

LAVINIA MARGARET ENGLE.

Lavinia Margaret Engle was born in Montgomery County, Maryland in 1892 and is the daughter of James Melvin Engle of Jefferson County, West Virginia and Lavinia Hannah Hauke, who was born in Springfield, Ohio and spent her youth in Washington, D. C. On both sides of her family Miss Engle is a descendant from Huguenot and revolutionary stock.

In 1912 she received the degree of B. A. from Antioch College and of late years has been a student of political science in the graduate school of the Johns Hopkins University.

Soon after leaving college she became active in the work for the extension of equal suffrage to women and was appointed the field secretary of the National American Women Suffrage Association. In this capacity she participated in organization and legislative campaigns in sixteen states, organizing the state association for suffrage in South Carolina and appearing before the legislatures of many of the southern states. During a campaign in Texas she became convinced that this state offered the point of attack on the solid south and secured a leave of absence from the National Association to become the field secretary of the Texas Suffrage Association. As such she took an active part in the successful campaign for the extension of equal suffrage in the primaries.

When the United States entered the world war she served as organizer and speaker for the Liberty Loan Committee and then enlisted as a canteen worker in the Y. M. C. A.

On returning from service in France she again took up the campaign for suffrage and worked in several states for the ratification of the nineteenth amendment. At the close of the suffrage campaign Miss Engle became the Director of the Maryland League of Women Voters. In connection with her work for the Pan-American Conference of Women held under the auspices of the National League of Women Voters

in Baltimore in 1922 she was one of three women elected to honorary membership in the Sorority of Women of the Republic of Salvador.

In 1921 she was appointed a member of the Commission on Reorganization of the State Administrative Departments and in 1930 a member of the State Commission on Higher Education. In 1930 she was elected to the House of Delegates from Montgomery County.

Miss Engle is on the Board of Governors of the Baltimore College Club and a member of the Hamilton Street Club. She is a Democrat and an Episcopalian.

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