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On Behalf of the Alabama Suffrage Bulletin

To All True and Loyal Suffragists—
Greetings!

With malice towards none and asking charity from all, the Alabama Suffrage Bulletin makes it bow to you.

For a long time a need has been felt throughout the state of some regular suffrage organ to act as a clearing house for all the Alabama Suffrage news. There are almost twenty newspapers in the state which publish weekly or bi-weekly suffrage departments, edited by local suffragists. While these suffrage columns are most important and indispensable channels of publicity and propaganda, still they do not entirely fill our need. What we want is a monthly paper, modelled somewhat after the National Headquarters News-letter, which will serve as a medium of exchange and communication between suffragists in all sections of the state. One great drawback in our state work has been the lack of co-operation and intimacy between women who are all working for a common end, but who are separated by distance. As a consequence, effort has been duplicated, mistakes have been made which might have been avoided, had their existed a sure and regular means of interchange of experience.

The Suffrage Bulletin is designed to supply this means. It hopes to knit together the suffrage elect of Alabama into a closer communion and fellowship than has heretofore obtained, to bridge space so effectually that no precious energy need be wasted. Our legislative campaign is over, and now will come the inevitable let-down in interest and activity. The difficult thing now is to hold together our organization and keep alive the interest. We hope that The Bulletin will prove a potent factor in accomplishing this.

These things we hope to do, but we cannot do them without the support of every suffragist in the state. We ask your help. It is not our desire to have The Bulletin a money-making organ, but we must make it pay expenses. Will you help by subscribing for The Bulletin, sending it to your friends and collecting subscriptions for it? The price is nominal, merely designed to cover printing and postage.

Do it for Alabama!

Mrs. Solon H. Jacobs



President of the Alabama Equal Suffrage Association

Whose activity and efficiency have made her celebrated in the Suffrage ranks.

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Our President's Message

Watchwords are
Propaganda and Organization.

Our strenuous legislative campaign, which stretched itself out over eight months of the past year, is now closed; the Legislators have all been recorded for or against our bill, and the Suffragists are content for the time being. The showing made is remarkable when it is recalled that this is the first time in the history of the State that any Legislature has had to face the issue; that we have been organized such a

short time, and that we have done only a limited amount of general propaganda or educational work.

There is prevalent in the ranks of the Suffragists a distinct feeling of encouragement; we know we shall win, for we are right; we know we shall win soon, for the large majority we secured this time indicates it.

Our temporary defeat will serve as a stimulus to those torpid, apathetic believers who think suffrage is coming anyhow and it is not necessary to exert themselves.

To there, who sit passively by while children endure hideous wrongs, while women are worked incredible hours, are denied equal pay for equal work, are sold into immorality—all of them injustices which the Suffragists know may be ameliorated by the injection of the woman viewpoint into our voting element—to these Suffragists, the refusal of the Legislators will be a spur to goad them into active effort.

To the hard-working, earnest Suffragists, who are already making untold sacrifices, whose zeal and enthusiasm are unvarying, a valuable experience has come by the 2 Legislative struggle, and we have emerged more resolute, better fortified than ever.

In the words of one of the Legislators, "I went into the Legislature a passive, academic Suffragist; I came out with a realizing sense of how acutely Alabama NEEDS the votes of her women."

That the Suffragists may be bound together more closely, may co-operate more effectively, that the individual believers may be kept in touch with each other, this little Bulletin of our work throughout the State is sent on its initial journey.

The Executive Committee, which authorizes its publication by Miss Amelia Worthington, Press Chairman, hopes that the loyalty and pride of every man and woman in Alabama will help make it a really useful means of Suffrage Propaganda. For this is our present intention: to sow such fruitful seed, from one end of the State to the other, that a mighty germination and growth of sentiment shall result, and a powerful organization, whose demand for justice to Alabama women will pass our bill through the next Legislature.

PROPAGANDA and ORGANIZATION, then, are our watchwords.

Faithfully,
PATTIE RUFFNER JACOBS.

In the end, as in the beginning, our message is

SUPPORT THE BULLETIN

Give your earnest support to our suffrage paper.

First, by subscribing for it yourself, and for a number of persons into whose homes it should go.

Second, by securing subscriptions in every gathering of which you are one.

Third, by taking a marked copy to the editor of your home paper. Mark those articles which will especially interest the readers of your home community.

What We Stand For

Resolutions Unanimously Adopted by the Alabama E. S. A. at its Tuscaloosa Convention, February, 1915.

