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But we are civilized women - living in a civilized age & the
women of America will gain their franchise through constitutional
methods & through constitutional methods alone. -
I will say again, first - last - & all the time -
non-violent, & only through constitutional methods.

Unable to give a detailed account of her wonderful speech
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Monday, Dec. 1st — Report

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at Hotel Bellevue to discuss new Natl Constitution to receive in-
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for the good of our State & Natl.

After hearing Mrs. Hepburn & Miss Rudely-Rees of N.Y. & Lawyer Shaw of Conn.
explain the new constitution in regard to its auxiliary & affiliated
memberships & their methods of contributing to Natl, a motion was made
to accept constitution as it stood & unanimously passed. (However, later
on in the week at convention, the proposed new constitution was pretty
nearly lashed to pieces. After much wrangling & two special committee
sessions two out of the three proposed modes of contributing for support of
Natl were accepted & the 3rd was lost.) Meeting adjourned & picture
was taken on steps of Hotel Bellevue. Then delegates came later
in the week - not in picture.

Conn. called to order at Mas. Temple 2, 30 by Dr. Shaw, & the welcome
from Dis. of Col. Sup. Assn was given by Mrs. Nina Alexander. Welcome
from Conn. Union by Sup. Assn in Dis. of Al. that aims entirely to bring
all its influence on legislative Congress by Miss Alice Paul
Response on behalf of N. A. W. S. A. by Mrs. Patty Ruffner Jacobs
of Alabama.

Reports of Officers & Departments by officers of Natl. consisted of
of Membership, Com., Creditable Com., Railroad Ratio Com.
& of Auditors, Treasurers, Corresponding Secy. Press Bureau, & Lit.

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Evening - 8.6' clock - Masonic Temple - ~~Danny Adams~~ ^{Danny Adams} presiding.

Subjects for evening - 1913 Victories.

Illinois - Catherine Tragh McAlloch - at. for State Assn.

Ella Seass Stewart

Grace Milburn Trout - Pres. of State Assn.

Antoinette Frank

Ruth McConnick

Elizabeth K. Booth

Women of Ill. introduced as Citizens from the State of Abraham Lincoln; ^{Frances Willard} & Jane Adams

Alaska - Dr. Shaw

Address - The Nat'l Amendments - Lucy Burne

South - State Rights

"We can no longer say that the Federal Gov. cannot bestow Suffrage - that it must be from the States, because Congress the Income Tax has come through Federal Law - going over States' Rights - the election of judges. Instead of States electing Judges - Fed. Gov. now appoints judges"

Pres. Annual Address - Dr. Anna Howard Shaw.

It was by far, without any exception, the finest speech I have ever heard. Coming home, I said to one of the Conn. Delegates "Did you ever hear a woman make a better speech?" the reply was, "I will go further than that, to say, 'it was the best speech I ever heard, excepting none'."

A few years ago, previous to Nat'l Con. I wrote out what I considered a very good speech, ^{which I read} it must have fallen short of being so, when some of my friends came to me afterwards & said "Never do it again". It now, I have no speech - All I have written down is what some good "Antis", if there are any good Antis, & some great men have said on the subject of suffrage.

Victories gained now make it a right to demand amendment to Fed. Con. giving votes to women - no longer "please give us the votes" - "Milady is angry!"

The National Congress has clearly not realized what has happened ^{when Illinois gave votes to women} ^{through the vote of 1/6 of the U. S. Senate - 1/4 of the House of Rep. - 1/6 of the entire Elec. vote of this Rep. is brought under the direct influence of 3.600,000 women now enfranchised.}

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from Membership Com. - Creditably Com. - Railroad Rates Com. -
+ the Auditor Treasurer, Cor. Secy, Reso Bureau & Lib report,
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to their scarcity - England explains that it is burdened with
an excess of 1,000,000 women. - The men of Alaska have
won their vote.

