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John and Isabella Beecher Hooker
cordially invite their friends to call on
them (without presents) at No. 234 Pearl
St. Hartford, Conn. from 3 to 9 o'clock
Wednesday August 5th — the fiftieth
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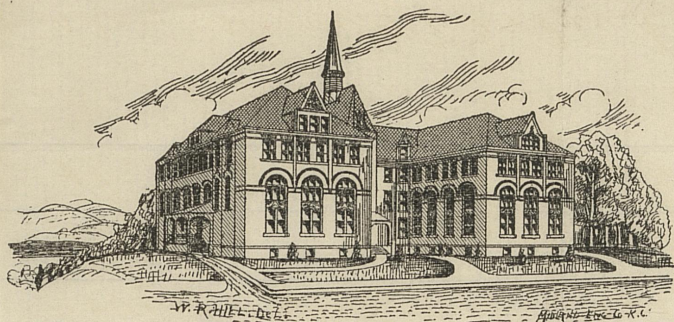
Thomas Hopkins University
Baltimore,
Jan. 17, 1891.

My dear Miss Clug
I enclose
some pages from
my article on the
Education of Women
in the South in the
forth-coming volume
on Women's Work in
America. I must
beg you to return

them as soon as
possible.

I am sorry that
I have overlooked
your letter for so
long a time. I fear
this may come too late.

I think Ballinon
women are satisfied with
their present victory, &
will be content to rest
on their oars for a time
Meanwhile, there are
young women attending
regular lectures in the T.H.
Very sincerely yours,
C. C. Franklin



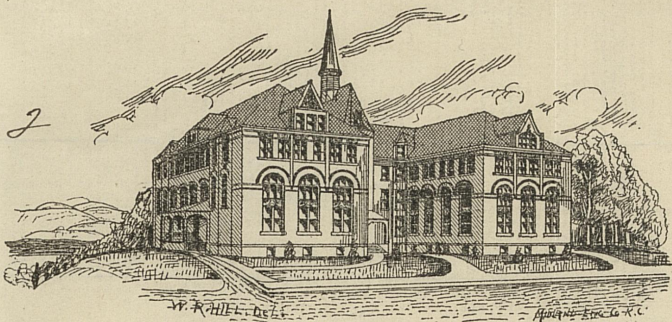
BELLE H. BENNETT,
Agent and Treasurer of the
Scarritt Bible and Training School

FOR MISSIONARIES AND OTHER CHRISTIAN WORKERS.

Richmond, Ky. May 7, 1892.

My dear Miss Laura

I send you the names of three persons that I think will probably be of some service to you. Mrs. Helen N. Stoddard of Fort Worth Texas, is a good strong woman, and is now President of the Texas W. C. T. U. She is a woman who has influence and when I was last in Fort Worth they were raising a fund to have her travel through the state. Miss Fannie D. Armstrong wife of Dallas Texas, was at one time editor of the Texas "White Ribbon". Her business is writing for the papers, and she is a staunch and enthusiastic woman's suffragist. Mrs. L. M. Buckley of Tuskegee Alabama was also a very ardent suffragist and I think will be able to give you the names of other women in Alabama who will be of service. Other names, I



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have, but I think you know of them, and have probably been in communication with them, such as Mrs. Merrick of New Orleans. If I come across others, I'll try and send them to you.

We are all quite well. I spent last night out at Sallee's. Sallee is still delighted at being out in the country. I think Jim is about as well as usual. He is going down to the country today. We have the men in the house coloring the walls and the two rooms they have finished are beautiful.

With much love for your mother and yourself,

Belle H. Bennett.

