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Miss Laura Clay,
189 North Mill St.,
Lexington, Kentucky.

Dear Miss Clay:-

Yes the victory in the Con. Con. was splendid.
Yes that was a pretty good looking pair of doves to me.

I am enclosing receipt for your check for \$120.
from the ~~Moose Club~~. *Bruce Bequest*

We are having a lot of people of influence and
ability offering to speak for us in the campaign for
their expenses. Of course even ~~for that~~ ^{if} it will take
lots of money. If I get hard up I will call on you
again.

By the way, you told me you would be willing to
speak for me in the lower part of the state. Does this
development in Kentucky change your plans? If it does,
not, I suppose you prefer to speak earlier than late.

We probably go to vote in July or August.
I should think any work you do ought to be done
in May.

You Let me hear from you in regard to this.

Cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

HTU/HF.

On books.

March 1912

Home Sunday afternoon

Dear Miss Clay:

I am enclosing ck for interest on Woodward mortgage minus my 2% - \$130.⁰⁰ & more on 1000 - minus 50 ct - \$29.⁴⁰ Let me know you get this - It was due the 11th paid the 22nd & I held it - two days because I could not find time to write -

Did you get my telegram about the passage of an measure - I wondered why I did not telegraph hear from you till I saw in the paper that Ky had been doing shunts too - We are progressing fast and it really looks as if we might win my! my! would I not feel relieved if we did - I was not fit to take hold of the work when I did and am every few days fairly frustrated - I am trying to be sensible and trying to take care of myself but its hard

work. When I was working at the
con - con - I used to keep saying -
"Don't lose your head Harriet" - now
I keep saying "Don't lose your cour-
age"

The national at first said it could
not give us anything because it had
no money but it has sent us \$500.⁰⁰ -
a Cleveland woman has given me
\$1000.⁰⁰ so I am hoping we are
going to be able to finance our-
selves.

I suppose you know that at the late
Board meeting they elected Mrs Dr C
Cornuck of Boston to succeed Mrs
La Follette - that makes 7 women
on the Atlantic coast - & two Chicago
on the Board. Well we have our
hands full & can not bother with
~~these~~ ^{affairs} Mrs Shaw & Mrs Thomas
did not succeed in repudiating the jour-
nal for Mrs Adams & Mrs Bosckunledge
stood by it - Alice was happy on it.

Cordially -
Harriet Taylor Upton

Lexington, Ky.

April 4th, 1912.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I find I have let days slip by without answering your last two letters. So I answer both now.

First: I received the check for the interest on the Woodworth note, for which I thank you.

I did get your telegram, and was very much gratified that you remembered me in your joy, and let me participate in it as soon as possible.

I am very glad the Board disposed of the Woman's Journal affairs satisfactorily to Alice Blackwell. I have heard about it only through you;

About speaking in Ohio: You know my opinion is that home speakers are best after the question is before the voters; so I think if you can fill all your appointments with them, my advice would be to do so. However, if you think I could do good work for you, I shall be willing to go during the last week in this month and the first two in May; or, if important, the first three weeks in May. After that, I have some other engagements which I could not easily set aside. I am glad to see that my nephew, Clay Herrick, is on your campaign committee. I am praying for your success. It would mean untold advantage to the cause everywhere.

Very cordially yours,

OHIO WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

ELIZABETH J. HAUSER, Chairman Press Committee
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Miss Laura Clay,
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:-

I have become convinced that home people should run their own campaign, but I do not think this applies to speakers. Home folks can make all the arrangements and do all that kind of work, but in this rush to reach one million voters in three months Ohio people could not do it alone. I am therefore, starting in to make engagements for you the last week in April and the first two in May. If we feel that we have to have you for the third week in May we will tell you so, but if we possibly can get along without you we will because we do not feel we ought to crowd you.

You remember you wrote to me about the condition in Cincinnati and a long time ago. I have been trying ever since to bring something particular out of that condition there. They have fretted and fussed about our not sending workers to them declaring we used the money in the upper part of the state, when the truth is that the upper part of the state takes care of itself. Finally I concluded to send Mrs. Hackstaff there and offered her to them, they to pay the local expenses, and now they write me that they do not want her, that

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they can do everything for themselves. The truth is just what you say, that none of them are leaders of a great city like Cincinnati. Elizabeth and I have come to conclusion that the most they care about is to have a little social afternoon and get their names in the paper.

Mrs. Eastman has written me that one of the Cincinnati women have secured you for work in Cincinnati. I have written Mrs. Eastman that you had promised to work for the state, that you will be in Cincinnati and your time will be planned for by me. I do not propose to have you talk to little bands of suffragists here and there who have been talked to forever. I want you to reach the men voters and will plan you that way. So if any of them write to you, you be explicit and tell them you are under my orders, and that will help you, me and everybody.

Cordially yours,

HTU/HF.