Peace.—Be it resolved by the Alabama Equal Suffrage Association, That as a means to stop this war we urge the President of the United States to call a conference of the neutral European powers in some neutral country. We urge him to appoint as delegates to this conference representative men and women, who shall meet with the delegates from the other neutral powers and unite with them in a demand upon the nations now at war for an immediate armistice. The conference shall then proceed to formulate its message and announce it to all belligerents. If they should refuse to grant an armistice, the neutral conference shall continue to repeat its request until the European people themselves understand its purpose and demand its acceptance.

Be it further resolved, That the Alabama Equal Suffrage Association make an immediate practical effort to bring about a lasting peace by becoming a member of the Woman's Peace Party, and that the Treasurer be instructed to send dues of \$5 to the Woman's Peace Party.

Commendation of Legislature — Resolved, That the Alabama Equal Suffrage Association commends the recent action of the Legislature in removing the disabilities of women to serve on school boards.

Resolved, further, That we will never be content with any half-way measure of freedom or of suffrage, but will keep up the good work until full and equal suffrage be granted to the women of Alabama.

Humanitarian Measures — Resolved, That the Alabama Equal Suffrage Association favors the following measures: Raising the age of consent to 21 years, abolition of child labor, compulsory education and the mothers' pension law.

Equal Pay for Equal Work—Whereas the women in the teaching profession and industry in Alabama are forced to do the same work for smaller salaries than men and for wages much less than men receive for the same kind and quality of work, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Alabama Equal Suffrage Association registers its protests against this manifest unfairness. It protests against the over-long working day for women and children employees obtaining in certain industries in the State.

Thanks to Brewton, Gadsden and Birmingham—Resolved, That we extend thanks to the people of Gadsden, Brewton and Birmingham for the cordial invitations offered by them to next year's convention.

Suffrage Associations In Alabama

In 1911 there were two Suffrage Leagues in the state. Today there are 69 leagues, with an approximate total membership of 3,000 odd—an increase of over 300 per cent in four years. Twenty-seven leagues are auxiliary to the State Association.

Associations Auxiliary to the Alabama Equal Suffrage Association.

Selma E. S. A.—Miss Mary W. Partridge, president.
 Birmingham E. S. A.—Mrs. Angus M. Taylor, president.
 Montgomery E. S. A.—Mrs. L. J. Stern, president.
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 Goodwater E. S. A.—Mrs. T. J. Ponder, president.
 Alexander City E. S. A.—Mrs. Vera W. Williams, president.
 Clanton E. S. A.—Mrs. E. M. Pinkard, president.
 Total number 27.

Associations Not Auxiliary to the Alabama Equal Suffrage Association.

Greensboro E. S. A.—Miss Margaret Hobson, president.
 Pell City E. S. A.—Miss Ellen Spears, secretary.
 Vinemont E. S. A.—Mrs. Mary Munson, president.
 Gurley E. S. A.—Mrs. B. F. Lathem, president.
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 Collinsville E. S. A.—Mrs. C. P. Johnson, president.
 Albertville E. S. A.—Mrs. Mary Meigs, president.
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 Abanda E. S. A.—Mrs. J. T. Woodall, president.
 Wadley E. S. A.—Mrs. M. Handley, president.
 Total number 39.

Constitution and By-Laws

Of the Alabama Equal Suffrage Association, as Amended at the Tuscaloosa Convention, February 2-4, 1915.

Constitution.

ARTICLE I.

Name.

This Association shall be known as the Alabama Equal Suffrage Association, and shall be affiliated with the National American Woman Suffrage Association.

ARTICLE II.

Object.

The object of this Association shall be to secure by appropriate state and national legislation to the women-citizens of Alabama the same rights of suffrage as are now enjoyed by the male citizens of the state.

ARTICLE III.

Membership and Dues.

Section 1. Any local Suffrage Association may become auxiliary to this Association and secure representation in the annual meeting by subscribing to the constitution and paying annually 20 cents a member into its treasury, 10 cents of which shall be sent to the Treasurer of the National American Woman Suffrage Association.

Sec. 2. In localities where no Equal Suffrage Association exists, individuals may become co-operating members of this Association, not entitled to a vote, by paying \$1.00 annually into its treasury.

Sec. 3. Dues shall be payable not later than two weeks prior to the first day of the annual meeting. The Treasurer's books shall close one week prior to the annual meeting.

Sec. 4. The membership of the annual meeting shall be composed of the general officers, chairman of standing committees, presidents of auxiliaries, one delegate at large for each auxiliary, and one delegate for every 25 members or fraction thereof.

ARTICLE IV.

Officers.

The general officers of this Association shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Auditor.

ARTICLE V.

Duties of Officers.

Section 1. The President shall perform all the duties usually pertaining to this office.

Sec. 2. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in case of the absence or disability of the President.

Sec. 3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, and perform such other duties as usually pertain to this office.

