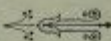




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WOMAN SUFFRAGE

→❖ DIRECTORY, ❖←

— by Sarah H. Richardson
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Prepared by a Member of the

Wisconsin Woman Suffrage Association,

*for the Use of its Officers, Members and
Other Friends of the Cause.*

Is woman legally a person? Is she constitutionally a citizen?

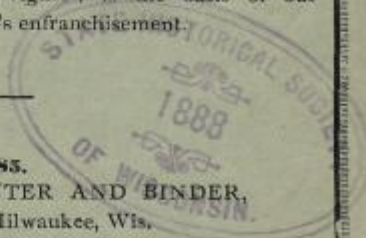
If not, what is she?

"Human rights" not "woman's rights", is the basis of our
demand for woman's enfranchisement.

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THE WOMAN SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT.

ITS RISE AND PROGRESS.

Since the first "Woman's Rights Convention," known in history as such, at Seneca Falls, New York, July 1848, in which Mrs. Stanton brought forward what then seemed a most daring resolution even to Lucretia Mott, that staunch advocate of human rights, to the present day, when Woman's Suffrage Conventions are held annually in almost every state in the land, and even the most timid dare re-assert that "it is the duty of the women of this country to secure to themselves their sacred right to the elective franchise," the change in public sentiment regarding "woman's duties and woman's sphere" has been so great, that a backward glance at the rise and progress of the movement seems not out of place at this time. Listen to the words of Mrs. Stanton's biographer: "That convention and, above all, its demand for woman suffrage, excited the universal laughter of the nation. Wonder-stricken people asked each other the question, 'what sort of creatures could those women at Seneca Falls have been?' Even Judge Cady, on hearing what his daughter had done, fancied her crazy, and immediately journeyed from Johnstown to Seneca Falls to learn for himself whether or not that brilliant brain had been turned." And this,

LESS THAN FORTY YEARS AGO.

At that time "A few earnest, devoted women began the agitation of the question of equal human rights, regardless of sex and ridicule, opposition and misrepresentation have followed them from the beginning of their struggle for equal civil and political rights, down to the present time. The banner which they fearlessly flung to the breeze bore the inscription—Open our college doors to our women—open all occupations and professions to women for an untrammelled choice. Equal pay with man for equal labor, and equal civil and political rights for all human beings. These women have unfalteringly and persistently promulgated these eternal principles of justice, and to their faithful agitation we owe every upward road that has been mapped out for equal opportunities for women. Every step gained is a perpetual vindication of the justice of the demands of these pioneer women. Our colleges, with few exceptions, admit our daughters. The trades, the counting rooms and the various occupations are open to our women,

and tens of thousands are now quietly and modestly earning a living in pursuits from which thirty years ago they would have been driven by a scandalized public sentiment. Go where you may, woman is working, self-reliant, self-supporting, brave and strong. Women practice medicine, lecture, preach and practice law, and few, if any, think of molesting or making them afraid. Women are paid much better in nearly all vocations, and in hundreds of instances there is no sex distinction. Broad, liberal and just legislation regarding the property rights of married women has been steadily secured in nearly every state in the union." Most of the laws which degraded women have been repealed or modified. Limited suffrage obtains in twelve states, and in three territories the rights of suffrage is in no manner restricted on account of sex.

FROM WYOMING AND WASHINGTON

territories come most encouraging reports of the working of the system. Similar approval comes from the Isle of Man, where universal suffrage obtains. "In Washington Territory last fall, out of a total vote of 40,000, 12,000 ballots were cast by women and everywhere friends were rejoiced and opponents silenced as apprehended dangers vanished upon approach." The legislatures of Vermont, Michigan, Colorado, Kansas, and Nebraska, have submitted woman suffrage amendments to the voters in their respective states, and though in each instance the amendment failed to carry, its submission was an educator to public sentiment, and in Kansas and Nebraska the gratifying result of one-third of all the votes cast was obtained. Year after year the

NATIONAL WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

meets at Washington, and owing to its persistent efforts, congress has come very near submitting a sixteenth amendment to the state legislatures. The court of claims has at length done justice to Anna Ella Carroll, who planned the campaign upon which Grant's fame as a general largely rests; and it but remains for the American people to accord her at least equal honors with the "leader of our armies." Soldiers are almost invariably our friends, for how can they turn a deaf ear to

THE APPEAL OF CLARA BARTON.

"When you were weak and I was strong I toiled for you. Now you are strong and I am weak. Because of my work for you I ask your aid. I ask the ballot for myself and my sex. As I stood by you, I pray you stand by me and mine."

The list of the leaders of progressive thought in this generation who have espoused and urged this reform would fill

pages, while scarce'y one could be named who has opposed it. "We are no longer the ridiculed few, but the respected many" says Senator Palmer, and he urges this reform, not because we desire it, not even because it is right, but because

THE NATION HAS NEED OF WOMAN'S CO-OPERATION.

Even though we "nominate no ticket and possess no barrel" interest will be attached to the proceedings of our conventions and the time is not far distant when through our influence the "barrel" will not be such a potent factor in our politics. The progress of this reform since its inception has been slow, but it has been sure. Not even the

DIVISION OF OUR WORKERS IN 1869

into the National Woman Suffrage Association and the American Woman Suffrage Association, has been a detriment to our cause. Since that time, these two organizations for the same purpose, have continued successful work in converging directions. The Nationals have made an amendment to the United States Constitution, their chief object, while the Americans devote most of their energies to state work. While recognizing the worth of both, our State Association is auxiliary to neither. The first work for woman suffrage in our state may be said to date from the organization of the

WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

in March, 1868, before the division in the work of the woman suffrage movement. A convention was called by them in Milwaukee in 1869, with Stanton, Anthony and Livermore as speakers. They adjourned to Madison and held one session in the assembly chamber, Governor Fairchild presiding. The first effort of the association was directed to forming sub-organizations in counties. Although personal service in this direction was given by Madame Anneke, Rev. Augusta Chapin and Miss Lila Peckham, all officers of the association, their efforts did not meet with the success desired, owing to the lack of interest felt in the movement by the people at large. They then decided to inaugurate a new departure which should educate the multitude; and as lyceum bureaus were then very active,

SUFFRAGE LECTURES

were introduced to the whole field of the north-west through them. Many of the zealous workers of the past ten years acknowledge that they owe their enlightenment to such speakers as Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Mary Ashton Livermore, Susan B. Anthony and Phoebe Cozzens. Good work was also accomplished by them in distributing suffrage literature, circulating petitions, and sending delegates and money annually to the National Convention at Washington.

NATIONAL AND STATE CONVENTION IN MILWAUKEE.

In 1880 a state convention was held here in conjunction with the Nationals who were then holding conventions in many of our western cities. Owing to the mixed nature of the convention and to other circumstances beyond the control of those in authority, the few local clubs that responded to the call by sending delegates, found no encouragement to become auxiliary clubs or to work in conjunction with the state association. This was regretted by many, (members of the association as well as others) and the desire for an association which should better represent the suffrage sentiment of the state at large, grew so strong, that in September, 1882, a call was issued for

A MASS CONVENTION AT MADISON.

As the call for the convention was signed by officers of the old association, and as some of its officers have been elected and served as officers of the new, the "Wisconsin Woman Suffrage Association" may be considered a re-organization of the "Woman Suffrage Association of the State of Wisconsin." But before sketching the work of our state association since its re-organization, we will glance briefly at the work of local clubs previous to that time. The first to claim our attention is the

MADISON EQUAL SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION,

organized in May, 1878, with Mrs. Bascom as president. In the distribution of suffrage literature and the publication of suffrage leaflets in county papers, it did much toward educating public sentiment. To it is due the honor of having called the convention at Madison, which resulted in a state organization, since which time its existence as a local club has ceased, some of its members and officers becoming members and officers of the state association. Second to none in importance of work accomplished, is the

MARATHON COUNTY WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION,

organized in 1879. Besides circulating petitions and distributing literature, it has furnished free suffrage lectures to many cities and organized clubs in some of them. It has probably done more financially, to help forward the cause, than any other local club in the state. One of the fruits of its labor is the

GRAND RAPIDS AND CENTRALIA EQUAL SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION, organized by its agent in the summer of '82. According to their delegate at the convention in September '82, they kept up regular meetings, subscribed for two suffrage papers, thus

keeping posted as to the progress of the cause, and keeping up their interest therein. A fine report was at that time presented to the convention by their secretary and delegate Mrs. Stella Baker, then of Grand Rapids, now of Dexter-ville. Lack of space alone forbids our reproducing it. About the same time was organized a

WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION AT MOSINEE.

Though failing to send a delegate to the convention, an encouraging report of the progress of the work there, was sent by their secretary, Kate Fellows, since deceased. Previous to the organization of the last two mentioned clubs a suffrage lecture was given by

REV. OLYMPIA BROWN, AT BERLIN.

