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Sept. 30, 1914.

Miss Laura Clay,
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:-

Esther B. Bennett has sent \$260.00 to our campaign.
I am writing and telling her that we shall use this religiously
in the organization of a county and shall do our best to have
it carry a county on the Kentucky border.

Things are coming on splendidly and we are more hopeful
of success each day.

Yours most cordially,

EJH.B

Harriet Taylor Upton

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Sept. 26, 1914.

Miss Laura Clay,
Richmond, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:-

I had just answered your letter yesterday and now comes this good news in regard to Kentucky financing one of our counties. Isn't it perfectly splendid? I am as excited this morning as I was at age five on Christmas morning. The mail is just filled with encouraging news and it does seem to me as if nothing could keep us from winning now. Surely nothing that is in sight. We are all so well and so happy and have our job so in hand that not a minute nor a cent is lost. Everything counts. I think that the national officers are beginning to see how unfair Miss Shaw has been not to count us as a campaign state from the beginning and they are going to try to make our condition right. Altogether I am mighty happy and I am especially glad to have Kentucky lend a hand.

Cordially yours,

HTU.B

Harriet Taylor Upton
Come over & help us celebrate

Warren, Ohio, Nov. 3, 1914.

Dear Friend:

Nearly 500,000 men voted for woman suffrage in Ohio yesterday, two and one half as many as voted in 1912 and yet the \$2,000,000.00 which the liquor people spent in the fight, the indifference of the dry forces towards us and our lack of money caused our defeat. The full count is not made, but we have surely lost. I expected to write to you of victory and I certainly should have done so if the wet and dry fight had not been precipitated. Although we did not win we are more than grateful to you for assisting us financially and if you and others had not done this we never could have gotten so large a vote. We are disappointed because we not only wanted our own freedom, but wanted so much to help the Eastern states.

I am writing this early for tomorrow we begin dismantling our old headquarters and re-arranging our affairs for the future, also preparing for our state convention and thus I may not find the time to write you at all if I wait.

Gratefully yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

HTU/B

Richmond, Ky.

Dec. 28th, 1914.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

I enclose a receipt for the interest on the Coale note.

I notice what you say about Williams interest. What about the interest on the Turner and the Bartholomew notes.?

According to my book that I have here, the last interest I received from the Bartholomew note was in August 29th, 1913. I have left part of my books in Lexington; and I was sick in bed last ~~JAN-~~
~~MARYX~~ spring when the interest was due, and may have neglected to make the proper entry in my book. But I have not received the August interest.

The last interest I received on the Turner note was in April 13th, 1914.

You must not let your courage fail because you were defeated in Ohio at the November election. You got a splendid vote, and certainly scared the enemy, for they got out all the vote against you.

I am now setting my hopes on the Federal Suffrage bill. The Congressional Committee seemed to be enthusiastic about it at Nashville, and promised to work hard for it. If it is successful it will be of a great deal more importance than the Constitutional Amendment, for it will help the states to get suffrage, whilst the amendment would not be passed by the states until at least 36 already had the suffrage. If the Federal Suffrage bill succeeds you can go to work with strong help, and maybe you can win in 1915! So keep your courage up, and know that all your friends think Ohio
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put up a splendid fight.

Wishing you a Happy New Year! I am
Very cordially your friend,

Richmond, Ky.

Dec. 24th, 1914.

Received from Harriet T. Upton, check for \$58.80, interest for December on note of William Cole for \$2000/00 of which \$1900/00 belongs to the trust of Laura S. Bruce, and \$100.00 to Laura Clay.

Trustee for L. S. Bruce.

Harriet T. Hpton
Real Estate Mortgages and Loans
Masonic Building

Warren, O. Dec. 23, 1914.

Miss Laura Clay,
Richmond, Ky.,

Dear Miss Clay:-

Enclosed find check for \$58.80 interest due you from
William ^{Coale} ~~Covey~~ on the \$2000 mortgage at 6% with my 2% commission
of 2% taken out.