Samuel J. Upstr

The national folks wrote me at first that they had no money to give. This seemed awful when they are spending so much for headquarters. Howard Mrs. Bennett & Miss Ashley have gotten excited about our chances and they I mean the asso. has sent me 300.⁰⁰ & Miss Ashley says they will send more. Miss Shaw is pitching to get into the campaign & we will have to

have been at the last - but she always
makes trouble in a campaign - is
not a vote maker so I dread it -
The only fuss we had or I mean
disagreement in Ohio was when
she spoke in Cincinnati and
reproved us for not putting our
question in the constitution - We
knew best - We could not get it
in the constitution we canvassed
to see & now it seems they are
not going to submit a constitution
at all but just a few amend-
ments - so what was the use
of making Dr. Keifer & men like
that mad, especially in Cin-
cinnati - of course I will try to
manage it peacefully but I know
now our only trouble will be with
her - You see she belonged to the
fighting age when we had to stir
people & then she has had to en-
courage people for money & altogether
it's bad but we will try not to think
of it.

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Miss Laura Clay,
Richmond, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay,

I have received your note and have given it to Mr. Shultz. I will re-invest in a few days and you will then receive a new note. I do wish I had more money to invest. If you know of any Kentucky people who want to invest, let me know. Warren is booming and new houses are going up all the time and people who are putting them up are glad to borrow of me because they save one per-cent.

The check I sent you was your interest on the Bartholomew Note.

Cordially yours,

HTU/C

Harriet Taylor Upton,
Per. J.B.

Lexington, Ky.

April 12th, 1912.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I got your letter of the 9th, saying you are arranging for me to speak, and that you did not wish me to make engagements with others in Ohio just in time to save me from making an engagement with Mrs. Harriet B. Stanton, Savannah Avenue, College Hill, Ohio, to speak on the 25th of April to a new club in that suburb. I shall write her today that I have put my time in your hands. Perhaps you would as lief I should go there the 25th.

On the 16th I go to St. Louis to read a paper on the "Sanctity of Marriage" before the Church Congress there. My address for the 17th and 18th will be Care of Rev. E. D. Johnston, 5329 Bartmer Avenue, St. Louis. Then for April 20, 21, 22, it will be Hotel Seelbach, Louisville. I will go to Bowling Green for the 22nd, and a letter there may be sent in care of Mrs. Lida C. Obenchain. After that I am at your service, if needed, till time to go to the Suffrage Conference by the Illinois Suffrage Assn. for May 21 and 22. I had promised to join in that effort some time ago; and after that my time is engaged in Kentucky for awhile.

I have given these addresses because I do not think an answer to this can reach me at home. Please let me hear what you want me to do at some of these places, as I shall take my trunk with me and need not return home if it is quicker to go on to Ohio. If I do not hear to the contrary from you I shall return to Lexington.

Any literature you may have on the situation in Ohio will be useful, though of course I have kept in pretty good touch with what has been said in the newspapers.

Very cordially yours,

Dear Mrs Clay - April 14, 1902,

I think this
is my fourth letter to
you today -
You wrote this morning
that you told Mrs Stain
how I had your name &
I inferred from your letter
that you had not given
out any of the rest of
your time - I write you
to go to Mrs Stanton
the 25th - write Mrs
Stanton the same
and write Mrs Peck
to make no date for

for you on that day -
I thought - as I was leaving
the office a letter from
Miss Beck came from
which I quote " as
to her Cincinnati ~~engage~~
~~an~~ arrangements I am puzzled
to know what to do -
in view of what you say
& what the Central com-
mittee here has done al-
ready - Before you would
they had, it seems, made
arrangements with Miss
Clay herself by which

they were to pay her travel-
ing expenses and en-
tertain her here for a
week & she was to speak
at a series of meetings -
They have, so they say,
already completed ar-
rangements for a meet-
ing at Christ Church
Parish House (middle
of city) May 2" ;
Church of the Advent -
Walnut Hills May first -
and tentative arrange

ments for meeting in
the town hall at Nor-
wood & at Price Hill.
They strenuously object
to having these arrange-
ments upset and I
really think the arrange-
ments for Norwood &
for Christ-church are
good. Norwood is a
factory town of 20,000
over the hills. It is
technically a part of
Cincinnati's sub-C

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really remote from
our life-interests.
Price Hill is a suburb
of five thousand on
the other extreme
side of the city from
Norwood - and is a
place where we have
no support - whatever.
I have told Miss Beck
to try to get you before
men or men & women
or not - before the little
funch of supporters.

Knowing you so well
I feel sure you are
not gone this time
but I concluded I bet-
ter let it go that way
& so have written Mrs
Worthington 628 Lincoln
Ave Walnut Hills - Cin
that Mrs Stanton has
the 25 that she can
have up to May 3 but
Mrs Beck will make
the arrangements for
the other dates -
I am sorry about -

this because I had
done a lot of plan-
ning to have you
make a strong new
Grange at Campbell
in Preble county the
27" = We have so
little in Preble - How-
ever I can never see
one else there but I
believe it was just
the place for you -
You see you can not
go to Campbell's farm

at any other time but
the 27th for that's their
regular meeting.
Mrs Peck says that Cin-
cinnati is the same dis-
trict of the suffrage asso-
ciation - they have no idea
of work - they scolded about
me because I sent them
no one - then when Mrs
Hackstaff offered us her
services I offered her to
Cincinnati & they said
they did not need any
one - how they seem to
be just resenting that - I
have your letter - Well

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your first week is
settled & they will
have nothing to do
with the rest - I am
pleasant & patient with
them - I have written
regularly to Mrs Stanton
& sent - Our all commu-
nication & she never
answers me -
They all talk as if I
were trying to cheat them
or something - Well it's
funny & a part of the

game I suppose.
Now do not worry about
any of these things -
they all like you & you
will do them good &
after I see them at
executive meeting in
Columbus next - Wednesday
day I think they will
be all right.
The people who first
offered themselves
for work from N.Y.