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Mrs. Sherman - (Milady is angry) - Time passed when women
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3.600,000 women now enfranchised.
(not on that right - not in an angry undignified manner)

REPORT OF NATIONAL CONVENTION
for

Thursday, Dec. 4, 1913.

From 10 o'clock Thursday morning to 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon polls were open for the annual election of Directors of the National Association.

A business session also began at 10 o'clock. The Convention having discussed at length the rights and duties of Affiliated and Auxiliary Members as prescribed by the proposed new Constitution, and having decided to omit a clause providing for a deficit in funds supplied according to that Constitution for the support of the National, it was agreed to adopt said Constitution,-- the same which was published in the Woman's Journal for Oct. 11th.

Since it not only seemed necessary to place the National on a different financial basis from heretofore, but obviously unjust to the Executive Committee not to do so, attention was next turned to the budget required by the new Constitution; in other words, to an estimate of next year's expenses, based on those of the current year. The budget for 1914 had previously been printed in connection with a report of the National Treasurer and circulated among the delegates for their consideration. Questions at once arose as to the necessity for various expenditures mentioned on the report, and as to others which certain members thought not sufficiently

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itemized. Some inquiries were reasonable, others showed a shamefully grudging spirit, and there appeared to be a tendency among the members of the Convention to regard the National Association as a body foreign to their own. Dr. Shaw retained her accustomed patience until the question came up as to whether certain Directors paid their own office rent. Then asking Miss Addams to take the chair she addressed the delegates.

"Your president", she said, "works without salary; she is given the use of one office room at the National headquarters. When she goes to a campaign state she asks \$25 for expenses, and often it costs \$75 to get there. Nine times out of ten when she makes addresses she is not paid; but by the generosity of a friend who has contributed a fund of \$20,000 for this work, she is able to go whither she is called. In three of the campaign states the fund was turned by that fund of \$20,000; and what it enabled your president to do. And if re-elected, as the primaries indicate, she will go on giving the best that is in her, ^{2nd} She is willing to pay the rent of the office she has at headquarters".

The budget was adopted.

Meantime, Mrs. Medill McCormick and Mrs. Desha Breckinridge, having been appointed a committee of two to ask the President if

December 7, 1911.

Mrs. John Rogers Jr.,
102 East 30th Street,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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Please advise me if this date is agreeable to you and if it is possible, unless your lecture will take up the evening in which case we will need no other speaker, to secure any one else to speak thus making a good evening of it and awaken more interest in this town.

Mrs. LeBoutillier cordially offers to entertain you and will meet you upon arrival in Ridgefield if you will either communicate the time to Mrs. LeBoutillier or myself.

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Very sincerely,

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My dear Mrs Workman

It will give me great pleasure to speak
for suffrage in Ridgefield, if we can agree on a date.
And I think I could talk long enough on California
& suffrage in general to fill the evening. Tho it
would be interesting to hear first a report of
the Ridgefield Club & how it has grown & what
work it proposes to do etc -

I fear that Jan 10th is an impossible date for me -
I shall be in Ridgefield at my own house from
Fri. Dec 22nd to Tuesday Jan 2nd for the holidays,

and if you could give me any date in that
time, I should be delighted to speak -

Would Wednesday evening Dec 27th or any evening
in that week, after Tuesday, be possible for you?

After I return I have to be in Jan 2nd. I have
too much work here, to think of going away

again, until the middle of February - but I
could probably come in the latter part of February -
Harker I hope very much that you can have

me Dec 27, 28, 29th or 30th -

Please, thank Mrs Le Bontillier very much for
her kindness in inviting me to stay with
her, & tell her that I am sorry not to
be with her, but hope to see her which

December 13, 1911.

My Dear Mrs. Rogers:

Your letter in regard to coming to Ridgefield received and upon consultation with our officers I find that they agree it would be impossible to get a satisfactory audience on any of the dates you have named as it is between Christmas and the new year and so many are out of town or exceedingly busy with social or other duties. We are sorry for this condition but if you will name a date in February that you could come we will be very glad to arrange a meeting then and shall look for your reply.

We are also glad that you can give us an ^{entire} evening for the campaign in California as carried on will be very interesting and we shall be happy to hear all about it from one who was on the ground at the time.

It will be necessary to advertise the meeting and as press committee will you forward me a few facts for use in the newspaper story and any other information that could be used in this way.

Respectfully,

Edua Lewis Workman
(Mrs D. W. Workman)

I will write her later on.
Please announce that I will
answer questions at the end
of my talk -

Sincerely yours
Elizabeth S. Rogers

Please tell me who the
representations in the Con-
gress are, from Ridgefield
districts are, & when they

are up for re-election -
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January 11, 1912.

My Dear Mrs. Rogers:

Our league voted to hold its public meeting February 28th, subject to the wishes of the vestry. This latter clause was added in case there were any difficulty about the parish house which I think is improbable as Mr. Wheeler told me he thought it would be alright. The only question that might arise is in regard to lent. Some might object on that score but as I previously stated Mr. Wheeler assured me he believed that it would be alright.

Mrs. LeBoutillier gave me the privilege of again saying that she would gladly entertain you while here.

Our meeting will be at eight o'clock in the Parish House and I assure you the ladies want the fact well advertised so we hope to get all that can be crowded into the building. As it is necessary for me to have the title of your subject on the posters and postal cards we are to send out would you kindly let me know exactly how it should be worded. I know what you are to talk of but prefer to have you give me the title.

We are having small but profitable meetings in our league.

Very sincerely,

Edna Workman

January 17th 1912.

My Dear Mrs. Rogers:

Yesterday I heard from Mr. Wheeler in regard to our having the Parish House for our meeting and he informed me that the vestry would allow such a meeting this time but not again as there is a feeling against the movement and it would be better to have our meetings in some public place.

Thank you for the title of your topic and I do hope that the meeting will be successful.

Sincerely,

Mrs. D. W. Workman

You asked me who were the representatives from Ridgefield, to the Conn. Legislature, Mr. Samuel A. Coe and Mr. D.F. Bedient and they come up for reelection next fall as the legislature sits in 1913 again. Charles Peck of Danbury is the senator from this district and Mr. Bedient is not a senator but merely a representative

Mrs. D. W. W.

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My Dear Mrs. Rogers:

At the regular meeting of the Ridgefield Equal Franchise League, Wednesday afternoon, March sixth, 1912, a vote of thanks was tendered you for the interesting and instructive talk you so kindly gave for it on the evening of February 28th, 1912.

The League feels that the meeting was a huge success and thanks you for so ably presenting the movement.

Here's success to your big parade.

Sincerely,

Corresponding and Recording
Secretary.

MAR 8 1912

Dear Miss Olcott:

At the regular meeting of the Ridgefield Equal Franchise League, held Wednesday afternoon, March sixth, 1912, a vote of thanks was tendered you for the large amount of interesting literature you supplied for our public meeting February 28th.

The League instructed its secretary to extend to you and your family its sincere sympathy in the loss of your esteemed brother, Dr. George N. Olcott.

Sincerely,

Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary.



June 24, 1913.

Dear Mrs. Karp =

I learn from Miss Willing that
you wish a report of our Equal Franchise
League in Provincetown. Unfortunately
Mrs. Allen has been ill, Miss Chase
the President, also ill, and I have
been away. So the only thing I
can report to you is that meetings
have been held regularly and the
League was represented at the
Hastings Hearing by ^{Dr.} Allen
and me and that we have ^{all} kept the

interest alive to such an extent that the
antis have begun to organize in self defense.
As we had got in well ahead they have only
such people as have already convinced
antis. In view of Illinois being come
into the fold I think we can feel that
things will boom in the East and that
the Pacific Equal Franchise League
will do its full share as in the
past. We gave \$100.00 to the Campaign
Fund, besides 50.00 to the State
and 50.00 to other work. It seems to
me that we can fairly count as helpers
in the splendid work Fairfield County,
under you, is doing -

Yours very sincerely

Chas. Olin

Comm. Secy
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Borden July 23 1913

My dear Miss Allee

*I have rec'd today the
check from you, sent to Miss Washburn for the
bannettto and cards. I looked up to see just how
Ridgefield stood on my books o'k in every detail.
All dues and all pledges paid.*

*With a long list of people waiting to be paid
by the C. W. S. A. I wish I had a few more leagues
like Ridgefield to pay up.*

Here is the receipt-

Yours most sincerely

Mary J. Rogers - Treas.