I was perfectly stunned at the defeat and had worked
so awfully hard that I was fairly incapacitated. I seemed to
have no normal, moral or physical vigor and have sat around
half working, half dead and half alive for weeks. I have just
come to and have had to be in Cleveland one or two days on
suffrage business and have been devoting part of each day to
business affairs. I found on checking up yesterday that the
Williams interest had not been paid. This really is a bank
matter. The bank owns the property and makes the loans but
it does it through an agent I suppose to avoid some bank con-
ditions and banks are so greedy that although they make you
pay interest the instant it is due they do not pay it themselves
when it is due. I called them up yesterday and told them about
this interest so I will send it to you in a few days.

Our two Ohio delegates Miss duPont and Mrs. Vorce were
perfectly delighted with you at the National Convention. They
thought you were great.
Give my love to Mrs. Bennett and accept Christmas
greetings from me,
HTU.B

Cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Hpton

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Jan. 27, 1915.

Miss Laura Clay,
Richmond, Ky.,

Dear Miss Clay:-

Your letter is here. I have written Miss Gordan about the conference but have not heard from her. I will write again and ask her to speak. Of course I wanted her to and the committee would want her to and I will attend to this right away.

I am glad you told me about Miss Ryan and Miss Blackwell. No one was there from the Woman's Journal last time. I am purposely not asking anybody outside of the Mississippi Valley this year to speak. I am hoping this way to keep the fight between the Congressional Union and the national Committee out of the conference. It was awful last year. Miss Paul was there and she had no interest whatsoever in the conference and did not come inside hardly but stayed out in the rotunda and got members for her Union and talked over the situation all the time. Her friends Mrs. Evans and so forth were inside and were helpful. Mrs. Booth of the Congressional Committee was just ~~about~~ as bad or worse. She was not in the convention any more than Miss Paul. There were conferences in their rooms and they were trying to work up national tickets and the spirit of it was awful. I have told everybody every where we were not going to have

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that spirit in this conference. The truth is it is too much like the national spirit. What I want to get at this time is some methods of work. Something that will be good for campaigns. Let the national people fight out their own troubles besides this sitting on the edge of a volcano is bad for nerves and bad for the work. We don't need to have it any way. Everybody can't love everybody else of course but people can be straight even with enemies.

Cordially yours,

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Harriet Taylor Upton

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HEADQUARTERS: MASONIC BLDG., WARREN, OHIO Jan. 14, 1915.



Miss Laura Clay,
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:-

Your letter in regard to the Mississippi Valley Conference is here and I will answer it in a day or two. I am going to Cleveland in the morning for a committee meeting and I may be delayed in answering some days. I want to acknowledge receipt of the \$25.00 which you sent for the Mississippi Valley Conference. You certainly are generous as well as thoughtful.

Lovingly yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

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Richmond, Ky.

Jan. 12th, 1915.

My dear Mrs. Upton,

Your letter by the last mail roused me to the remembrance that I was on the Program Com. of the Miss. V. Conference.

What does Mrs. Harper want to talk about? If it is nothing which will lead to controversy I think we had better give her all the time she wants, as she is an interesting speaker.

I suppose, as today is the time set for the consideration in Congress of the endell resepution, that that matter will be settled one way or another, before the Conference.

I will make my few suggestions by number.

- (1) The dates you mention seem to me very good.
- (2) I think this is the physecheological time for the suffragists to bring before the public that weman suffrage would help the cause of universal peace, by national arbitration and a proper police force; therefore, I think we should provide for an interesting discussion on Peace and Arbitration.
- (3) I believe we should fully discuss Federal Suffrage as a Congressional mode of procedure. The National adopted a resolution to that effect; and Mrs. McCormick and Mrs. Funk told me they were much in favor of it. I think we should have a lawyer, if possible, who would give us the constitutional side of the question. I was told by Mrs. Catherine W. McCullech, at the Washington convention that she believed it was constitutional. Perhaps Mrs. Funk herself would give a speech about it.