was the anti-Shan
crowd & not now the
other side is offering -
A Shan Boston woman
offered & an Anti
Shan woman was asked
for & says she'll come -
It's pretty hard to place
these exercises in dif-
ferent parts of the stati-
& if I send one set to
preliminary work & the
other to speaking there
will be trouble - oh

the leader of a cam-
paign does not smell
the lily by day nor
rest on a couch of roses
by night. Selah -

Harriet W. Upton

Saturday night at
home

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HON. WM. B. KILPATRICK
Warren, Ohio

Apr. 22, 1912
Dear Miss Clay:-

Do not think any more about the Cincinnati business.

The spirit of the old Cincinnati workers is horrid. As I told you in the other letter, all they want to do is to get together, scold, eat doughnuts, and get their names in the paper. I have made several arrangements for them and they won't work under my arrangements until finally I have had to be disagreeable and say that the speakers have given their time to the state because they knew I was going to manage them. This is true of a good part of the force coming into the state, I think.

Miss Hauser has been willing to go to Cincinnati for the last year and help organize, they have felt that they could organize themselves, and now when every bit of her time is fully occupied, they are cross because I won't send her. I offered Mrs. Hackstaff to them for a months time, and they won't have her. Now Miss Hauser is going to Mrs. FitzGerald about the 15th of May, stay two or three days and then Mrs. FitzGerald will stay the rest of the month. You see when indi-

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viduals make dates like Mrs. Stanton they do not know anything about what is going before or coming after and so they just take a date and then drop it. Now I feel that this action of Mrs. Stanton's in changing your date has cost the state 25 dollars because time is so short and you are so important in that part of the country that you will loose a whole day. I am writing to Miss Peck, 224 McGregor Street, Mount Auburn, Cincinnati, Ohio, telling her there has been a change for the 25th and it may be that she can make arrangements for that date for you.

A perfectly splendid woman in Hillsboro, who has gone clear down from Cleveland to organize that county wanted you so badly for that date, but I dropped the date because Mrs. Stanton is funny and Cincinnati is funny, and now the Hillsboro people write that the date I gave them for the 7th was too late. I was just heart broken about this. I will get into communication with them again and see if they can manage the 25th. If so I will telegraph you at Bowling Green particulars about Hillsboro and you can go there, otherwise you could be at the Grand on the 25th and Miss Peck or some one will see you.

Cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

HTU/HF.

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22nd,

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Have just telephoned to Mrs. Mulchell & she says 25th too early, 7th too late - so you will have to let it go.

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Miss Flora E. Worthington,
628 Lincoln Avenue,
Cincinnati, O.

Dear Miss Worthington;-

I do wish I could have seen you in the beginning of this campaign to have talked things over with you. It is so much easier to talk than to write. The Cincinnati situation is extremely hard to handle because unlike most cities there is no central body, that is there is no one person who is instructed by the persons composing that committee as to how to act or at least I take this to be so because I get such conflicting decisions and reports from Cincinnati. Dr. Eastman is the president of the campaign committee but I think the organization cannot be quite the same as other central organizations. I have tried my very best to please Cincinnati people and to do what was right for them and for the state.

A long time ago I asked Miss Clay for some time in the campaign, I think it was nearly one year ago. She said she would give that time. I knew the river counties were not very strong and I wanted to do everything I could in those counties and for Cincinnati. I offered Cincinnati a New York worker who had had much experience in campaign committee work, but she was not accepted.

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Through a misunderstanding, as you know, Miss Clay promised some time to Cincinnati and then Mrs. Stanton asked for the 25th. I had planned to have Miss Clay go to the river towns first, and end up in Cincinnati, because I thought some of the National people might be there by that time. I had asked Miss Peck to go personally to these towns and make arrangements. However, when we found that Mrs. ^{Stanton}~~Stanton~~ had made arrangements for the 25th and that you wanted her the rest of the week I changed the plans and gave Cincinnati the first week. Miss Clay writes me that the date of the 25th has dropped out and I tried to place her where I wanted her in the beginning for that date but it was too late.

You say Miss Peck was unable to get her dates and Miss Clay's time was left free, of course I did not understand this from Miss Peck, but you probably have seen her.

I am doing for Cincinnati exactly what I am doing for all the other towns, even the towns where there are no organizations. Miss Clay gives her time, people in the town entertain her and pay her traveling expenses from the preceding town. Now I have not talked this over with Miss Clay, but these are the arrangements I have made all the way through. In many places I have asked for a collection or for pledges. All the money the state has I have to beg and of course there are very heavy expenses which have to be borne like the publicity work, the office work, the terrible postage bills and etc.

Of course the main object of this campaign is to get our question before men and women and ~~fer~~ if there is a town where they cannot entertain, cannot contribute anything towards

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expenses, cannot give any money to the state, the state is willing to help financially, but up to this time we have seldom had to do it. Never in a county where there were suffrage organizations.

I think the literature which you have gotten out is very good. Yes I know how things cost. I have been giving my time without salary for eighteen years and I think most of the years I have put in at least one hundred dollars in money and one year it was a little over five hundred dollars. When things are to be done and nobody will do them, we have to sacrifice and do them.

Cordially yours,

HTU/HF/

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Warren, Ohio

Dear Miss Clay:

I have been in correspondence for some time with a Grange whose president lives at Campbells-town. They would like to have you for a meeting Saturday evening May 4th. Miss Peck has left this date open for me to finish. I am sending her a copy of this letter so that there will be no misunderstanding about it. I have asked Mr. Bloom of New Paris who writes me today in regard to it, whether the meeting is to be at Campbells-town or New Paris, and I will let you know as soon as I hear from them. These Grange dates are hard to make in one way because officers live in different towns and take it for granted that you know all about the Grange. However, if they say they want a speaker they are cordial about it make all arrangements, and a speaker is well cared for. I am asking Miss Peck to write to Mr. Bloom as soon as she knows exactly which town you are to make, and tell him that you are to go from Middletown. Now that people are offering their services from all directions, expecting Ohio to pay expenses, I realize how much the expenses are

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The whiskey people at the colona people to insert
or having an amendment of their own - they
did this to take the colona away from us and
to confuse voters. I have seen the papers that
they think they can circumvent this thing to
the schedule committee - that's that - the schedule com
mittee will take note from the constitution & so do away
with the amendment.

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going to be, so I have asked people to entertain
speakers, and if possible to pay the car fare
from the preceding town, then I have further
~~asked~~ ^{written} them if they took up collections or had
pledges, and want to give us anything, we would
be glad to take it. I have thought that speakers
would keep this money and keep track of expenses
and then if there was anything left it could be
sent to me.

Yesterday Mrs. Fitz Gerald and Miss Gay of
Boston walked into my office. I had planned a
route for Mrs. Fitz Gerald and had written her
four times where she was to go, but she had never
replied, so that I was not sure she was coming.
Miss Gay had sent no word whatever, but I was for-
tunate in having something ready for them, and
they both started out last night. People seem
to be offering their services from all directions,
and I am wondering if I am going to be able to keep
up my end of the work. Miss Mary Gray Peck, some
friends have offered to pay her salary, will come
into the office the first of May, and Mrs. Boyer
the 8th. Pennsylvania pays Mrs. Boyer's expenses
for two months. She will do press work. With
those two I ought to be able to keep things going.

Cordially yours,

Samuel Taylor Upton

HTU/ED

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Dear Miss Clay,

I am enclosing a copy of a letter from Miss Worthington and my answer to her. Is it not a pity that Cincinnati does not know how to get anything out of anything. If I could have had you a week in Columbus, Toledo, or Dayton I could have gotten such a lot of good of you. If they had let Miss Peck alone she could have arranged that week well, and then when I think of Mrs. Mitchell leaving her little family and going down to Hillsboro to organize that county when she needed you and you could have put in a week there on the three towns it makes me wild.

The worst of it is I do not know what I am going to do in Cincinnati. They keep saying ~~and~~ they keep paying a lot to the state and get nothing back. Now they seem to think this is my campaign, it surely is theirs.

I offered Mrs. Hackstaff to them and they would not have her. Some one said she was an old German woman and they did not want her.

Miss Hauser was ready for months to go down to Cincinnati and nobody asked her. Now they wan't let anybody go unless Elizabeth goes with her, and last night a president of one of the clubs said they did not want anybody unless it was somebody who could

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raise some money for them.

Mrs. FitzGerald is willing to go to Cincinnati, beard the lion in his den, start a new organization and make the others come in. I have a great mind to let her do it, because I cannot please them anyway.

All through the winter Miss Peck kept saying it was no use of my writing to them, urging them to forget personality and work together and I guess she is right.

If I was not just at present in such good standing in the church I would swear.

Lovingly yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

HTU/HF.

A P R I L

23rd,

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Dear Miss Clay,

I am enclosing a copy of a letter from Mr. Bloom, he is the Secretary of a certain Grange, he lives at New Paris. I saw in the paper some time ago about the formation of this Grange and I wrote to them asking them to take a speaker. I did all my corresponding with Mr. Arnold, the Secretary at Campbellstown, so I supposed you were to go to Campbellstown. This is one of the annoyances we have with the R.F.D. However, this arrangement is better for you, because New Paris is on the trolley.

I am enclosing an article which we got into the New Paris paper. I think these cuts I had made for you for this trip are the best I ever had made for anybody.

I think your dates are going to come out well. Just at this moment I have not your address and I am sending this letter in care of Miss Peck.

I took it from Miss Worthington's letter that Cincinnati things had gone to pieces. I was afraid of this but if I had not let Miss Worthington try she would have been cross, but I guess she is cross anyway.

Mrs. Avery comes into the state on the first of May.

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She wrote me a letter asking me why I had not done certain things. Of course it was pleasant, but I wrote back and told her that when she ~~was-an~~ came into the state she was under my jurisdiction and she would have to do what I had for her to do. I cannot take time to explain to everybody.

Miss Pezk writes me she secured Judge Blair to preside for you at Portsmouth.

I have an inquiry for you this morning from Hamilton.

I feel sure that after you leave Cincinnati you will have no worry or fussing, you are just to look pretty, to be good, and strike out from the shoulder with your talk.

This campaign is an awful responsibility for me but still I like it. I am happy every day. I have worked a little too hard this last week and did not sleep last night but otherwise have been feeling good.