A suffrage organization had been formed there previous to the convention in Milwaukee in 1880, to which they sent Miss Eliza Brown as delegate. Although they seemed interested in the cause at that time, they sent no delegate to the convention at Madison and we believe there is at present no active suffrage organization there. Going to the southern part of the state we find the "Mukwonago Woman Suffrage Society," organized in May 1880. They sent Mrs. Libbie Gault and Mrs. M. M. Frazier to the convention at Milwaukee, in June 1880, and Miss Collins to Madison in '82. Though few in numbers, they have been active workers in the cause since their organization, and are always ready to help it forward in every possible way. There was a strong

SUFFRAGE ORGANIZATION AT RICHLAND CENTRE,

previous to the convention at Madison, to which they sent delegates, but most of their work as suffragists has been done since. We believe there was also an

ORGANIZATION IN SAUK COUNTY

with its headquarters at Baraboo, but owing to absence from home of our correspondent, we have not been informed as to the progress of the work there. A brief sketch of the

WISCONSIN WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION,

the societies organized by it, with remarks upon work of organizations, whether auxiliary or otherwise, will now be given. The convention which formed the association met at Madison, September '80 with Lucy Stone, Henry Blackwell, Mary E. Haggart and Florence Kollock as speakers. In giving our western people an opportunity to hear these eminent eastern and southern speakers, and as the first step toward a fuller co-operation among our workers, this convention was productive of much good; but most of us regret now that we

gave so little time then to the formation of a constitution, suited to meet the special needs of our state work. Soon after the convention

A STATE ORGANIZER WAS APPOINTED,

but the main elements for successfully carrying forward the work were sadly lacking. With financial aid from the Marathon County Society, we succeeded in giving suffrage lectures in Milwaukee, Wauwatosa, Bay View, Rochester, North Prairie, New London and Oshkosh. Ripon was also visited by the agent, but no time could be fixed upon for a lecture, convenient for both parties. At several places quite an interest was shown, but another lecture would have been necessary to induce them to organize. Two clubs were formed in Milwaukee—the "South Side Woman Suffrage Association" and the "Olympic Club" of the North Side. Our inability to secure a quorum of the Executive Committee soon forced us to abandon this branch of the work. In October '82 the

WHITEWATER WOMAN SUFFRAGE CLUB

was formed. Beginning with a membership of 12, by December of the same year they numbered 52, and at present have upwards of one hundred names on their list of members. The club meets every two weeks and has readings and discussions on the topics of the day. They have a column, headed, "Equality Before the Law" in the Whitewater Register, which has done much towards educating the public sentiment of the place. By special request, the names of the members of the club have been omitted from the Directory, only those who are also members of our state association being entered. Though the

STATE ASSOCIATION WAS INACTIVE DURING '83,

local clubs and individuals kept up their interest in the cause. Amy Talbot Dunn as "Zekle's wife," visited Milwaukee, Whitewater, Richland Centre, Menomonee, Tomah, Grand Rapids, Mosinee, Schofield, Wausau, Merrill and New London. A few of the same places had a lecture by Mary E. Haggart soon after. Both of these ladies, also Mary A. Livermore, May Wright Sewall, Evelgen L. Mason, Nancy Comstock and others, took part in the

WOMAN'S COUNCIL AT RACINE

in March 1883. Under this modest title some of the most conservative ladies of Racine were induced to participate in the proceedings. Yet, with this exception, and its necessary concomitants, it would be hard to distinguish it from a woman suffrage convention. In fact, it was one, of the purely educating kind. Every speaker on the platform spoke straight for woman suffrage, and the

CHICAGO MALE QUARTETTE

sang woman suffrage songs to the immense amusement of the audience. Owing to the wise and able management of Rev. Olympia Brown, the council was a success in every respect. It undoubtedly did much toward educating the public sentiment of Racine in favor of woman suffrage.

THE OLYMPIC CLUB OF MILWAUKEE,

besides having Mrs. Dunn, gave a series of free lectures by Mary E. Haggart, May Wright Sewall and Rev. Olympia Brown. The Mukwonago Woman Suffrage Association also had Mrs. Brown to lecture. Mary E. Haggart, Amy Talbot Dunn, and May Wright Sewall were brought into the state by the agent of the Marathon County Association, and more than their share of the expense was borne by them. Owing to the death and resignation on account of sickness, and other causes, of several of the officers of our association, in the summer of '83, no annual convention was called that year. At a

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION AT RACINE JUNE 12, '84, resolutions on the death of our lamented treasurer, Alice Frisby of Madison, were passed, resignation of officers accepted and vacancies filled. A committee was appointed to draft amendments to our constitution, and another to make arrangements for our next annual meeting. The Indiana method of raising funds by enrollment lists was adopted, and Helen R. Olin, empowered to re-engage in the work of getting suffrage leaflets published in the county papers. At our next

ANNUAL CONVENTION AT RICHLAND CENTRE SEPT. '84,

the proposed amended constitution was submitted for the first time, to be brought before the association for final action at its next annual meeting. The publication of suffrage leaflets which Mrs. Olin found herself unable to attend to, and which received a little attention from another member, was passed over to Mrs. Georgia James, in whose hands it has remained since. Milwaukee, Whitewater, Mukwonago, Racine, Madison, Evansville, Sextonville, Lone Rock, Grand Rapids and Schofield were represented at the convention, and from most of these localities encouraging reports were received. Richland Centre's report was in its able management of the convention, its town full of woman suffragists, and its homes, where equality reigned. The reports from those who had circulated the enrollment lists were mostly favorable, and with a slight modification, that method of securing names and raising funds was again adopted. Mrs. Julia Bowen was appointed chairman of the committee on finance, Mrs. V. H. Campbell was made state organizer, Alura

Collins was appointed chairman of committee on legislative action. Rev. Olympia Brown was elected delegate to the National Convention which met at Washington the following winter, our recording secretary was instructed to prepare a report for the same, and S. H. Richards authorized to prepare a woman suffrage directory for the association. Mrs. Bascom and Rev. Olympia Brown occupied one evening, the former with an able paper read before the convention, the latter with one of her eloquent and soul-stirring speeches. Other home speakers contributed their share towards our entertainment, and a most instructive essay on Madame de Stael was read by Helen Rich, of Missouri. The closing evening was given to Helen M. Gougar of Indiana, who had been giving lectures at Schofield, New London, Menomonee and perhaps other points in the state. She kept her engagement with us in spite of almost insurmountable obstacles, and left the impression with us that she was not only one of the most effective platform speakers it had ever been our pleasure to listen to, but also that she was a "glorious woman"—almost indeed

*"A perfect woman nobly planned,
To warn, to comfort and command"*

While recognizing that this was one of the most successful conventions ever held in the state, and though provision was there made for a great deal of work for the ensuing year, all regret that more time was not given to the discussion of the work we had in view. We trust that this defect will be remedied at our next convention.

WORK OF THE YEAR.

Mrs. Julia Bowen as chairman of committee on finances, with her helpers, has made good use of the enrollment lists. Richland Centre has furnished more members to our State Association than any other locality in the state. Though some of our best workers are there, owing to their request, none of their names appear among the "special friends of the cause." All of their names will be found either among members of our State Association, or other friends. In their State work they have been represented principally by Mrs. Laura James and Mrs. Bowen, both women of great ability and earnestness of purpose.

OUR STATE ORGANIZER

reports the formation of four auxiliary clubs. A society was organized at Milton, December 18, 1884, at Evansville, December 23, at Albany, January 24, 1885, and at Boscobel, April 29, 1885. Several lectures were given in these places by Helen M. Gougar, at or about the time of the organization of these clubs. She also gave two lectures at Janesville, Dec. 19 and 20, 1884, but not sufficient interest was there mani-

fested in the cause to call for an organization. A club was organized at Marietta, Crawford Co., about three miles from Boscobel by Emily G. Taylor, of Boscobel. Our organizer made good use of our enrollment lists in her work and returned us quite a number of members to the State Association, from Evansville and Milton. The members and other friends from Cooksville and Brooklyn are members of the

EVANSVILLE EQUAL SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

The Constitution and by laws of this society are notable for their brevity and perspicuity, and were it desirable to have uniformity in this respect, they might well serve as a model. Lack of funds alone, prevented the further development of work in this direction. We hope that most of our force may be centered in this work the coming year, for nothing augments the cause so much as organization.

MISS COLLINS' WORK AT MADISON.

forms a most important feature in this year's accomplishments. After the general election last fall, she corresponded with the members of the legislature, mainly, to obtain their views on the subject of woman suffrage. When the legislature convened she went to Madison, and, though all unacquainted with legislative work, succeeded, with the aid of friends, in securing a "Joint Special Committee on Woman Suffrage," composed of Senators James and Hudd, and Assemblymen O'Neill, Vilas, and Johnson,—had introduced in the Senate a memorial to Congress, for a XVI amendment, bills in the Assembly granting school and municipal suffrage, and a joint resolution to amend the state constitution. Though every measure except that of school suffrage, failed to pass, there were many encouraging features connected with the work.