SIMEON E. BALDWIN
GOVERNOR
EDWIN S. THOMAS
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
FRANK D. ROOD
EXECUTIVE CLERK

KENNETH WYNNE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HARTFORD

December 6th, 1913.

Dear Madam:-

Your letter of the 5th inst. addressed to his Excellency, Governor Baldwin, in regard to Mrs. Wakefield, is received.

No application was made to the Board of Pardons by Mrs. Wakefield's lawyer. He has taken an appeal to the Supreme Court of Errors.

Yours very truly.

Kenneth Wynne
Executive Secretary.

Miss Anna M. Willing,
Ridgefield.

Report of the Ridgefield Equal Franchise League
to the Fairfield County Meeting: Mrs. H. H. Knox, Chairman:

Madame Chairman and Ladies:

I have the honour to report to you that the Ridgefield Equal Franchise League has continued its activities as far as possible along its regular winter lines. In April the new schoolhouse was dedicated, and the League, through its member, Mrs. Allee, presented a Winged Victory to the school, typifying thus its own aspirations as well as those of all who believe in education.

Through the District leader constant pressure was brought to bear on the Representatives from Ridgefield and elsewhere to permit the question of Woman Suffrage to come to the people and neither the members of the League, nor its leaders were in any way discouraged by the adverse vote, but on the contrary, were encouraged by the fact that it was less than formerly.

Meetings have been held at members' houses each month, and at the June meeting a resolution was passed, as follows:
"Resolved: that the Ridgefield Equal Franchise League will stand loyal to the National Woman Suffrage Association and in support of that resolution will send the amount, \$50.00, pledged at the National Convention."

At the regular meeting, held on August 2nd, the resolution passed by the National Woman Suffrage Association at the Chicago Conference and ~~endorsed~~ adopted by the National Executive Council, Chicago, June 8th, was ~~carried~~ by the League: as follows:

Resolved, (a) That the National Executive Council considers that it is inconsistent and unsuitable for members of the Official Boards of the affiliated associations to be members of the Congressional Union, or any other suffrage organization whose policies have been found to be in opposition to the policies ~~have been found to be~~ in opposition of the National American Woman Suffrage Association; (b) and that we recommend to the affiliated associations that they shall not permit their organization machinery to be used in co-operation with the activities of such opposing organizations."

The League desires to go on record at the Fairfield County meeting as being wholly concerned with votes for women ~~and~~ and ~~as~~ ~~believing~~ that its State officers should use the organization machinery for that one purpose and not in any way for opposition to the National American Woman Suffrage Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Edna Workman,

Sec'y.

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MARY OLCOTT,
CASAGMO
RIDGEFIELD, CONNECTICUT.

July 29th, 1915.

Dear Miss Holmes:

You were very kind to send me notice of the meeting at Mrs. Bryon's of the Womens Christian Temperance Union, at 3 o'clock on Tuesday. Unfortunately I already had an engagement to read a paper before the Ridgefield Garden Club at the house of Mrs. Hooker in South Salem, at almost the same hour; so that it was impossible to be present at your meeting.

I should be entirely willing to join the Union, if it really meant temperance and not prohibition. I feel strongly that all efforts to win temperance must fail of any great good until women get the vote. Once that is given to us, we shall have a handle we have not now and a method of using direct influence as to regulating liquor saloons we have not now, and cannot have ever, without the ballot.