Harriet Taylor Upton

Lovingly yours,

HTU/HF.

A P R I L

26th.

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P. S. You must write Mr. Bloom when you will reach New Paris from Middletown, because he will want to meet you and of course who ever is going to entertain you would want to know about it.

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Your letter of April 12th here.

Have written Miss Peck, who is making your advance dates that I have given the 25th to Mrs. Stanton. Have also written Mrs. Stanton to that effect. I have told Mrs. Stanton that I hoped she would not have ^{you} ~~her~~ speak to a little handful in the afternoon, because we want our speakers to reach men voters. However, if she has arranged the meeting that way, it ^{may} ~~will~~ ^{be} ~~is~~ important to stir up these women.

Upon receipt of this please send me one of your nice pictures. You have some very good ones taken of

late. *We will have to advertise you -*

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I should think that you would go directly from Bowling Green to Cincinnati, but ofcourse you know what you will want to take with you. I will write you in a few days a little more about Ohio affairs. Everything is coming on beautifully.

New York and Boston people are offering their services to the state.

Lovingly yours,

HTU/HF.

Dear; dear; would it not be too grand if we could write.

OHIO WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

Headquarters 314-315 Nashy Building

TOLEDO, OHIO



Saturday afternoon
Some date in April, 1912

Dear Miss Clay:

Enclosed find

interest on your \$900.00 -
Bartholomew mortgage - minus

my .54 commission 27.00 - 54

I ought to have enclosed
it with other letter -

I understand that Mrs Page,
Mrs Park for whom I asked,
Mrs Fitz Gerald, & Mrs Foley
are all coming to Ohio
at Mass. Ex

Two women are coming
from Buffalo - Mrs Shuler
& Mrs Craugre for expenses -

Mrs Capwell & Mrs Benham
are coming without any
expense - Mrs Stewart & Mrs

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Miss Laura Clay,

c/o Mr. Lehman,
Batavia
~~Van~~ *Davis*, Ohio.

May 4, 1913

Dear Miss Clay:

So glad to get your letter of ^{the} May 3rd.
Too bad I am not going to see your pretty dress.
Glad to have you give a good report of
Cincinnati. I have worried more about Hamilton
county than all the rest of the state put together.
Dr. Eastman is supposed to be the head of the
Central Committee, but Dr. Siewers seems to boss
everybody. I think if she knew the terrific
strain I am under she would once in a while say
something pleasant. I don't believe anyone could
have done the same amount of good at this time
there that you did. Glad about Lebanon. I
think the minister at Middletown rather took
things out of Miss Peck's hands. She says she
is having an easier time with her arrangements
as she gets on.

Elizabeth and Mrs. Fitz Gerald, Miss Allander
and Miss Hall start for Cincinnati the first of
next week. I had planned, you know, to have
you go into the River counties and end up at
Cincinnati so that you could be there when they
were in some big meetings.

They have been getting on elegantly at Spring-

Miss Laura Clay #2.

May 4, 1912

field. I had made a weeks dates there for Elizabeth, or rather some friends of hers made them, and I put Mrs. Fitz Gerald with her with Rachel to follow. Mrs. Fitz Gerald and Elizabeth spoke to fifteen hundred people one day last week. The editor of the Springfield News told Elizabeth that he thought there was no doubt of Clark county carrying.

Cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

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Dear Miss Clay:

At the beginning of the campaign I ordered some maps to be sent out to the organizers and they have just come. Your dates are pretty well under way and you may not want to use these, but nevertheless I am sending them to you.

Cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

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Maps.

Things look brighter every minute - Are you not going to Chicago conference

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Hotel Wakefield

C. A. Ward, Prop.



Marietta, Ohio.

May 26, 1912.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

As you know, both Miss Clay and I were here and spoke at the meeting Wednesday night. We had a very fair audience and I am sending you the slips of that were signed. A great many of the audience were anti-suffragists, and one of them wrote to the Marietta

Times the next day. I enclose the letter and my reply. Will you be kind enough to forward them, and this letter, to Miss Clay.

I had a headache the next day and was not able to do much, but Friday and Saturday I worked on effecting an organ-

ization. It had to be done by individual visiting, as only one woman came to a meeting we had announced for the purpose. However, Miss Clay had enjoined upon me, by no means to leave Marietta without organizing; so I went about from house to house with the little constitution which Miss Clay had dictated, and in the two days I got eighteen names and talked to a number of persons who may join later on, but are only half converted now. I also spoke one evening at a Salvation Army meeting, and I know that I converted the Captain.

Also, I brought with me twenty posters, three by four feet, of those issued by the Cincinnati College Equal Suffrage League, and have given them into the hands of the local bill posting company.

Hotel Wakefield

C. A. Ward, Prop.



Marietta, Ohio.

May 26, 1912

My expenses, including [#]8.30 railroad
fare, have been about [#]20.00; but
if the State Association will
send me [#]10.00 I will be glad
to contribute the rest.

With kindest regards,

Edith Peck.