THE HEARING BEFORE THE COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 25, was largely attended from various parts of the state. "Owing to the lateness of the hour at which the committee met, it was impossible to hear all who came prepared to speak. Mrs. Georgia James, Mrs. Lytton, Mrs. Mason, Prof. Sweet, and Mrs. Trippe, spoke strong and earnest words in behalf of Wisconsin women, and then Mrs. Gougar spoke directly and earnestly on the bills for nearly an hour. She made a very effective speech. In the evening the Assembly chamber was crowded with an immense audience to hear her. Rev. Olympia Brown, our energetic and forceful vice-president presided. We retained Mrs. Gougar ten days and she worked earnestly and effectively.

March 18th the joint resolution to amend the Constitution by striking out the word "male," was the special order of the evening.

HON. FRANK M. NYE,

who introduced the bill spoke earnestly and enthusiastically

in its beha'f. Though finally lost, it was by but very few votes, and if all the friends of the measure could have been present at one time, it would undoubtedly have carried. The same day the school suffrage bill was concurred in by a vote of 57 in favor to 26 against. This law will be submitted to the voters of the State at the next general election, November, 1886." It requires only a majority of all the votes cast on that question in order to pass. If ratified by the voters of the state, it may prove a stepping stone, at least, to something higher. The wording of the bill is, "shall have a right to vote at *any election pertaining to school matters.*" This virtually gives "municipal suffrage" to women, or else excludes city women from school suffrage, for in most cities, there is no other way for women to obtain a vote at "any election pertaining to school matters." If the school suffrage law should pass, and it should be decided that it does not grant "Municipal Suffrage" to women, every city whose women are thereby debarred from school suffrage, should have a bill introduced into the legislature to amend its city charter, granting municipal suffrage to its women.

The prospects of our ultimate success at Washington, will be presented to us by Rev. O. Brown, at our next Annual Convention, at Whitewater.

In summing up the year's work, the preparation of the
WOMAN SUFFRAGE DIRECTORY,
alone remains to be accounted for. The report of this work, lies in the work itself. Yet a few words regarding its object may not be out of place.

It has been our endeavor to make everything secondary to the main purpose—to furnish a convenient reference for officers and agents of the Association in prosecuting their work. With this in view, we have sketched the work done in the state, showing when, where and by whom it was accomplished. In characterizing individual workers, it has not been our purpose to unduly laud or criticise any, but to give such an estimate of their character as workers in the cause, as will show, approximately, what may be expected of them in this line in the future. Where possible, this work was given to those we deemed most capable of forming a correct judgment concerning the merits of the individual under consideration, using our own judgment, in shortening or altering such accounts, to a very limited extent.

While many have aided us in obtaining names of other friends of the cause, we are especially indebted to Miss Collins and Mrs. Campbell, for valuable assistance in this direction. If any friend into whose hands the directory falls, notices any mistakes or omissions, we would be glad to have them make mention of the same to any officer or authorized

agent of the Association. We feel that there must of necessity be a number of them though we have striven earnestly to avoid it. Only to-day, we became convinced of one, by listening intently to the conversation of one whom we had long supposed to be a friend of the cause, and whose name we had entered on our list. The gentleman referred to is pre-eminently philosophical, and was bringing the "physical force" argument to bear very strongly, in his conversation with a lady, whom a few moments previously he had characterized as possessing the best brain in a family of four boys and two girls. Had an opportunity afforded, we would have asked, whether his philosophy made force or brain the more potent factor in solving the problems of a great nation. But to return to our directory. We wish it understood that the present work is experimental. A beginning must be made sometime. We trust that in a year or two, the society will be able to bring forward a more complete work and one freed from the imperfections of the present. With that in view, we trust that all friends of the cause will send in names and addresses of other friends throughout the state. Those who circulate enrollment lists should obtain the P. O. addresses of the signers.

Neenah and Menasha, Green Bay, Oshkosh, Black River Falls, Neillsville, Ft. Atkinson, Monroe, Juda, New London and Berlin, are towns in which a strong Woman Suffrage sentiment exists, but which possess no organization. They are good fields for future work in this direction. Marathon, Richland, Rock, Milwaukee, Waukesha and Walworth counties might very profitably be made the centres from which to send out organizers for the adjoining counties. Our future force ought to be put mainly into organization, and now seems to be the best time to begin that work. In concluding our remarks on the directory, we would say, that the work of preparing it has been contributed by a member of the Association; that the cost of printing it has been put at the lowest possible figure, by the printer, a warm friend of the cause, and that the expense has been defrayed by voluntary contributions from friends who believed it would be a benefit to the cause. We trust that they will not be disappointed, but that they will accept it, with all its imperfections, as the earnest and honest effort of a co-laborer, who here wishes to return thanks to them for all their kind aid and encouragement.