In our beloved Ridgefield alone, think what it would mean, think what good women could do, if they could vote at the polls for no license! Think what they could do, if they even could vote for the six saloons Ridgefield is entitled to under the present law, and insist, by not electing such men as refuse to support the law, that unlicensed saloons should go! If we had the vote, we could do this, precisely as our women voters insisted on having the new schoolhouse,--and got it, not by talking, but by using the only thing all men understood,--the ballot! When women and men work together for objects that are good, not merely by indirect methods, but by direct ones,--and I know of only one that is absolutely direct,--the vote,--then at last the ideas both of women and men will have a chance of solving some of these terrible problems.

Work, then, my dear Miss Holmes, for Christian Temperance and the Union, but do not forget, for Christian Temperance your friends forget, that it cannot be more than a makeshift until the vote comes to women.

Yours very sincerely,

Mary OLCOTT

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September 21st, 1915

Dr. W. H. Allee,
Ridgefield,
Connecticut.

My dear Mr. Allee:

The National American Woman Suffrage Association understands that you were kind enough to pledge \$5.00 at the National Convention last November, to be paid July 1st, - this to go toward the work of the National Association "in honor of the hospitality of the women of Tennessee".

With the four campaign states there are of course more things to be done this year and more calls for money and suffrage work of every sort than ever before. We would therefore be especially grateful if you could find it convenient to pay this pledge at this time when we are in such urgent need of funds.

Assuring you of the deep appreciation which the National Board feels for your interest and co-operation in our work -

Sincerely yours,

Emma Winner Rogers
(Mrs. Henry Wade Rogers)
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\$5.00 - Mrs. Allee

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THE RIDGEFIELD EQUAL FRANCHISE LEAGUE
RIDGEFIELD, CONNECTICUT.

Report of R. E. F. L. from Oct. 1st 1913
to Sept. 19, 1914.

The League sent 5 Debs. to State Con. a year ago & 6 to the Natl. Con.

The regular monthly meetings of the League have been held, 1 parlor meeting, & 4 school house meetings in outlying districts. These have been remarkably well attended & much interest shown displayed. Two junior leagues, (a boy's & a girl's) have also been organized. In Feb. Miss Alysse Gregory addressed the League on Ward Organization. On May 2nd, an open-air meeting outside of Town Hall was held & resolutions adopted. It was fairly well attended. Because of so much illness among the League members, it was found that no one would be able to go to Hartford; but a float was entered for the Parade from the League. On May 26th an evening meeting was held at Town Hall addressed by Mrs. Knox & Miss Gregory. At the 4th of July Celebration, in honor of laying the cornerstone of the new school bldg, the League was well represented by in the parade by a float,

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(the same which New Canaan League had used at Hartford) likewise the report with Comm. trying to catch up, & ten decorated automobiles. Because of own illness, & in their families, the resignation of Pres., 1st Vice-Pres., Sec'y, Town Leader was submitted & the League thus far has been unable to fill the vacancies. Its active work has therefore been somewhat at a stand-still; but we hope very soon to be able to carry on our active work as usual.

Respy submitted
A. M. Drilling
Com. Sec'y.

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WOMAN SUFFRAGE PARADE

AT HARTFORD, CONN.,

Saturday, May 2, 1914, 3 P. M.

ORGANIZED BY THE

Connecticut Woman Suffrage Association

HEADQUARTERS: 55-57 PRATT STREET, HARTFORD, CONN.

TELEPHONE CHARTER 4217



Connecticut Delegation in New York Parade, May 3rd, 1913

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 Cromwell

Dear President:

The National Board urges upon you to co-operate with them and with all of the other States in the Union, in organizing a simultaneous open-air demonstration, to be held in all the cities and in all the small communities of your State, the second day of May, 1914, at 12 noon.

These demonstrations should be called to order by a trumpet blast.

The program is to be:

A Song

An Address

Resolutions to be sent to Congress
National Hymn of Suffrage Faith.

The opening music will be sent later in a communication by the Board.

The persons to address each meeting may be decided by the local officers, and in case it is impossible for a local organization to procure a speaker, a speech will be provided by the National Association to be read on that occasion.