I feel myself at a disadvantage by not having been present at the last year's Conference; therefore, I am only going to make

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Jan. 9, 1915.

Miss Laura Clay,
Richmond, Ky.,

Dear Miss Clay:-

You know you, Mrs. Pyle and I were elected the officers or the program committee of the Mississippi Valley Conference. Our campaign was so exhausting and the after work so heavy that I have done little or nothing about it. Now it is high time we were at it for they want the conference to be held the 7th, 8th and 9th of March. It will be in Indianapolis. Let me hear from you right away in regard to any suggestions for the program. I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I am sending to the presidents of the States. The only thing that has transpired in regard to the program is that Mrs. Harper has asked to speak and she says she does not want to have any little ten minutes either. I have written her nothing has been done about the program and that she will hear from us later.

Hastily yours,

HTU/B

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Miss Laura Clay,
Richmond, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:-

We all remember that at the Mississippi Valley Conference in Des Moines we accepted an invitation from the Indiana women to hold our conference there this spring and we voted to do so. Most of us were so busy with the campaigns and gathering up debris after it was over that it was holiday time before we realized how near spring was. Then Dr. Keller wrote me that they would like to hold the convention on the 7th, 8th and 9th of March, the Indianapolis people to have a business meeting or convention on the 10th. The 7th is Sunday and they wanted to have a mass meeting in the afternoon and they have our conferences Monday and Tuesday. Upon receipt of this please let me know whether these dates suit you and if you have any suggestions for the program send them along. I suppose they will want an extra fine program for Sunday afternoon.

I think all of us feel that we do not want

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any dissension or politics in this conference. It is simply to be a work conference. Something that will help us in the future and of course we can be helped in the future by our experiences of the past. Please write me freely in regard to this and believe me.

Faithfully yours,

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Harriet Taylor W. John

The above letter was sent to all the presidents of states affiliating - one has gone to Mrs Beckmudge - I have wondered if the hat - purposely got in the Mich. Mo. presidents to get inside of the conference - of course Mrs Inc Cornick will ~~put~~ decided upon before the last conference & Mrs Beckmudge was on - With 4 Nat. officers but there will be restraint

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Program Committee

HARRIET TAYLOR UPTON, Ohio
MAMIE L. PYLE, South Dakota
LAURA CLAY, Kentucky

WARREN, OHIO, Feb. 26, 1915

Miss Laura Clay,
Richmond, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:-

The topic "Woman suffrage in the South " will occupy the last hour of the morning session of March 8. At this writing there are three speakers, you, Miss Gordon and Mrs. Jacobs. I suggest that you each speak fifteen minutes leaving fifteen minutes for question. Mrs. Jacobs isn't absolutely sure she can get away in which case you and Miss Gordon would divide the three quarters of an hour.

I want you also to speak at the dinner on the evening of Monday. We are going to have six toasts and I want you to respond to "We of the South".

I think the conference is going to be fine. I certainly have done my best to put a good spirit into it and keep that spirit there. It seems to me it would be bliss to have one suffrage convention with the old time spirit.

Miss Blackwell's doctor says that she needs the change and so she is coming. Isn't that splendid? You and she and Mrs. McCulloch and I will have a good time anyway.

Cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

C-O-P-Y

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17, 1915.

Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton,
Masonic Building,
Warren, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Upton:-

I am very much surprised at your letter of Feb. 15. Do I understand that you expect to put the Congressional Committee on trial? If you do, please let me say that we do not submit ourselves for any such purpose. We are willing and anxious to discuss all matters of policy and to serve the women of the States, but we are not on our defense in any sense of the ~~word~~ word.

You are quite mistaken when you say that a large number of the campaign states of last year - if you meant last year - disapproved of the blacklist. I have heard of no disapproval from any of them except Ohio.