SPECIAL FRIENDS OF THE CAUSE.

MADAME FRANZISCA MATILDA ANNEKE.

"Though she has joined the choir invisible," we feel that even this brief sketch of the work in Wisconsin for Woman Suffrage would not be complete without a few words concerning this illustrious woman. Early in life she took her stand against the wrongs of humanity, by following the fortunes of her husband, who in the German troubles of 1848, united with the revolutionists in their cause against German despotism. She even joined him in the field and took a place on his staff, of which Carl Schurz was also a member. But, when the revolutionists were overpowered, and they came together to this country in 1849, how different was the reception of Madame Anneke from that of Carl Schurz, in this "land of the free and home of the brave!" Though it has never been claimed that in intellect, integrity or moral purpose, she was one whit his inferior, our government has accorded to him all possible honors while she has passed to the "great beyond," unrecognized even as a political unit in this just (?) republic. Why?

She was one of the earliest workers in this country for the cause of woman, advocating her enfranchisement as early as 1850. She was the faithful co-laborer of Dr. Wolcott in former days, when nearly all the work for the advancement of the cause was done by a very few. At our Convention in Milwaukee in '50, she addressed her countrywomen in German.

In 1865 she established at Milwaukee a "Young Ladies' Academy," which at once took high rank among educational institutions. Many young women throughout the Northwest, some of whom owe to her the gift of their education, hold her in the highest esteem as a teacher and in affectionate regard as a woman and a friend.

MRS. M. C. ATWATER,

a member and one of the most faithful workers in the South Side Suffrage Club of Milwaukee. She has been a member of the State Association since its re-organization in '82, and has done good service to the cause by circulating suffrage literature and enrollment lists.

PROP. G. S. ALBEE,

President of the State Normal School at Oshkosh, is a firm friend and outspoken advocate of the equal right of the sexes to all the privileges of education, not excepting the education of the ballot-box.

JOHN BASCOM, L. L. D.,

President of Wisconsin University, has been an active suffrage worker for many years. While connected with Williams College he worked to secure the admission of women thereto. As one of a committee of five to whom the matter was referred, he, together with David Dudley Field, presented a minority report favoring their admission. Since he has been at the head of our State University he has been in perfect sympathy with its liberal co-educational policy, and has insured to the young women equal advantages in every respect with the young men. To his wise management may be largely attributed the success of higher co-education in Wisconsin. He gave an able and scholarly address before our convention at Madison in '82, and is always found ready to speak for woman suffrage, both in public and private. His influence has done much for the advancement of the cause in our state.

EMMA CURTISS BASCOM,

wife of President Bascom, has done a great deal of suffrage work for securing favorable action from our State Legislature. She organized the Madison Association, and with the co-operation of other societies and individuals effected the re-organization of the State Association in '82. She accepted the office of President of our Association for a brief time, but prefers doing her portion of the work with her voice, pen and purse, rather than in managing the affairs of the Association.

REV. OLYMPIA BROWN.

Wisconsin may well be proud of this noble pioneer in the Woman Suffrage movement. As Miss Anthony well says, "She is a host in herself." We believe she was the first regularly ordained woman minister in the U. S. As in all cases where women have entered into unbroken professions, every inch in the path of her progress was vigorously contested by the conservative element. She is a graduate of Antioch College, and also took a theological course at Canton, N. Y., being the only young lady in the class. The young women who graduate yearly from the latter institution, may well thank her for having broken the way into a profession for which women are peculiarly fitted. As early as 1838, she was spoken of by Mrs. Stanton, in "Eminent Women of the Age," as the most promising young woman then speaking in the cause. Besides her natural gift of oratory, she has had special training under Dio Lewis, and at the Boston School of Oratory. Add to this, practice in pulpit speaking for over twenty years, and it is not surprising that we find in her one of the most powerful public speakers in the cause anywhere. "The small and delicately organized, her powers of continuity and concentration are wonderful. She was the most prominent speaker in Kansas in '67, when a woman suffrage amendment was submitted to the voters. She spoke every day for four months, twice and three times, Sundays not excepted." At the National Convention at Milwaukee in '80, her voice was first heard as a Wisconsin woman suffragist. Since then, she has lectured in several towns in the state, and delivered an address before our Convention at R. C. last September. As the representative of our State Association at Washington last winter, she reflected great credit upon our choice. She has been an officer of our association since its re-organization, and is always ready for active, vigorous measures in behalf of the cause she has so long had at heart.