[1891]

Sunday Morning May 24th
83 North Mill Street Prof Ky

I have lately heard from some friends with friendly regards from your father

Dear Laura,

I was very glad to hear from you, though not feeling it was a desire of your heart to hear from me or any pleasure you would receive from a letter or any care - but wishing the newspaper so wrote - there is no truer old saying, where there is a will there is always a way - I know that old people care not of any interest to the young - the young lose all interest in them I suppose it is the natural order of things, the young full of interest in present passing things - full of hope - the present is a dead thing to the old - they have learnt all is vanity, if it were not for the running in & out of Clara & Will who stir me up I would be a very dull old woman - I thank God for this blessing - Some one has helped themselves to my blank chronicles - not one in the house, - though it is no body - but I got one

to her husband - her friends in Columbia Hospital & see her well

of Julia's & I send you the last No. of the
Living Church which I have lately been
talking one a week for one dollar - we
got the "Chronicle" at that, but it is only month
ly - I enjoy the Living Church - I have been
so busy & so tired mending my handsome
lace Hall curtains - I gave them to "Josh
Hankins" the woman who washed your
Mother's curtains last season & never found
out till I went to look over them before
giving them to the horrid creature to
wash & do up again how she had destroy
ed ^{them} she had sound up her irons
& has weakened all the lace so - they
will be a constant work - some part
giving away whenever done up - if the
creature had only brought them to me
after finding she tore the first curtain
fortunately for me she was taken with
rheumatism before sketching my par
lor curtains so they are brought home
in a rough condition & I sketched them
with ease - of course Josh has seen

no curtain of mine & never will again
Moria my girl has worked them far
better than Josh did & with Maria's
assistance I have stretched them most
beautiful & all up all over the house
saw one half of ~~the~~ ^{one} parlor window
which is now in the stretcher ready
B. B. to be put up to morrow - I was in Paris
spent a day Friday week ago - it was a beauti-
ful day, the ride down pleasant & of course
a day with Martha Brent along most
agreeable - too much company & too
much dinner - it is this that breaks up
all social visiting - one feels their com-
pany is a poor return for all this trouble
so one does not feel like going again;
& then the very person you go to see, you
see but little of, I went with Mrs Charles
Brent - who is in a very distressed state
of mind by the death of her mother -
most rebellious & has three young boys
to care for & a devoted husband - I
cant understand such matters - & especial-
ly professed Christians - of course parting

do not know if it has been done in her days she looks so happy

The war & my sad depression looking down on what have

with dear ones - no more to see them
in this world is a terrible trial - but we
must soon go too - therefore let us enjoy
the blessings still ours in this world -
Your Mother was completely broken down
for the first few days upon her return
back - I invited her & Annie to tea with
Ely & Woodward & Harriet Brand, she
was too tired to come Annie came - so
the next evening I went over to see how
she was, & to behold she had walked
up & back - to Caroline's & then to see
Laura - & not near me has she been
I am getting somewhat tired of play-
ing "go to see to my relations," begin to
realize "too much female society breeds
displeasure" - I believe they think I will
put up with every thing - I don't think
Annie has been in my house a half
dozen times in a year - & then generally
invited - I have not yet finished
house cleaning - have several rooms yet
to do - I must do the dine room at

May 24, 1891

Good bye with ever so much love - if I can get up I shall spend a very nice

once as William has just informed me he wants to borrow me to go to Indianapolis for two days to see a uncle who will give him something if he will go - several of his acquaintances live there & lately been writing to him & I have no doubt he is going for the purpose of seeking a situation & expect to love him - I shall miss him very much - though lazy & not high principled I shall find it difficult to replace him my only hope is, that he will not be pleased - finding he will have too much to do - he is in my debt through but little I shall miss him sadly with the carriage I never feel the least uneasy with him even with a car coming & am crossing the track -

The house Caroline is living in is sold & the party wishes to occupy it. I have offered to fix a house of mine for her but as yet she has given me no answer - she told Julia she felt like going back to the country, but I do not

as ever - feeling you ought to hear Conventicle for many reasons -

know how she could live there. Dr Jew
has improved somewhat since living
in town - We are now looking forward
to our new preacher. God grant he
may be the right one in the right place
may be a less one - Mr Barnwell
is giving great satisfaction to the Paris
people he is brother to the one whom
the church people found so much
fault in Richmond - Mr Peutz is in
Danville - I do not know how liked
when Miss Neville comes over I hope
to see her & will ask her how he is
doing - his wife lives here & still re-
mains in the Methodist church -
Mr Wood is our new minister &
from Stockton California - aged 35 yrs
wife & one child - the vestry are busy
fixing up the Rectory & ask \$300 of the
people to-day - a wise vestry, giving
\$700 to the choir Bishop unpaid & no
money in the treasury. The Bush's since
their unfortunate scrape with Mr

Must & may God bless you
Anne E. Hayward

Shipman took interest in church
work. Their absorbing idea is Mount
Sever. Their yearly visit. it absorbs
all their interest. society of Ly afford
ing them no pleasure or interest. That
affair of Mr Shipman was most unfortunate.
Maria Dudley suffers a great
deal with neuralgia & looks thin. Laura
Rogers has been very complaining but
your Mother thinks she is looking better
than when she went over to Madison last
but Maria Dudley thinks she looks very
badly & Julia is very complaining - she
will be troubled about many things
she cant control. at times looks very
well & then again looks badly. I never
was as fleshy - but I feel my age in the
want of strength - though I move actively
I can do but little - I feel all the time
drowsy & have a feeling all the time
as if I had taken cold in all my
body - I would have appetite enough if
I had agreeable company - I look for
poor Mrs Burd soon - I do not know

whether I have acted wisely in asking
her to come & make me a visit - as she
is so very delicate I fear in a decline, but
I feel so sorry for her, knowing she prefers
being in life to any place - Did you not
enjoy the rain, we have had a fine rain
we are having strawberries brought from
the south - I do not enjoy them as I former-
ly did - I do trust you will soon be able
to be more over here - we miss you so
much - I do not visit as I formerly did,
& in consequence do not see as much
company - I regret now when I first came
to housekeeping I had not tried to find
some agreeable female - I was so in-
hopeful I was would have married a
deceivable wife, instead of the old world
ling he did - poor bards - but so much
better off than many & many a poor
woman - I do wonder Anne does not
write you weekly - Mothers owe it to their
children to cultivate heart as well as
mind - Oh we had such a rare Mother

Pewee Valley, Ky.,
August 11th 1891

Col S. J. Inoue

My Dear Sir,

The Rev Mr Bu-
chanan will return to
Richmond next Saturday
to resume his duties
on Sunday the 6th inst.
I am pained to learn
that there is an un-
pleasant feeling towards
him in one quarter
on account of his
Church views. He is
a liberal Churchman

as fair & not an exclu-
sive man in his position
toward all other Chris-
tian churches. If for
this cause he is op-
posed I honor him
all the more, & will
sustain him by every
means in my power.

I learn with great
pleasure that you,
his former and friend
of Mr. Bachman, &
I write to enquire
your kind offices in

his behalf & especially
in helping to secure
for him a just compensa-
tion for his services.

I only asked ^{the amount} \$100 of
the friends of our Church
in Richmond for him
in return for his
monthly services & I
have no doubt that
the sum can easily
be raised.

I am, my dear Sir,
most faithfully yours,
Geo. D. Cummings
Asst. Bishop of Kentucky

If not delivered within 10 days, to be returned to

Col S. J. Howe
Richmond,
Kentucky



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Equal Rights Association.

"IF YE ABIDE IN MY WORD * * YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE."

MISS LAURA CLAY, PRES'T.,

78 NORTH BROADWAY.

White Hall,
Lexington, Ky., Oct. 27th 1891.