I am perfectly willing, and have no doubt that Mrs. McCormick will be, to make a full explanation of our report on Congressmen. This will not be a matter of general statements, and it will not have to be given an acid test to determine its truth or falsehood. The congressional records, the records of caucuses, the records of committees, and the public documents disclose certain facts about the various members. We compiled this information concerning, I believe, every member of Congress and sent it out to the women of the various states for their enlightenment, believing ourselves to be their agents, and knowing of no reason why they should not know what the public may know if it cares to about their delegations in Congress. The records of certain of these men were particularly significant in their relation to suffrage, and the newspapers naturally enough took hold of them and christened it "the blacklist", so I am unable to guess how we might be called upon to "prove it". The records, documents, etc., that I have mentioned are not private; anyone may verify the truth or falsity of our report who cares to do so, so I do not understand what you mean by "getting at the truth of all these matters". I did not know that there was any question at all as to any of them. I did not know that anybody's truth nor anybody's veracity was in question. I was under the impression that the controversy regarding the so-called blacklisting has grown not out of whether we made true or false statements, but as to whether or not it was policy to publish the records of certain of these members.

I have not the slightest intention of making any general statements that may be misleading. On the other hand, I do not expect to go into any meeting and have it assumed beforehand that I am a liar or anything approaching it. I will say quite frankly that your letter is a good deal of a mystery, and I am not quite able to make out what you are driving at. I have received one letter from you saying that Mrs. McCormick and myself will be asked to lead some discussion. This inexplicable letter of February 15 follows. Possibly you have written one in between that would make it clear. I have not

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received it if you have.

Your letter strikes me, Mrs. Upton, as being not as you suggest, "plain but not personal", but on the contrary, personal but not plain. You say you "talk to people but not about them". I do not understand what you are talking to me about in your statements about falsehoods, truths, proof, etc., and I do not appreciate innuendos or remarks as unpleasant as yours,

Very truly yours,

Antoinette Funk.

C-O-P-Y

Feb. 18, 1915.

Mrs. Antoinette Funk,
505 Fifth Ave.,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Funk:-

Your rather peppery letter is here. I am sorry I gave you a wrong understanding. A part of one of the morning sessions of the Mississippi Valley Conference will be devoted to different phases of Congressional work and there will be four speakers. I have asked Mrs. McCormick to speak on the Shafroth amendment. The other sub topics are the Mondell amendment, presidential suffrage and federal suffrage. At the conclusion of these four sub topics there will be a general discussion. What I was trying to make you understand was to be prepared to explain about the black listing the benefits of it and all that sort of thing. It may be that no one will mention it and that everybody is satisfied about it but because there has been so much difference of opinion in regard to the advisability of it I simply called your attention to it.

I was perfectly dumb founded to have you suggest that the Congressional Committee was to be on trial at the Mississippi Valley Conference. Nobody is on trial at that Conference. There is no dominating group in that Conference, there is nothing but a spirit of fair play throughout it all.

I think your statement is wrong that Ohio was the only state which disapproved of black listing. I was not at the National convention but I am sure I read in the Nashville papers that Massachusetts protested and gave its reason for protesting. That Massachusetts does

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not approve of it and Ohio does not approve does not make it at all certain that it is not wise.

The Conference would not want you or Mrs. McCormick to make a report on the congressmen. That is something ~~wish~~ which a committee belonging to the national organization would make at a national convention. What we want at this Conference is light on all topics which have anything to do with State organization and State campaign work and for that reason this Congressional matter is brought up because States have legislative work to do and the national legislation effects in a certain way the work of the State legislative committees and in a certain sense has to do with organization and has to do with campaigns. What I meant by ~~appro~~ving anything was I thought you might want certain data and might not think to bring it, I do not know as you will but I was simply trying to have you know that we as a Conference wanted all facts and wanted everybody ready to substantiate those facts.

So far as I know nobody is accusing anybody and I used the word truth in a sense of facts.

I am sorry that you should think of me as you apparently do, or as you apparently did when you wrote that letter, namely that as chairman of the program committee of a great meeting called to consider methods I would do anything which was not perfectly straightforward, honorable for all participants in that Conference.