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Dear Miss Clay:

I feel as limp as a duck rag - There was a strain
pode coming on me 3 ^{or 4} reading
& I saw for Columbus got there
in time & we went through
yesterday afternoon 74 to 37
to Ins to us - They were trying
to put us on a separate
ballot but the committee
promises to be good & I think
it will - Mercy: mercy: how
I wish I could see you
& tell you of all the splen-
did things which are hap-
pening in the state and
all about the Miss con-
ference - The spirit of
the latter was splendid -
The national officers at-
tempted to force him-
selves on to the conf. conference
and were told they were out -

not-wanted. They then appointed
and their officers meeting there al-
though they ^{then they} were not wanted finally
Miss Adams was made to understand
that they might ~~perhaps~~ perpetrate
an open rupture and so they did
not come. Well any way we had
a nice time -

Well we will try to follow up all
your work and bring those counties
into line - It's a hard proposition
It's too bad you had to take such
a hard snub. I would like Confer-
ence you intended to be present but
accidentally Miss Beck made too
many engagements and I told
that you once told me you
knew why a bull dog did not
let-go. It was because ^{it} could
not let-go and I supposed that
was the reason you were hang-
ing onto the last term. I saw
if there were any other orators
of that nature I wanted them
in Ohio. My old bump is

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passing out of the state -
Mrs Arney speaks tonight -
for the last time - Mrs
Edz Gerald furnished yesterday
Mrs Page & Mrs Leonard
last week & I never
used to see why she
suddenly wanted to talk
on battles but I know
now -

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Yes it was all right for
you to do by orders & go
on - and I do not think
Mrs Hachstaff's going to
London was very bad -
I felt it was too bad for
you not to go to Chicago
but I think it turned
out best.

yes Paul Beck did fine work -
yes Alhais society has existed for years

and years - and they have been working
in surely some a good deal -
I do not mind whether we take coffee
tea or not - - I want to do whatever
makes the meeting a success & that
will make nois

It is bad they dragged you around Ross
Co. - We are going to discuss in
that - surely some

The old line Conventual women
are lying - except Mrs Sherman
they have not given any thing
for the campaign & now they have
come out in the paper saying that
the state is getting all the money -
when the truth is Conventual is
not so entertaining the speaker
as most cities do. Well it is all in
the battle - This letter is in answer
to yours to Mrs Boyer & I think I have
one in my own basket -

Many people at the conference asked
kindly for you -

Truly
Harriet Taylor Upton

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Warren, Ohio

Miss Laura Clay,
189 North Mill Street,
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:

The Ohio Woman's Suffrage Association wishes to express their gratitude to you for the work you have done for the Ohio campaign. Your territory was most difficult, and yet it was so important that it be done by some one of the vicinity, the distance being so great.

The people were actively awake, therefore we feel doubly grateful of the effort you had to make.

Yours truly,

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Dora Sandoe Bachman

Richmond, Kentucky.

June 11th, 1912.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I have received your letter telling me of the proceedings in Chicago, which interested me very much. I should have liked to be there, though I think I was better employed in Ohio just at that time. I found the convention of the Federation very interesting; and the women nearly prepared for full suffrage. They are quite enthusiastic over our school suffrage.

Since I got home I have been very busy gathering the blue-grass seed; and have just now felt equal to sending in my financial account of my campaign in Ohio. The Cincinnati clubs undertook to pay my expenses to and while in the city; so I send account only of those engagements made by Miss Peck.

I am going to donate my expenses over and above the collections made. I could not promise to do so at first, as I did not know how my finances would turn out; but now I find I can do so. I am intensely interested in the campaign. If we win, I shall always feel proud that I had a share in it. If we lose, I shall anyway rejoice that we made a good fight.

Tell Mrs. Boyer that I got the clippings of the anti's attack on my address at Marietts, and Miss Peck's answer to it. I am very glad she succeeded in organizing there.

Write to me when you have time; and if I can help, I shall be glad to do what I can. Do you need any short time subscriptions to the Woman's Journal? I am quite roiled up by the treatment which Miss Blackwell is receiving over the Journal.

Give my love to all in the office, and with much to your self, I am

Very cordially yours,

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Miss Laura Clay,
Richmond, Kentucky.

Dear Miss Clay:-

Yes I guess it was best that you stayed in Ohio instead of going to Chicago. Still I would liked to have had you there that you might know how many friends you have.

You do not know how much I thank you for donating the \$28.25. *Remainder of expense in campaign, La B.* It seems to me this is almost too generous after all the time you put in.

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I have the best help in the world in the office as far as main departments are concerned. *But the subordinate help, the stenographers are awful* Of course we could use short time subscriptions to the Journal to good effect.

It is perfectly dreadful the treatment which Miss Blackwell is receiving. Miss Ryan told me about it at Chicago. By the way, Miss Ryan said Miss Blackwell's health is very delicate.

IT was a sorry day for us when Mrs. Belmont and Miss Thomas appeared in our midst.

If we get in a tight place, as the campaign ends, I will let you know. People are very generous to us. I wish some one would give us several thousand dollars,

[June 13, 1912]

2. Miss L. Clay.

because I do want to organize automobile trips but I cannot do it on the money I have now, nor on the dribs which our Ohio suffragists can give.

Mr. Upton sends his best regards.

Cordially yours,

HTU/HF.

Harriet Taylor Upton

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Warren, Ohio

June 20th, 1912.

Miss Laura Clay,
Richmond, Kentucky.

Dear Miss Clay:-

My but that draft of \$50.00 looked big when I opened my mail this morning.

I will think about the short subscriptions for the Woman's Journal. I think it may be a pretty good idea. Anyway, I will use the money in a way which seems best for me, because I know that is what you want.