Sec. 4. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Association, and notify members of meetings.

Sec. 5. The Treasurer shall keep an account of all moneys handled by her
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and present report of same at the Annual Meeting. She shall pay no bills, except on order signed by the President. The Treasurer shall pay annually the sum of 10 cents a member to the Treasurer of the National Woman Suffrage Association.

Sec. 6. The Auditor shall examine and verify the books of the Treasurer, and report to the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VI. Executive Committee.

The General Officers, the Presidents of Auxiliaries, and the Chairmen of Standing Committees shall constitute an Executive Committee which shall control and provide for the general interest of the work.

Of these, five shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII. Amendment.

This constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the number present at any annual meeting, provided notice of such change be filed in writing with the Corresponding Secretary, at least one month prior to the annual meeting. The Corresponding Secretary, upon receipt of such notice, shall at once notify all Presidents of Auxiliaries.

By-Laws.

1. The time and place of the annual meeting shall be determined at the previous annual meeting, or by the Executive Committee.

2. On the first day of the annual meeting, the President shall appoint a Committee on Credentials, consisting of three members, of which the Treasurer (or, in her absence, any member appointed by the President) shall be

chairman, to receive and examine credentials of delegates and to approve such as are signed by the President and Secretary of the Auxiliary represented. This committee shall report same to the meeting.

3. On the first day of the annual meeting the President shall appoint a Resolutions Committee of five members (chairman to be named by the President), who shall draw up resolutions and present them at some time during the meeting. Resolutions may also be offered from the floor.

4. The general officers shall be elected on the morning of the last day of the annual meeting. They shall be nominated by an informal ballot. The three persons receiving the highest number of votes for any office shall be the nominees, and the election shall be decided by formal ballot. A majority vote shall be necessary for election.

5. Immediately after each annual meeting, the general officers shall appoint the following Standing Committees: Committee on Legislation, Committee on Literature, Committee on Press, Committee on Ways and Means, Committee on Enrollment, Committee on Woman's Journal, Committee on Publicity, Committee on Travelling, Library, Committee on Church Extension, Committee on Organization and Committee on Printing.

6. Special committees may be appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the general officers.

7. The President may fill vacancies in the Executive Committee and in Special Committees occurring in the interim between the annual meetings.

8. Each member of the Executive Committee and chairman of Special Committee is required to submit to the President by the fifth day of each month, a written report of her activities and progress.

9. (a) Any monies raised by, given to, or accruing to any officer, Chairman of Standing Committee, or Chairman of Special Committee of the Alabama Equal Suffrage Association for any phase of state work, shall be turned over to the State Treasurer by the first day of each month.

(b) The Treasurer shall place to the

credit of each Chairman of Standing or Special Committees, all monies turned over to her by the said chairman, and all monies placed in her hands for the committee work of the said chairman.

(c) Each Chairman of Standing or Special Committees may draw on the Treasurer, for use in her committee work, for sums upto and including the amount placed to her credit on the Treasurer's books.

10. No person shall have authority to organize in the State in the name of the Alabama Equal Suffrage Association except with the consent of the Chairman of the Organization Committee or of the President; and authorized organizers shall incur no expense to be borne by the Alabama Equal Suffrage Association without the approval of said Chairman. Expense accounts of authorized organizers must be approved by said Chairman in order to be paid by the Treasurer.

11. (a) Delegates and Alternates to the Annual Convention shall be elected by the convention at that annual meeting held next before the National Convention. Each Auxiliary shall send in a list of candidates, and from this list a slate shall be prepared by a nominating committee of three or more, to be appointed by the President. The Convention shall then elect by majority vote. In the event of the resignation of any Delegate and of her Alternate, the President shall fill the vacancy by appointment.

(b) In the event of the enrollment of associations subsequent to such election, and prior to the National Convention, additional representatives shall be elected by the Executive Committee, by any method it may choose, from such candidates as have been submitted by the newly enrolled associations. No association enrolled later than one month prior to the National Convention shall be eligible to be represented in said Convention.

(c) Any Delegate and Alternate who fail to notify the President at least six weeks prior to the National Convention of their acceptance, in writing, shall be automatically dropped from the delegation and the vacancy filled by appointment by the President.

12. These By-Laws may be amended or altered by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting, provided one day's notice be given in writing in the Convention.

Alabama Suffrage News Exchange

Of course you like to gossip. What woman doesn't? Next month, and every month after, this whole page will be open to suffrage gossip. Send us your plans, ideas, news, personal items about suffragists, or favorite brief quotations. **CONTRIBUTE.** We want to hear from YOU. Let's establish a mutual aid society on this page in which to discuss our problems, solved and unsolved.

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