

Minutes of the First Women's Parliament on

Highway Beautification,

New Orleans, Tuesday, March 27, 1923.

Mrs. A. F. Storm, presiding,
Mrs. F. C. Kolman, Secretary.

Morning Session.

The first Women's Parliament on Highway Beautification ever held in the United States, was called to order at 10 A. M. Tuesday, March 27th, 1923, in the Green Room of the Grunewald Hotel, New Orleans, La. with Mrs. A. F. Storm of Morgan City, La. General Director Louisiana Federation of Clubs, presiding. This Parliament was held in connection with the 6th National Convention Old Spanish Trail.

The invocation was given by his Grace Arch Bishop Shaw of New Orleans.

Mr. Harral B. Ayres, Managing Director, Old Spanish Trail, extended a most cordial welcome to the visitors, and said in part that the women were essential in the Beautification of the Highways and that he was pleased to see the interest manifested by the ladies who would beautify the Spanish Trail across the Southern States from St. Augustine, Fla. to San Diego, California.

Mrs. P. J. Friedrichs, President of the New Orleans Federation of Clubs and member of the Women's Parliament Committee of Arrangement extended a cordial welcome from the women of New Orleans to the women who represented the States along the Old Spanish Trail. Mrs. Friedrichs spoke on the work accomplished by the women and that the men must realize that intelligent women of every community should work shoulder to shoulder with the men, and when the men plan another convention to remember that women can do material things as well as beautiful things and could help in their problems of road beds and engineering work and that the women would prove that if women had been with the Spanish Trail movement since the beginning, much would have been gained. This Parliament will go down in history, said Mrs. Friedrichs, as the first called in the U. S. and that it convened in a southern city, New Orleans, as she again voiced a cordial welcome.

Mrs. Jesse P. Wilkinson, Chairman of the Civic Department of New Orleans and member of the Women's Parliament Committee of Arrangement, gave the following report as Chairman of Registration: