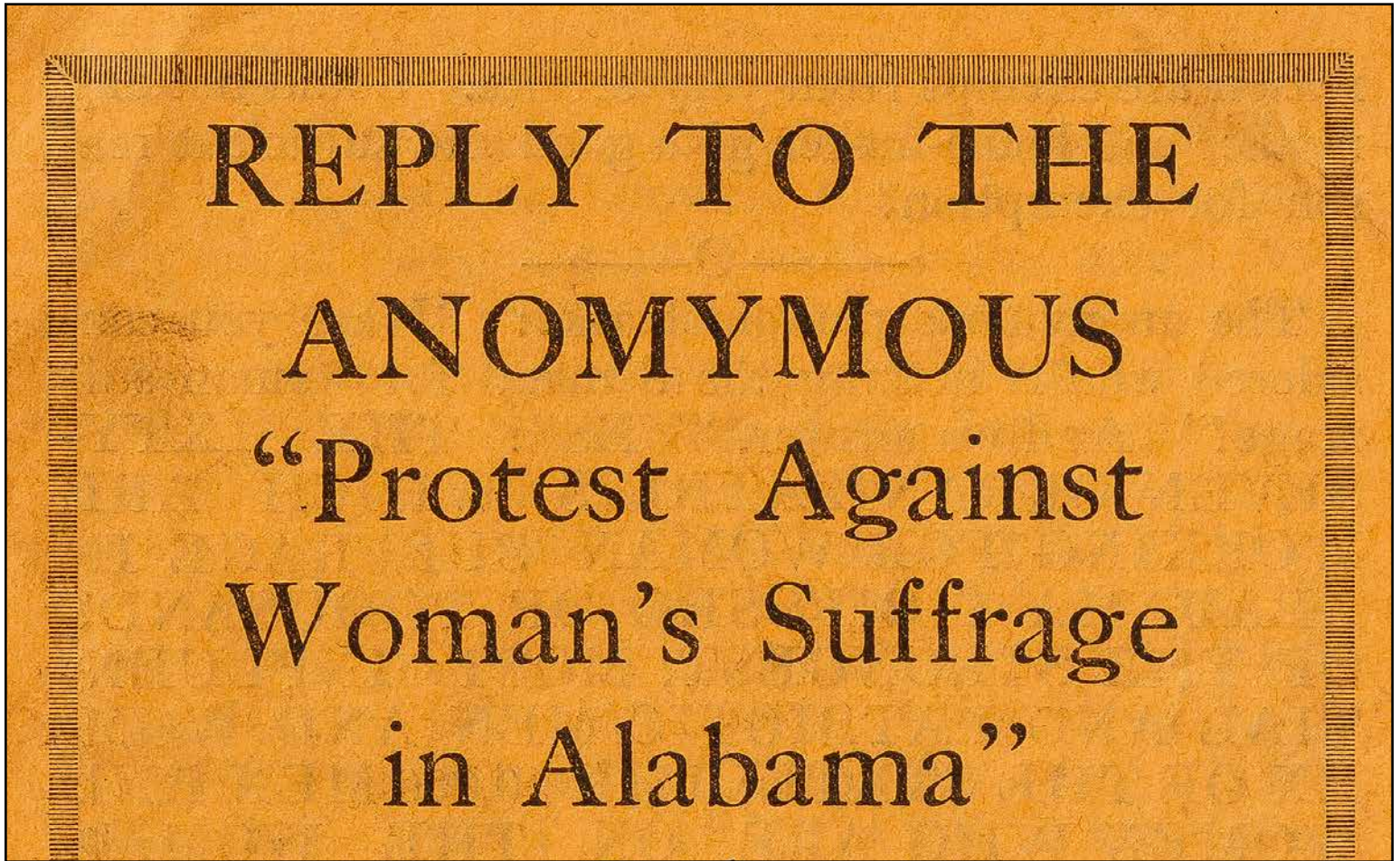


Alabama Equal Suffrage Association

Reply to the Anomymous "Protest Against Woman's Suffrage in Alabama" by the Alabama Equal Suffrage Association on Behalf of those People Who Believe in a Democracy

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Pamphlet. Measuring 5½" x 8½". Single orange quarto sheet folded once to make four pages. Very good with scattered light creasing. A reply by the Alabama Equal Suffrage Association (AESA) refuting an anonymous flyer distributed to members of the Alabama Legislature in 1915 shortly before a vote on a suffrage bill in the Alabama House. The reply points out that the bill does not give woman suffrage, rather it simply allows a suffrage amendment to come up for a vote in the next election. The AESA also defends the vilification of Anna Howard Shaw who had appeared at the AESA State Convention earlier in 1915 and clarifies (sadly) that suffrage would not include black women: "Alabama women are not waging a fight for NEGRO suffrage it is a fight for WOMAN suffrage." While it is not known how damaging the anonymous flyer was to AESA's suffrage efforts, the bill lost support from the very representative who submitted the bill shortly before the vote, which fell 12 votes short of the three-fifths majority it needed. Alabama women gained suffrage five years later in 1920 with the passage of the 19th Amendment, though it was not officially ratified by the state until 1953. Rare. OCLC located one copy. Detailed image on following page. [\[BTC#423241\]](#)

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TO THE ALABAMA LEGISLATURE:

A "Protest," bearing no signatures, has just been issued to the Alabama Legislature from some unknown source. Like the attacks of all assassins, it is a stab in the back and under cover of darkness. Its purpose is to swerve honest men from the discharge of their duty to Democracy and also to their constituents who have asked them to vote for the Woman Suffrage Bill in this Legislature.

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This bill simply provides that the electors be permitted to decide at the next general election whether or not the qualified women of Alabama shall be enfranchised. At the general election other constitutional amendments will also be decided, and the equal suffrage amendment will incur no additional expense.

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The aforesaid pamphlet charges: "She (that is, the suffragist) demands that women sit on our juries." We are demanding nothing—we are asking for suffrage. Everyone knows that doctors, ministers and all persons who can give good and sufficient