

WORK IS BEGUN BY SUFFRAGISTS

AT STATE CONVENTION IN CITY
OF GENEVA.

VARIOUS REPORTS ARE PRESENTED

Membership in Country 25,000, Says
Mrs. Ella Hawley Crossett, Presi-
dent of State Society, in Her
Annual Address—Greetings Given

Geneva, Oct. 15.—The thirty-ninth annual convention of the New York State Woman Suffrage Association opened in the First Baptist Church this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The church is decorated with yellow, the color of the club, and back of the president's desk hangs a large American flag. In the auditorium each county is designated by a card bearing the name of the county. There are thirty-one counties represented in the convention.

The afternoon session was opened by Mrs. Ella Crossett, president of the state association. The hymn, "Battle Hymn of the Republic," was rendered, after which the pastor of the church, Rev. W. K. Towner, offered prayer.

The report of the Credential Committee was postponed, owing to the lateness of some of the trains carrying delegates to the convention. President Crossett then appointed the committees of the convention. Mrs. Charlotte A. Baldrige, president of the Ontario County Political Equality Club, made the address of welcome, which was responded to by Mrs. Crossett, who also read her annual address.

The address was a review of the work done by the association in the state during the past year, showing that the association was represented in thirty-one counties in the state with 100 clubs, fourteen of which were organized during the past year. Seven were reorganized. The total membership in the National American Association was given as being about 25,000.

Reports of the following officers were then read: Corresponding secretary, Miss Alice Williams; auditors, Mrs. Eliza W. Osborne and Mrs. Fanny Garrison Villard; treasurer, Mrs. Annie E. Merritt; vice-president, Miss Harriet May Mills; Enrollment Committee, Mrs. Verna Hendrup Haley; School Suffrage Committee, Mrs. Jennie E. McKinney. The remainder of the afternoon session was taken up by the introduction of new clubs and an informal reception.

The church was filled at the evening session, which opened at 8 o'clock with an organ prelude by Mrs. W. A. Gracey and prayer by Rev. W. W. Weller, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, followed by a soprano solo by Mrs. W. H. Parkridge; violin obligato, Mrs. Clarence Oullet accompanied by Mrs. O. J. C. Rose at the organ.

Miss Anne F. Miller, president of the Geneva Political Equality Club, gave the greetings. Greetings were also made by Mayor Rose and City Attorney W. Smith O'Brien. A response was made by Mrs. Williams, of Buffalo.

An address was given on "Industry and Woman Suffrage," by Miss Caroline Lexow, of New York, followed by another address by Rev. Langdon C. Stewardson, L.L. D., president of Hobart College.