I hope you will forget that you have thought that or that you wrote me as you did and maybe someday when you know me yourself you will not be able to then remember it. As for me I have simply washed it off the slate.

I was just about to write you to ask you to speak on the advisability of party alliance. I want you to lead that discussion

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and it comes on Tuesday. The hour is not yet set but I will let you know later. I do not know whether I told you that I forwarded your sketch and your photograph to the press chairman in Indianapolis and I am very much obliged to you for sending it promptly.

Yours truly,

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WARREN, OHIO, Feb. 17, 1915.

Miss Laura Clay,
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:-

I am enclosing two or three calls if you know where Miss Elliot of Tennessee lives do write her and urge her to come to conference. The regular folks in Tennessee are not paying any attention to my letters. I do want a representative from them so much.

I am sending you the block of the program as it is now laid out. Look it over and make any suggestions you can. The two most important discussions are the two in which you are interested, the southern question and the National Legislature.

I really wanted to have the dinner on Tuesday night so all the delegates would be there for the one evening meeting, but for some reason or other the local people did not like Tuesday night, said Monday was better, and I thought they ought to know and have their way since I was not sure it would make any difference with us and since they were going to a lot of expense.

At Des Moines our conference was fairly spoiled by the fussing between the Congressional Committee and the Congressional Union so that I determined to have a free discussion on everything and if I can arrange it not to have any special recommendations on any of the things. Do not know how that will work out. Mrs. Miller

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of Missouri, who was elected to the National Board has invited Mrs. Field of the National Publishing company. I have written and told her that we were not going to have anybody from outside the Valley, but as she had invited Mrs. Field, of course, we could not very well withdraw the invitation. I told her that personally I liked Mrs. Field very much. The beauty of the Mississippi Valley conference in the past has been its democratic spirit and we do not want to have too many National officers there changing that spirit. Do you agree with me about that? You see this year they elected three officers in the valley and I think that they elected two of them because of the Mississippi Valley Conference and Mrs. McCulloch agrees with me. Mrs. Clark of Michigan and Mrs. Miller of Missouri. Mrs. Breckenridge is not going to be there, she is going away on a trip with her husband.

Please upon receipt of this read carefully this skeleton program, make any suggestions and return right away and please send me one of your good pictures. You gave me one and I just loved it and somebody teased it away from me in the Ohio campaign. I have nothing but an old front view of you and I do not like it nearly so well.

Cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

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Mrs Blackwell's declination not let-
her come. I doubt if Mrs Ryan
does either - Our Mrs Vance is
speaking in Mass. and she says the
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LAURA CLAY, Kentucky

WARREN, OHIO, Feb. 10, 1915.

*Miss Finnegan's
address is
Hotel Bradley
Houshler*

Dear Miss Clay:-

Now that Texas has really done a lot of legislative work, I am very anxious Miss Finnegan should come to the conference. Cannot you write and urge her to do so. I have sent her a Call and asked her to, but she seems to think she will be too tired after legislative work. She really ought to be there.

I have read carefully what you say about the Federal Suffrage Bill and I will work it out on that line.

I note also what you say about prohibition and woman suffrage. Would you be willing to have a noted brewer or man of that kind speak for his side. The attorney general of the state of Ohio is a terrific whiskey man and fought us like mad and got licked *this year* says it was the men who employed ~~women~~ who killed our bill. I would just love to have him go to Indianapolis and have him tell us that and then have us put on a brewer or whiskey man and bring us all sides.

Yes, I wrote to Mrs. Breckenridge the moment the dates were fixed about Indianapolis and she wrote back a nice letter. I have also asked her to come to the conference, but have not heard from her. If I do not hear soon, I will write again.

Cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

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WARREN, OHIO, Feb. 8, 1915.