When Roosevelt and Taft came into the state I sent speakers to speak with their crowd, this impressed Mr. Roosevelt very much. He told Senator Poindexter to tell me that if we wanted him to endorse suffrage he would. I sent word that we did not want him. We had needed him in years past, but now we could win without him and I did not think it wise to have one branch of the fighting party endorsed, you see that is the way we lost Kansas.

Lots of people think the Democrats will endorse and of course there will be great discussion in Chicago because the Roosevelt wing will stand for us.

Mr. Upton is away but I will try to give him your message upon his return.

[June 20, 1912]

2. Miss Laura Clay.

I am going to have a dinner party to night with Mrs. Boyer and Miss Peck, you see it will not be very festive. Would you not like to be here to talk over the one hundred things in which we are jointly interested?

A telegram has just come saying ^{that the} G. A. R. in Annual Convention have endorsed woman suffrage. They never would do it until this year, we are delighted with it because they are an army of themselves.

Cordially yours,

HTU/HF.

Harriet Taylor Upton

P.S. A later telegram states that The W. R. C. has also "enthusiastically" endorsed woman suffrage.

J. P. B.

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August 20, 1912.

Miss Laura Clay,

Richmond, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay:-

Your letter of the 19th has just arrived with its enclosure of \$30.00 from the Laura Bruce fund for our Ohio Campaign. "The good that women do lives after them."

Our crisis is near--the days are just flying. We look at the calendar in apprehension. August 27th we are to have a big suffrage demonstration at Columbus and we are calling in all our workers from all over the state and have planned to take possession of as many street corners as possible and hold suffrage meetings with the orators all talking at one and the same time, but out of ear shot, let us hope. I wish you could be present and participate in the work.

I mailed to your Richmond address yesterday one of our Ohio Posters. It will be a beautiful souvenir in after days.

Nearly every day brings us news of some one time antagonist who is flopping over as a suffrage convert. The man who fought hardest in the Constitutional Convention

Miss Laura Clay

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is scheduled to declare for woman suffrage today or tomorrow.
Truly, expediency sways consciences of many.

Miss Gordon is doing the River Counties, going
over very much of your old route. You were really a sort of
fore-runner for the lady from Louisiana.

Best wishes to Kansas.

Cordially yours,

IPB/L

Harriet Taylor Upton

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Miss Laura Clay,
C/o Mrs. G. B. Johnson,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Miss Clay:

Mr. Woodruff wants to pay his mortgage which was on his house. It was due today. He came in to pay it and then I remembered that you had the mortgage and that I couldn't release it. I am therefore writing you to ask you to send it to me, together with the note. I have told him that you were in the field and that it might be hard for you to do this right away, but I hope to be able to clean it up for him in ten days or so. Let me hear from you in regard to this.

I know you were awfully disappointed over our defeat. We certainly made a good fight. Everything was in our favor. We were able to get our measure through the constitutional convention and although the whiskey interests fought us and the bosses fought us, we were successful. We therefore thought we were going to get through at the polls. Everything came our but the liquor interests were bound to defeat us and did.

Now, all through the campaign, we held the fight non-partisan. We said we stood on the principle of justice for women and would not join the wet nor dry issue, the Socialists and capitalists issue, the Catholics or Protestant issue, but it made no difference, for the wets influenced everybody that they possibly could, in every way to vote against us, and spent more than half a million dollars on their campaign, and I am sorry to say that also many dry men, imbued with the old-time prejudice that woman's place is in the home, let the wet men fight us down and they never raised their voices.

The capitalists were very much against us. I am finding that out more and more every day. People say that the liquor people controlled a certain part of the Socialist vote and of course, I don't know

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Sept 14, 1912,

whether this was true or not - in our locality, the Socialists stood for us.

The Catholics were rampant as far as we were concerned and the Protestants, especially your church and mine, voted with the Catholics. I feel as if I could pound Bishop Leonard for taking such a reactionary stand as he did.

There were many bright things, though, in regard to the campaign. Never was there such a loyal set anywhere as worked here in Ohio. I hardly had a complaint from a worker in the field and now that the campaign is over, instead of everybody finding fault with everybody else, everybody seems to think that we did everything which possibly could have been done.

I have called a conference of workers to meet in Cleveland the 30th and then I think it will be officially decided that we begin another campaign right away under the Initiative and Referendum.

I didn't intend to write you at such length for I thought I hadn't time. I don't know anything about the campaign states, but, somehow, I feel as if Kansas had more chance than any other, unless it is Oregon.

Lovingly yours,

Harnet Taylor Upton

H TU/C.

Lexington, Ky.

Oct. 28th, 1912.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

This is the first time I have had to answer your letter about the Woodworth mortgage. I have even misplaced or lost your letter sent to me in Kansas about it.

As soon as I returned to Richmond on Oct. 19th I looked for the mortgage in my locked box, and did not find it; therefore I suppose I was correct in thinking you had retained it, though* I have not yet found your letter relating to that.

By this mail I am sending you the Woodworth note. If you can find immediate investment for the thousand dollars I wish you would re-invest it for me. If not, I have an investment for five hundred dollars, and you might send me that, and keep the other five hundred, if you think you can invest it in the near future.

