

OFFICE OF THEBOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.Court - House.Baltimore, Md., Thursday, July 7th., 1910.Board met, present, Messrs. Whelple and Tome.The minutes of the previous meeting, Wednesday, July 6th., 1910,
were read, approved and adopted.Delegation.Womens' Suffrage Association.As to appointment of Females as Policemen.

A delegation of women headed by Mrs. J. W. Funk, representing the Womens' Suffrage Association, called upon the Board to confer with it upon the subject of the appointment of females as policemen.

The delegation expressed to the Board its views of the good which would, in its judgment, follow, the employment of women in the police service as auxiliaries to the men so employed, particularly at certain locations in the city and at public resorts. And the delegation asked the Board if it had the power to employ females in the police service, and also if women not so regularly employed by the department, but working upon their own responsibility could be given badges to be worn while thus engaged.

The Board told the delegation that, while it appreciated the evident desire on the part of the ladies to work for the peace and good order of the city and enforcement of law, without discussing the advisability or inadvisability of female assistance in the matter presented by the delegation, the Board of Police Commissioners of Baltimore City have no authority under the law to appoint females to do police work in any of the branches of the department, except temporarily at times perhaps for the gathering of specific information in any given investigation.

And it was suggested to the delegation that application would have to be made to the Legislature for power to appoint females in the police service.

And the Board told the delegation further that it would look into the matter to see if any power is delegated to it to issue to females engaged in any way in the work of detecting disorder or im-