ERADICATION OF ILLITERACY

Lexington District Organized for Work, Following Address of Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart at Phoenix Hotel.

WOMEN TAKE CHARGE OF GREAT MOVEMENT

Following an address on the subject of "Illiteracy in Kentucky," yesterday morning, before the annual meeting of the Kentucky Literacy Commission, Mrs. Wilson Stewart, of Morehead, Ky., chairman of the Kentucky Literacy Commission, the Lexington district, was appointed chairman of the committee for the eradication of illiteracy, which includes the cities of Lexington, Nicholasville, Danville, Harrisonburg and Georgetown, was announced by Mrs. Lyman Chalifet, vice president; Miss Frances Jewell, vice president; Mrs. Raymon, corresponding secretary, Mrs. Henry Lloyd, secretary, and Miss Elia Williams of the Executive Committee of the Lexington district, and they will appoint committees on publicity and education for the work.

No solicitation will be made for funds, but it is hoped that the volunteers and contributions of the committee will be voluntary. Mrs. Stewart said that the last legislature gave the committee $10,000 to make a survey of the condition of literacy, and that it is expected to receive a grant of $50,000 the next General Assembly.

The meeting was attended by about 100 representatives from all parts of the state, and Mrs. Stewart, who was introduced as one of the most enthusiastic and capable women in the state, was given an enthusiastic reception. Mrs. A. M. Harrison presided and Miss Jewell, who will act as corresponding secretary.

Mrs. Stewart said: "This is an emergency case," began Mrs. Stewart, "and we must act at once, and now. The newspapers of Indiana, Ohio and New York are all making the same appeal to us, and we must eradicate it from our borders. We are no longer going to have the same condition we had ten years ago in Kentucky. Today we have reduced the number of illiterates by 30,000, and we are on our way to get rid of all of them by 1920. We have every reason to believe that we will get every one of our citizens literate, and we have 87,000 illiterate voters.

Mrs. Stewart, who is a member of the first class of the night schools in Rowan County, is one of the leaders of the movement, and has been a prominent figure in the organization of schools in 1915, at which time she began her campaign to stamp illiteracy out of the state. She is the only one of the small number of men who are also illiterate, and who are making a determined effort to better themselves and to make the state literate in 1920. The campaign has been conducted in all parts of the state, and the results have been very satisfactory.

Campaign Opens Nov. 3.

The Woman's Forward Movement, under the leadership of Mrs. Stewart, is a financial movement, and all contributions are on a voluntary basis. The campaign has been conducted in all parts of the state, and the results have been very satisfactory. The campaign will continue until November 3, and it is expected that the state will be literate by that date.