Dear Miss Clay and Mrs. Pyle:-

I am working away at the program and having fairly good success. Miss Addams promised to come for the Sunday meeting and then found she had another engagement and had to call it off. I tried to get Mrs. Catt without success but Madam Schwimmer is coming. The program on Sunday will be music, address by the Governor, by Representative of the Chamber of Commerce and prayer, a collection and Madam Schwimmer. The Indianapolis people have to pay Madam Schwimmer \$100.00 but they want to make it a success and I think they can raise the money probably. Anyway that is not our concern. That finishes the public meeting and I am glad to have that off our hands. I am framing the program for the day meetings and I think that is going to be very well. I am so afraid that the southern women are not going to be there in any numbers and I am also afraid the Dakota women are not going to be there in any numbers so you two must poke up your section. The hotel headquarters are to be at the Claypool. I am enclosing circular. I am not bothering you with details because I find that one person has to handle it all anyway. If I think you would object to anything I am doing or if I am in doubt myself I will write you.

Cordially yours,

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HARRIET TAYLOR UPTON, Ohio
MAMIE L. PYLE, South Dakota
LAURA CLAY, Kentucky

WARREN, OHIO, Feb. 3, 1915.

Dear Mrs. Pyle and Miss Clay:-

I had dictated the enclosed letter to you and the Call was just being run from the press when I had a telegram from Dr. Keller saying to hold the Call because they would have to change headquarters. She did not say whether it was hotel headquarters or not. If it is head quarters, of course, you will not want to write to the hotel for your rooms. However, I am sending the letter and I will be writing you again in a day or two and you will know then.

I wish you would give the following matter your careful thought. There is probably nothing which comes up with the suffrage question or which influences it so much and about which we know so little as the whiskey question or to put it the other way the prohibition question. I am very anxious to have this discussed at the Mississippi Valley Conference. I can see how it cannot very well be discussed in its fullest sense in a National Convention because then it brings the matter to a vote, that being a delegate body, but there is not a doubt that the agitation of the liquor question hurts us from the dry side and from the wet side. Ohio would have carried undoubtably this year if the dry men most of whom were suffragists had voted for us. In the beginning they intended to

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vote for us, but they got so wild with their own campaign and got it into their heads that they could/^{win} without us and so they let us go. I had a long conference with them in the beginning and begged them not to come out with an amendment. They had agreed the year before they would not, but when the whiskey folks came out then they came out. Everybody concedes now if they had only been willing to fight whiskey and work for us, whiskey would have lost, we would have won and they would have had us this time to use in their campaign. However, the exact opposite happened.. Whiskey got out every one of its votes, prohibition attended to itself and prohibition and suffrage lost. *Whiskey men* There are many angles to this question. In the beginning suffrage states were not prohibition states, now they are voting for prohibition and this is really the vital question of the conference because it relates to campaign states and the Mississippi Valley will be more or less a campaign district from now on.

I do not think of a single question in which so many people are interested, which so vitally relates to our work as this question and I cannot see any reason why we should not discuss it since we do not vote on it as our body is not a delegate one. However I am not putting this on the program and will not, of course, without your sanction, but I am writing this letter to you and I am consulting Mrs. Catt and Mrs. McCulloch and one or two others about it and when I have heard from them and from you I will decide in my mind what we better do and let you know. There is plenty of time for the program.

Cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

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Mississippi Valley Suffrage Conference

INDIANAPOLIS, MARCH 7, 8 and 9, 1915



Program Committee

HARRIET TAYLOR UPTON, Ohio
MAMIE L. PYLE, South Dakota
LAURA CLAY, Kentucky

WARREN, OHIO, Feb. 3, 1915.

Miss Laura Clay,
Richmond, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:-

You may be glad that you are not chairman of the program committee of the Mississippi Valley Conference. If one had lots of time to get up a program it would be one thing but this being limited for time is another. I have fairly grown gray over the fact that I could not get information from the Indianapolis people fast enough and that my Call was delayed. However, I was just to see the last proof on it this afternoon when a telegraph came to hold it up because they must make a change of headquarters.

