrs. Leighton, Mrs. Tucker. The present Mrs. Tucker occupied the chair. The State President, Mrs. Hunt was present.

The meeting opened with the Lord's Prayer. The Minutes were read and accepted. The report of the Treasurer was called for by Mrs. Taylor. The fund remaining after donating \$18.75 to the State Fair Booth, was \$10.14.

Articles for Fair Bayars were

collected, Mrs. Biggs Chairman, being absent. Lots for Women's Brown goods was divided by the ladies who promised to make them for the Fair.

Mrs. Hunt made a talk urging the importance of having a Suffrage Day at the Fair. The League adjourned to meet the following Tuesday in the Booth at the Fair. Mrs. Leighton Sec.

Copied from Mrs. Leighton's notes by Lily Wilkinson Thompson  
Feb. 1914 - 1915 -



Oct 21 - 1913.

The Equity League met at the home of Mrs. W. B. Taylor. The meeting opened with the Lord's Prayer.

The secretary was absent and no minutes were read.

The following were present. Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Biggs, Mrs. Parley, Mrs. Carlton. Mrs. J. B. Lister was a welcome visitor.

Mrs. E. L. Edmonds, and Mrs. Parley paid yearly dues.

New names called for; none presented.

Treasurers Report

\$15.00 paid on tithing.

\$3.30 of purse

Committee on sign and light to see Mr. McLe - in regard to expense of same.

General arrangements for the Fair were discussed.



It was suggested that a note of congratulations be sent to Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Sullens, congratulating them and offering good wishes for the little daughter who had just come to them.

Mrs. Taylor served a dainty lunch, after which the meeting adjourned to meet the 18th of November with Mrs. Hartton.

Mrs. Hartton, Sec.,

copied from Mrs. Hartton's notes by Lily Melvin Thompson  
Dec. 1914 - 1915



Nov. 18 - 1913.

The Equity League met with Mrs. Lockett. Those present were Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Biggs, Mrs. W. B. Taylor, and Miss Ridding.

The meeting was opened with the Lords prayer.

The treasurer's report was as follows, Realization from Bayarr Booth. \$50.00. Expense \$93.40  
on hand 21.42

Motion made for Treasurer to send \$8.00 to Robb and Thompson for photographs of the convention. The new names handed in were

Mr. Robb, Mr. Wishart Mr. W. J. Smith all of Jackson.

The meeting adjourned to meet on Dec 3rd with Mrs. Tucker.

Copied from Mrs. Lockett's notes by Mrs. W. Thompson, Dec 1914-15



No record of meeting for  
Dec. 1913.

Jan. 16 - 1914

The League held a meeting in  
the Ladies Parlor of the State  
Capitol. The meeting was opened  
with the Lord's prayer.

(This was during the session  
of the Legislature). Mrs.  
Somerville, State Chairman  
of Legislative Work, Mrs. Bent  
State President and Miss  
Kelle Kearney were present.

The meeting was devoted to  
a discussion of our bill  
to be introduced before  
the legislature. Mrs. Somerville  
advocated asking for the  
submission of an amend-  
ment giving substance to



women on equal terms with men. Miss Kearney advised asking for "Presidential Suffrage" which the Legislature could grant. Mrs. Thompson declared that since, as President - the year before she had first proposed that the bill asking for the submission of an amendment giving women the suffrage she felt committed to this. Mrs. Hunt begged that the women keep with the lobbying in the legislative halls.

(I think this meeting is confus'd with the meeting of the State Sup. Court held in Ladies Hall during the Legislature. No name signed



to notes —

Lily Wilkinson Shoubron  
Dec to 1914-1915-

Feb 3 - 1914

The Regency League met at the home of Mrs. L. H. Shoubron. The meeting opened with the singing of America in concert, followed by the Lord's prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The name of Mrs. George F. Mitchell was presented for membership. An insert here — upon motion the League adjourned to meet the third Tuesday in Feb, the place of meeting to be announced later.

Mrs. Hamilton Lee,

copied by Lily Wilkinson Shoubron  
Dec to 1914-1915. (over)



\* Insert.

Upon motion arrangements were made to offer a prize for the best written essay on woman suffrage to the club women of Jackson.

Further arrangements were left in the hands of the Executive Comm. and reported upon later.

A short program was arranged in which Wofford Tucker and Penrose Thompson favored us with a piano and violin ~~to~~ duet.



Feb 17- 1914

The Equity League held its regular meeting on Feb 17- at the home of Mrs. H. B. Spencer on Gillespie Street. The president Mrs. J. W. Lucker presided.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

The Secretary, Mrs. Hamilton, being absent, Mrs. Charles H. Thompson was appointed Secretary pro tem. Mrs. W. H. Wright who was on the program for a talk on What the Federation Stands for, was absent, and Mrs. Charles Thompson was called upon to take her place. Mrs. Thompson spoke briefly of the legislative measures which the Leg. Federation has espoused. An informal talk followed,



and delightful tea and sandwiches were served by the hostess, after which she graciously showed these present women her beautiful new home, exhibiting some of its treasures, chief among which was the baby girl, the queen jewel of all.

Those present were Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Arthur Greenberry, Mrs. Ed Ford, Mrs. Westreef, and Mrs. Charles Thompson.

Lily Dickinson Thompson  
sec. pro tem.



March 17 - 1914

The Equity League met with Mrs. Arthur Granberry with a bare quorum in attendance. Mrs. Tucker presided. The meeting opened with the Lord's prayer. A general discussion followed. Mrs. Tucker gave an account of the visit of Miss Vernon of New Jersey.

The question of making a public demonstration on May 1 was discussed. Mrs. Biggs, Mrs. Edmonds, Mrs. Granberry, Mrs. Leighton, Mrs. Tucker were appointed a committee to see about a speaker for the day.

House Resolution no one was passed upon by the meeting and carried "Resolved that this meeting calls upon the judiciary committee to make an immediate and favorable report upon House Resolution



no one, proposing an amendment to the Constitution disfranchising women. Sec. was instructed to notify the Secretaries of the of women's clubs of Jackson that the Equity League offers a prize for the best essay on woman suffrage, essays to be type written and turned in to the Secretary of her club, without signature and numbered for identification, all essays to be in the hands of the Secretaries by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Prize to be five Dollars in gold. This offer to be open to any woman's organization.

Adjourned to meet the third Sunday in April, place to be selected.  
 Ella C. Higge  
 Sec. - Prof. Sem.

Copied by Lily Wilkinson Thompson  
 Sec. for 1914 - 1915.



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April 20 - 1914

The Equity League met at the home of Mrs. Lufkin.

The meeting was opened with the Lord's prayer. No minutes being present none were read.

Motion and second that the League offer personal and specific prayers at the noon hour in May 2 for the benefit of a wide spread cause of woman suffrage and the granting of the vote universally (The above paragraph is not exact)

Call for subscriptions to the Women's Journal.

Call for Mrs. Stone.

Mrs. Thompson was appointed chairman of Music for Convention May 22. Mrs. Hamilton chairman on Recreation.

Discussion on Child-Labor  
References (not visible.)



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Agreed to meet with Mrs.  
Vail on Gay's Street  
Unsigned

Proposed by Lily Wilkinson Thompson  
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May 14 - 1914

The Equity League held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. W. W. Biggs on West Capitol Street. The following members in attendance.

President Mrs. J. W. Tucker.  
Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Biggs,  
Mrs. Lily W. Thompson.

owing to the convening of the Mississippi Press Association and the May Pageant at Battle Hall, the meeting was numerically small ~~and~~ but not lacking in enthusiasm.

Minutes of the last two meetings were read and adopted.

Mrs. Thompson received one subscription to the Homasis Journal Plans pertaining to the coming convention were discussed.



It was decided to extend the time and renew the offer to the women's clubs of the city of a prize for the best essay on Woman Suffrage.

The plan of having a regular year book was discussed and favorably considered, and will be brought up at the next regular meeting, the need of some definite plan of work and program being felt.

Adjourned, the place of meeting to be selected later.

Ella C. Riggs  
Sec. Pro Tem.

Copied by Lily Wilkinson Thompson  
Sec. Pro Tem 1914-1915.



No records found for June, and July 1914

August 18 - 1914.

The Equity League held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Charles H. Thompson.

The president Mrs. J. W. Tucker occupied the chair. The following were present. Mrs. J. W. Tucker, Mrs. W. B. Taylor, Mrs. H. W. Riggs, Mrs. E. Vanley, Mrs. Charles Thompson, Mrs. F. H. Hill.

The meeting was opened with the Lord's prayer, repeated in concert.

The election of officers having been left over from the business of the previous meeting was the first business of the afternoon. The election resulted as follows. Mrs. Ella C. Riggs, President, Mrs. J. W. Tucker, Vice President, Mrs. H. St. Clairton Treasurer and Mrs. Lily Wilkinson Secretary.

On the motion of Mrs. Thompson a vote of thanks was uttered



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the out going officers for faithful and efficient service.

The new president, Mrs. Biggs thanked the League for the honor conferred in her election and he spoke for herself and all of the new officers, the earnest support of each member.