MARY W. BENTLEY.

as member and officer of the Marathon County Association, and as member and officer of the State Association, has rendered the cause good service. Having a ready command of language, her special forte lies in writing, and in personal advocacy of the cause in private. She has been corresponding secretary of our Association for the past year.

STELLA BAKER.

In spite of the obstacles, natural and artificial, that always beset the path of a married woman who enters upon professional work, Mrs. Baker has earned for herself enviable distinction as an artist of merit. Though her chief work as a woman suffragist lies of necessity in her doing well the work of her chosen profession, she is ever ready, as occasion offers, to speak a good word for the cause, and to aid it in that substantial manner we all so well appreciate. She was formerly a member and one of the leading spirits in the Grand Rapids Society. At present she resides at Dexterville.

NANCY COMSTOCK.

is well known throughout Wisconsin as one of the strongest talkers on the temperance question in the state. Her reasoning is clear and logical, her arguments strong and forcible. Though not professedly a woman suffrage speaker, she has probably done more to make woman suffragists prohibitionists, and prohibitionists woman suffragists, than any other person in the state. She is never afraid of mixing them. In fact she is not afraid of anything, except perhaps, that some partially converted reformers will be afraid to stand by their principles. She was a member of our old State Association, and is also a member of the new. She will ever be found ready to help forward such measures for the advancement of our cause as, in her judgment, appear wise.

ALURA COLLINS.

Her chief work as a woman suffragist has already been noted under legislative work last winter. Faithfulness, perseverance and patience, the qualities most needed to successfully carry forward that work, she possesses in a pre-eminent degree. They

characterize her in whatever line of work she undertakes. She has been a member of our State Association since its re-organization and for the last year one of its officers. As a worker for the cause, Miss Collins has few equals.

V. H. CAMPBELL.

An account of Mrs. Campbell's work as State Organizer will be found in its appropriate place. To one accustomed to viewing things from the surface, who can discern only visible result, the organization of four societies may seem like a slight task; but to one who has ever tried the experiment of making—not exactly something out of nothing, but what comes very near it—making a great deal out of a little, her work will appear in its true light, of inestimable value. Earnestness of purpose, indomitable energy and a broad and liberal spirit—these are the qualities most needed in an organizer, and no one can deny them to Mrs. Campbell.

MARION V. DUDLEY.

One of the strongest advocates of our cause, from a literary point of view, is Mrs. Dudley, of Milwaukee, wife of the Rev. J. L. Dudley, the noted divine. As Marion Churchill, she had acquired some fame as an authoress previous to her marriage. Since her union with Mr. Dudley, a man of great breadth of mind and depth of thought, she has had advantages of culture, which, coupled with strong native talent, have won for her enviable distinction as a writer and speaker. She has pleaded twice for woman's enfranchisement before our state legislature, and her published speech is replete with the most convincing arguments in favor of the cause. Though not a member of our Association, Mrs. Dudley has done the cause good service, and we honor her therefor.

HON. J. T. DOW.

We believe that to Mr. Dow, of Rock county, is due the honor of having introduced the first bill for woman suffrage in the legislature of Wisconsin, in 1866. He also made an able speech in its behalf. We are sorry to say that Mr. Dow is no longer a resident of our State.

JULIA A. FORD, M. D.

One of the most successful practitioners in Milwaukee is a graduate from the Cleveland Homeopathic College. The manifestation of pulmonary disease in her daughter led Mrs. Ford, when in her fortieth year, to study medicine. She commenced practice about fifteen years ago, and has been unusually successful. She is a true, earnest friend of woman, and endeavors at all times to aid the advancement of woman, in lines of mental and moral development.

ALMAH J. FRISBY, M. D.,

sister of our late treasurer, and daughter of Attorney-General Frisby, is a graduate of the Boston University School of Medicine. Since her graduation, in '81, she has practiced medicine in Milwaukee, with good success. She is a member of our State Association, and in full sympathy with its aims and objects.

HATTIE TYNGE GRISWOLD,

of Columbus, is well known to all, as a lady of rare literary merit. Her poetry breathes the broad and liberal spirit we should expect from an advocate of justice. Tho' not by nature fitted to engage in active suffrage work, she has rendered the cause good service by accepting the office of president of our Association for the past year. Through her writings, and by personal advocacy in private, she is known as a warm friend of the cause.

ALMEDIA B. GRAY,

of Schofield, our energetic chairman of the executive committee, is one of the genuine workers in the cause. She is possessed of executive ability in a pre-eminent degree. What she can't do

herself, she generally manages to get others to do, no matter at what labor to herself. She is always ready, in season and out of season, with her words and her work for woman suffrage. Her character as a suffrage worker is summed up in saying "she is an efficient chairman of executive committee."