I do not know whether it means hotel headquarters or not. I am rather hoping it doesn't because the Severin Hotel has written to me that they will give all four of our officers each a room free of charge if we would come to that hotel and as the Indianapolis people wanted to go there I hadn't written them that that was satisfactory. I have also written you and Mrs. Pyle, your copy I will enclose, but you need not do anything about it until I write again because possibly Dr. Keller 's letter does mean their hotel headquarters and not their general headquarters.

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Now, by Federal suffrage do you mean National suffrage or do you mean voting for members of congress and so on, The question under the fourteenth amendment to which ^{your} sister has voted so many years. I want an answer to this because otherwise Mrs. McCulloch will consider it in a National sense and not in the sense of which you speak.

I want you on this program, now I mean on the work program somewhere, somehow. But I keep wanting you for so many places that I cannot decide for which I want you worse. You will hear from me very soon in regard to it.

All of your suggestions were good and I think that we must cover all the points unless it is the dues-paying and the non-dues paying. We have had that so much that possibly it will not be necessary.

I do not know how we can work in the Woman's Journal but we must try to somehow. Neither Miss Ryannor Miss Blackwell were there last year. I am sure I have written you this before.

I wrote to Miss Gordan before you wrote me and then I have written to her since but I haven't had any reply.

I cannot make up my mind at this early date whether we are going to have a large gathering or not. The Wisconsin president says that she doesn't think anyone will come from there and ^{the} Dakotas don't think so either. You see Indianapolis is pretty far East for those western states. But of course the far western states are pretty far west for us eastern states.

Just got a letter

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#2LC

Anyway now my envelopes are addressed, my mimeograph stuff is ready and here I have to sit here and wait until that is cleared up. Isn't it maddenning?

I am going over the suggestions which have come from me from different ones and will answer your letter in regard to some topics.

I had already started proceedings in regard to a peace and arbitration session. We have yet decided whether we will make the ^{big} Sunday meeting a peace and arbitration session or whether we will have Tuesday evening for that but we will have it. It will depend on whether Miss Addams can come or not. I haven't told another soul but I have asked her to speak at this conference since she is interested in the Mississippi Valley and she answered that she would provided we would let her speak about peace. I have of course agreed to that but I have not connected up to Indianapolis yet as to what time they would want the peace conference. But in the meantime as several riots have come off in Hull House it may be that Miss Addams will have changed her mind. It is the uncertainty of things that makes it so hard.

I have asked Mrs. McCulloch if she would speak on Federal suffrage. I did not know of anyone else who could do it as well and she replies that if she does it will precipitate the whole question of the Shfroth amendment and the Mondell amendment into the conference. That is what we had before and it sort of queered the conference. We tried so hard not to have any discussion but this got through.

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#4LC

Our conferences really ought to be along in the middle somewhere but we can't always have them in the same place.

Well, in the next two or three weeks you can think of me as being awfully anxious, awfully worried, I am so afraid I can't pull off this program and have it all right.

Cordially yours,

HTU-R

Harriet Taylor Upton

Your hotel letter went in another envelope and I have had another telegram & the hotel headquarters are changed from the Severn to the Claypool -

Harriet T. Upton
Real Estate, Mortgages and Loans
Warren, Ohio

Dec. 2, 1915.

Miss Laura Clay,
c/o Mrs. S. Dabney Cranshaw,
916 W. Franklin St.,
Richmond, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:-

Yes, I can invest your \$1250.00 in a few minutes after I get it. I can invest it on new property in the central part of town so send it whenever you get ready.

I am afraid I will have to go to the Washington convention, My, how I dread it. I understand from very good authority that there is no one yet picked out for the National presidency but that it must be someone of whom Miss Shaw approves.

I wish to goodness I could understand your argument about Federal suffrage. I have been studying the early actions in regard to the fourteenth amendment and I cannot see where there is any chance under it. Whenever I asked anyone to explain it they always hand over to me ^{to read} long intricate arguments which I can't understand.

All is well with me.

Cordially yours,

Harriet Taylor Upton

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