The same set of resolutions will be adopted everywhere and the form later prescribed.

The hymn is now being composed by one of America's ablest writers and will be printed and sent to you at an early date for general distribution. The expense of printing and distribution will be borne by the National Association.

Enclosed is a copy of the Call, which please have printed in all your local papers as soon as possible. Should any organization in your State desire to make a further demonstration upon that day, in the way of parades, festivals, banquets, or celebrations of any nature, they are, of course, urged to do so.

This demonstration will be further strengthened by the parades planned in various states which at the suggestion of the Congressional Union will be held simultaneously.

If there are localities in your state where there are relatively few suffragists, as yet unorganized, who desire to participate in Suffrage Day celebrations, will you communicate with us concerning them at your very earliest opportunity, as some plan will be worked out to meet this.

Respectfully yours, ANNA H. SHAW

President, National Woman Suffrage Association.

suffragists, because it afforded them an immediate leverage for the support of the position a majority of them are about to assume, but the underlying thing that brought about their last determination was "politics".

"The Democratic leaders do not want the party to go on record as for woman suffrage, and the creation of a standing committee at this time, so they pointed out, would mean practically that. The President resisted the importunities heaped upon him to include a suffrage mention in his message, and this "hint" was sufficient for the leaders."

"The disadvantage of a vote on the proposition on the floor of the House, which would compel every member to either to "dodge" or be placed on record either for or against suffrage, likewise is recognized. The Democrats, generally speaking, and the Republicans as well, do not want the issue to reach the floor. Hence the pressure on the Rules Committee."

At the evening mass-meeting the returns of the election were announced as follows:

President - Anna Howard Shaw
Vice-President - Jane Addams

2nd Vice-President - Mrs. Desha Breckenridge, of Ky.

Recording Secretary Mrs. Mary Ware Dennett

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he would see a committee of delegates, had visited the White House and been told that Mr. Wilson was ill, but if able, would see the whole Convention on Friday.

During the afternoon session Mrs. Brown of New York, presented a plan for incorporating a publishing company for the printing of all suffrage literature, and thereby relieving the Association of much expense. The plan was accepted and \$11,000 worth of stock in the new company immediately subscribed by various individuals and Affiliated or Auxiliary organizations.

Dr. Shaw finally stopped these subscriptions in order to request pledges for the support of the National, which it would be less easy to secure later. Within a short time the pledges had amounted to \$12,577.

Another event of the same day, though not among the actual doings of the Convention, yet of deep interest to that body, was an "anti" hearing conducted by Mrs. A. M. Dodge, President of the National Association Opposed to Woman's Suffrage, before the House Committee on Rules. There were a larger number of speakers than at the Suffrage hearing of the day before, and the "Washington Post" probably gives a fair statement of the attitude in which they were received by the Committee, when it says, "The Rules Committee yesterday were glad to hear the arguments of the anti-

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The last feature of the evening was an address by the International President, Mrs. Catt, in which she outlined the conditions under which men had received the vote and pointed out that by similar evidences women to-day deserve the franchise.

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Then, upon the motion of Miss Clay of Ky., it was agreed that under the newly adopted Constitution there should be a third vice-president; and Miss Ruutz-Rees ^{of Conn} was forthwith nominated and elected.

The first speaker of the evening was Miss Harriet May Mills of N.Y., whose subject was "A Prophecy Fulfilled". She declared that in New York the fight for the vote was practically won , and that in 1916, the women of the state would have suffrage.

Our state president, Mrs. Hepburn, spoke next, on Hartford Women and Commercialized Vice". The result was the passing of a resolution to urge that the Kenyon Bill be allowed to come to the floor of the House for debate. This bill would make it possible for individuals to prosecute owners of property rented for prostitution, enjoining such buildings as nuisances.

This resolution was followed by an appeal for pledges which was generously responded to, many being made in honor of people and events, among which were Mrs. A. M. Dodge and her funeral.