EVELEEN L. MASON,

as a speaker and writer in behalf of our cause, is well known to all Wisconsin suffragists. She is a member of the National Woman Suffrage Association, and also of the Moral Educational Society, of Washington. Being a lady of culture and leisure, she has given generously of both for the furtherance of her favorite reforms. Although not at present a resident of our state, she is a member of our State Association.

SAHAR MUNRO, M. D.,

has been a practicing physician in Milwaukee for several years. She is treasurer of our Association, and was secretary of the former State Association. Our sketch of the work of that Association is taken almost verbatim from her admirable report to our state convention in '82. Dr. Munro is in the fullest sympathy with all measures that, in her judgment, tend to woman's advancement.

F. M. NYB,

of Polk county, was our able advocate last winter at Madison. His speech has been published in the "New Era," and nearly a thousand copies of it distributed throughout the State.

JOHN M. OLIN,

an alumnus of Williams College, and graduate of the Law School of the Wisconsin University is a successful lawyer in Madison. He is a man of marked energy of character and great earnestness of conviction. His sincerity, eloquence and rare logical powers have won him wide distinction as a public speaker and an effective champion of both prohibition and woman suffrage.

HELEN E. OLIN,

wife of John M. Olin, is an alumna of the State University. She is a woman of great force and breadth of character. Her free, helpful, progressive spirit is in full sympathy with that of her husband, while both keep pace with the advancing thought of the age. By the distribution of suffrage literature, by raising funds, and by staunch personal advocacy, Mrs. Olin and her husband have rendered the cause great service.

MARY G. FEARCE.

A member of the S. S. W. S. A., of Milwaukee, is one of the warmest friends of our cause. She was a member of our former Association, and has kept up an active interest in the cause since, always responding promptly to any appeal for aid. She and her daughter have recently joined our State Association, and may always be relied upon as strong friends of the cause.

JENNIE M. POMEROY,

as a member of the Grand Rapids Society, and also of our State Association, has done good service to the cause in circulating enrollment lists, and in various other ways. She is ever ready to do all in her power to further the advancement of the cause.

HANNAH PATCHIN

Has been the leading spirit in all efforts to educate the New London people on this question of justice. She attended the National Convention at Milwaukee in '80, and has manifested an interest in the cause since by engaging suffrage lecturers and doing other work of a kindred nature. As virtual postmistress at New London she has proven woman's ability to perform such work with honor to herself and credit to her sex. She is a member of our State Association.

H. FRANCES SERCOMBE, M. D.,

one of the most successful of our women physicians, is a graduate of the Chicago Woman's Medical College. Since her graduation,

she has had considerable hospital practice, both in Chicago and Boston, and has spent over a year in studying medicine in Germany and Austria. She is a strong advocate of thorough preparation on the part of women for their chosen work. Her broad and liberal spirit is in the fullest sympathy with all worthy reforms, of which this is chief. She was a member of our former Association, and is also of the present.

ELIZA WILSON,

of Menomonee, is one of the warmest friends and advocates of the cause. Though not a member of our Association, she has manifested a deep interest in the cause, in various ways often assuming the total responsibility of bringing suffrage lecturers to her native city. Miss Wilson is a business woman, as her correspondence with the officers and agents of the association plainly indicates.

LAURA ROSS WOLCOTT, M. D.

Last, but not least, is one of our pioneers. Probably no woman's name has been so long known to women at large throughout the state as an advocate of our cause as Mrs. Wolcott's. She is a graduate of the Pennsylvania Medical College, one of the three schools of medicine that, thirty years ago, admitted women. Entering the profession at a time when woman's right to a place therein was far more vigorously contested than at present, she has pushed her way, in spite of obstacles, to the very summit, and is recognized as the equal of the leading male physicians of our city. Doubtless her marriage with Dr. Wolcott, about fifteen years ago, has helped her to the position she now occupies but this was only supplemental to strong native talent, a thorough education, and determination to succeed in her chosen work. Her long and faithful service in behalf of our cause entitles her to the respect and honor of every advocate of justice. May we all "fight the good fight of faith" as valiantly as she, and not become discouraged when the battle is almost won, because some may fail to appreciate our work.

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M. L.—Members of the Legislature who voted for all suffrage measures last Winter are enrolled among "other friends", and marked "M. L.," except Senator James, who is a member of our Association.

In our remarks upon legislative work we omitted mentioning that over 2,000 names of adherents to our cause were sent to Madison; also protests from tax-paying women, representing property valued at many thousands of dollars. The names in our directory selected from enrollment lists are but a few of the many.

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