Mrs. Thompson, Chairman of the Program Committee reported that she had left on her vacation almost immediately after her appointment and only returned a few days before this meeting. Hence she had no definite report to make. But she promised to have a program and parts assigned for the September meeting. She asked for instructions from those present in making out the program. It was agreed that as far as possible that programs should be outlined in advance though parts could not be assigned for the year.



on account of the fact that new members come in from time to time.

Mrs. Thompson reminded the League of the decision at the last meeting to provide Millsaps and Belhaven colleges and the Carnegie Library with the Woman's Journal for the year, and on motion of Mrs. Taylor it was decided to instruct the treasurer to supply Mrs. Thompson with the necessary amount to pay for these subscriptions. Mrs. Biggs also turned over the check to cover her subscription for another year.

Mrs. Thompson turned in enrollment cards bearing the names of Mrs. Hardy of Pass Christian and Mrs. Stennitt of McComb City.

Dues were collected from Mrs. Ella C. Biggs and Mrs. W. B. Taylor. Mrs. J. W. Harker made the first



contribution to the "Meeting Pot"  
contributing a silver spoon.

Miss Pauline Orr of Columbus  
and Miss Eula Weston of  
Chicago invited guests of the  
meeting arrived as the business  
was being concluded. Upon the  
invitation of the president, Miss  
Weston gave an interesting talk  
on how the vote was won in  
Illinois, and particularly in  
Chicago, and what the women are  
doing with it. Miss Weston is an  
assistant of Mrs. Eula Flagg Young  
and is a distinguished educator.  
She spoke enthusiastically of Mrs.  
Young's great work in Chicago.

It was decided to hold the  
next Tuesday in September with  
Mrs. Eula C. Biggs, after which de-  
cision, the meeting adjourned.

Lily Milkison Thompson  
Secretary



September - 1914

The Equity League held its regular meeting of the third Sunday in September at the home of Mrs. W. W. Biggs, the newly elected president. Mrs. Biggs occupied the chair. The following were present: Mrs. Biggs, Mrs. J. W. Tucker, Mrs. W. B. Taylor, Mrs. H. H. Keaton, Mrs. Charles H. Thompson, and Miss Lillian Trawick.

The meeting was opened with the reading of the 43rd psalm, followed by the chorus, America, sung by the League.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

In response to the call for new subscribers to the Woman's Journal Mrs. W. B. Taylor turned over one dollar to Mrs. Thompson for her subscription to be sent in



with ~~with~~ those for Millsaps, Belhaven College, and the Carnegie Library and Mrs. Biggs.

Informal discussion of State Fair work followed.

The president Mrs. Biggs suggested that the League have official stationery printed.

The program opened with well call, the answers being given with patriotic sentiments.

Mrs. W. B. Taylor then gave an interesting and enlightening concise talk on the Legal Status of Mississippi Women.

Mrs. J. W. Tucker gave a splendid talk on Women and War, including the current suffrage news around the world.

Mrs. Thompson, Chairman of the Program Committee announced that members would



respond to roll call at the next meeting with "eminent opinions on Woman's Suffrage", and that a discussion of laws relating to women in Texas and Tennessee would be given.

It was decided to hold the next meeting October (Tuesday) the 20th with Mrs. Allan Thompson on Belhaven Ave. The meeting then adjourned after which delightful refreshments introducing the suffrage color yellow were served by the hostess, assisted by Miss Lillian Trawick, who wore a dainty Voto for Women apron.

Lily Nickerson Thompson  
Secretary.



October 20 - 1914

The Equity League held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Charles W. (Lily W.) Thompson. The president Mrs. R. W. Biggs occupied the chair.

Those present were Mrs. Biggs, Mrs. W. H. Mallett, Mrs. Harman Thompson, Mrs. E. M. Davis, Mrs. Leonard Robinson, and Mrs. J. W. Tucker.

The program was opened with the singing of the Star Spangled Banner in unison.

Minutes were read and adopted.

In answer to roll call those present answered with eminent opinions on woman suffrage. Mrs. Mallett gave an interesting talk on the nine amendments (constitution) to be voted



on in Mississippi in November.

Mrs. Biggs, Mrs. Charles Thompson  
Mrs. Harriet Thompson, Mrs. ~~E. M.~~  
~~Davis~~ <sup>and</sup> Mrs. Corydon Robinson gave  
brief items concerning woman  
and the law in Texas and  
Tennessee

Informal talks followed.

Mrs. J. W. Tucker contributed a  
silver spoon to the "meeting pot."

The meeting adjourned to meet  
the third Tuesday in November  
with Mrs. Allen Thompson on  
Belhaven Ave.

Lily Wilkinson Thompson  
Secretary