I am so busy that I cannot write you any longer; but notice the change at the election at the convention of Oct. 24th & 25th. of headlines of this page. It was my earnest desire that Mrs. Breckinridge should accept this election, so I am much pleased.

Always affectionately yours,

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Miss Laura Clay,
Mill St.,
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:

This last year of my life has been such a strenuous one that I have hardly had time to breathe. I have been in the habit of keeping my papers at the house so as not to mix them up with office work. This summer, during the campaign, I would be so tired when I got home that I could not do anything at that work. The result was I got mixed on your Woodward mortgage. I have it here and anyway, he did not get the money which he expected to get to pay off the mortgage. He will probably pay it, as he says, at the next time of paying interest, which will be March. I am therefore returning the note to you. Just drop me a postal card that you received it.

Of course, it may be all right for Mrs. Breckenridge to be the president of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, but mercy! it does seem funny.

Will you be at the Philadelphia Convention? When I went out of the Association at Washington, I never intended to go to another Convention. I could not have gone last fall, anyway, but I have often been sorry that I didn't. I never have explained to the Ohio people the conditions of things and so they just go it blind. I hardly know what is my duty in that direction. I do so hate fusses. Now, however, because of this talk attack on Miss Blackwell, and because I think it is very important to get the new amendment through the constitution, I am going to Philadelphia. If you are going, too, can't you stop at Hotel Walton, where we will be, Miss Hauser and myself, and I hope, others who are interested as we are.

Always cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

HTU/C.

Lexington, Ky.

Oct. 31st, 1912.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I have just received your letter of Oct. 30th, with the Woodworth note enclosed. I am glad he did not care to pay it just yet. Did he pay the Sept. semi-annual interest. If you have an opportunity to loan the money out when he pays it, I should like to have you do so; and before March I expect to have settled about the five hundred dollars of it for which I wrote you that I had an investment.

Yes, I am expecting to go to Philadelphia, and to go to the Walton Hotel. It will seem like old times to see you and Miss Hauser again.

We had Mrs. Stewart with us for our convention; and her arguments made me determine to vote for the amendment to the National constitution, though previously I had been in favor of the delegates present casting the whole vote of the state.

I am greatly pleased with having Mrs. Breckinridge for the state president. I think now that our question has become political she can carry on the work better than I can, and success is what we are working for. I suppose you know that it was I who offered the amendment at the last state convention which made me ineligible for re-election as president this time. Everything so far has gone as it appeared best to my judgment.

I am awaiting with intense interest the results of the election in the campaign states. It was too much to expect that Ohio should win at the very first campaign. But I trust that this campaign is but the commencement of another and more successful one.

Please remember me to my Warren friends and to Mr. Upton.
Affectionately yours,

Lexington, Ky.

Oct. 31st, 1912.

My dear Miss Kearney,

I have just received your letter of the 29th. I am glad to hear from you and to know of your whereabouts and what you are doing.

You will see from the crossed out lines at the head of this paper that we have had a convention lately, and that there have been some changes of officers in the Ky.E.R.A. They are entirely to my satisfaction; for in Mrs. Breckinridge I believe we have secured just the right woman to lead in the campaign for a constitutional amendment granting women full suffrage in Kentucky which we have decided to enter upon.

The policy of the new administration has not yet been fully developed; and I find it impossible to promise any attempt to lay out a route for you in Kentucky. Hitherto we have always found this a matter of considerable difficulty, though I have never tried to do it myself, and as I have no experience of that kind of work I do not suppose I could succeed better than previous corresponding secretaries.

Are you thinking of going to the National Convention in Philadelphia of the N.A.W. Suffrage Association? I am expecting it to be of exceptional interest, because I hope we will have several successful campaigns to celebrate.

With best wishes for you and the work you are doing I am

Very cordially yours,

Deposited to my credit in Citizens National Bank, till I could take out what is owing me for money advanced on taxes.

Ohio Woman Suffrage Association.

HEADQUARTERS, WARREN, OHIO.

ELIZABETH J. HAUSER, CHAIRMAN PRESS COMMITTEE.

Warren Ohio Dec. 23 1912

Dear Miss Clay:

Enclosed find check for your interest on the Coale notes which you hold as trustee for \$58.80 . The interest was \$60.00 and my commission ~~2%~~ of sixty \$1.20.

These notes are secured by mortgage on lots 19, 20, 21 at 305, 307 309 Oak st.

Wm Coale is the maker of the notes but Mr Grimm is his agent. I thought I would better tell you this for although I can not see why you would ever come in contact with Mr Grimm still it can do no harm for you to know that Mr Coale's clerical business is done by Mr Grimm. The latter is my next door neighbor .

It was splendid to see Mrs Catt looking so well when I left N. Y. and so ready to help us do the right thing by the National. It is a secret but she is to be the main speaker at the coming Mississippi Conference.

I have been in a state of collapse since I came from N. Y. but hope I have reached bottom and that I will get strong again. It does seem to me as if I could hardly wait to write 1913 this year of 1912 has been such a sad one.

Lovingly

Harriet Taylor Upton

c 1912j

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I have seen in the Woman's Journal that you have lost your dear father. I want to tell you that I am thinking of you in your bereavement and that my heart goes out to you in sympathy. He was a noble man; and his memory is a blessing to you. May God comfort and support you in this and all trials.

Affectionately your friend,
Laura Clay.