My dear, dear friend,

My thoughts have been much with you during these dark days, and my prayers have ascended that God might comfort you as He alone can comfort. Oh, I know your grief is terrible, to lose a son so winning, so brilliant, just as life was opening so fair before him; and one in whom you and his noble father had instilled impulses as generous, as high as your own. God comfort you and your noble husband. Your sad letter reached us tonight, and was welcomed because you let us mingle our sorrow with yours. The words I wrote to you before were few and

hurred; for how could I, a child-
less woman, speak ^{comfort} to a bereaved
mother. But now that you are
childless, far more sorrowfully
than myself, I think that I
may speak, to point out that
your life is not all desolate,
but that to a heart like yours,
that loves humanity, there is
enough in this world, filled with
other human lives and hearts,
to occupy all the energies of
your heart, now torn and emptied
of its treasure. A woman like
you cannot be childless, while
your heart beats with sympathy
for justice and righteousness and
liberty. How often have I thought
of the spiritual truth in the
loving title given to George Washing-
ton, "the father of his country"; though
he was a childless man. But the
children of his soul are number-
ed by the ten thousands, in this

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land blessed by the example of his patriotism, his rectitude, his love of liberty. In our day, there is a call for women to stand forth as mothers of their country, women whose affections are not bounded by the walls of home, sacred though they are, but who feel the woes of humanity, who see the wrongs to be righted, and who have the courage, the mind and the soul to go forth to labor and to battle for the principles that make humanity great. You are one of these, my dear Mrs. Henry. You have already given time and talents and devotion to as noble a cause as ever commanded

the allegiance of true hearts. Now your spirit is crushed by sorrow; but it is too brave, too strong, to lie prostrate always. This is the reward you have for your adherence to ~~your~~ high ideal, that when the cherished object of your affections is torn from you, your heart is not left bewildered, but has already another aim before it, one which may not call out so much of soft tenderness, but which is as worthy and as grand. So I feel for myself, and so I comfort myself when at times it comes home to me that I have not a woman's nearest and dearest ties. And so I write to you; knowing that though such aspirations can not heal sorrow, they can inspire courage and resolution to rise above the weakness of sorrow, because life is not bereft of what makes

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it worthy of living. I cannot express my visions of the glorified future that shall be when women of soul, of courage and of brains shall think womanhood worthy of all their devotion, and shall pour forth all the treasures of their being to vindicate woman's right to liberty and development. Man himself cannot rise one hair's breadth without his other half, woman, rises too. A mother bereaved of her son cannot pay him a purer tribute than to devote her life to the elevation of her sex; for in that she recognizes the unity of the race, and that she cannot labor for the one without blessing the

other also.

Dear Mrs. Henry, I have spoken
very feebly something of what is
in my heart. The thoughts that make
the purpose of a life are not eas-
ily expressed, but I pray that I
may touch a responsive chord
in your heart, which will tell
you all that I cannot. God
bless you and your noble hus-
band. God grant that both of you
may rise chastened, but not over-
come, to meet again the duties
and grand possibilities of life.
My mother sends her love and
sympathy. Mary will write
in a day or two.

Your sincere friend,
Laura Clay.

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MISS LAURA CLAY,
NO. 78 NORTH BROADWAY,
LEXINGTON, KY.



Mrs. Josephine K. Henry,

Versailles,

Kentucky.



1 Fairfax S.C.

March 18th 1892

Dear Laura Clay

You never were more welcome to any heart than you are to mine. Not having seen you I've been longing to know you, and you have come to me at a kind of crisis, for, (since Convention and a little unpleasantness with my State President, who was angry with me for wearing the yellow ribbon and alluding to Suffrage as I did,) I've been resolved to work on this very line, without help of any sort. Fancy to yourself a very small woman, barely over five feet, very timid, and quite wrapped up in home and husband, adventuring out on this stormy sea! That's my case! Of course I could not, in the nature of things do so had I not one blissful anchorage, whither my tiny barge can send for safety from the whelming billows, — my husband's bosom. He loves me so, and I trust him so utterly, that I can even get up courage to go out on reconnaissance if they don't take me too far from his sheltering arms.

I attended the ² National Meet^g
in Boston and while there was
present at a reception given to
the Southern Suffrage ladies.
There was such a crowd of us
that I felt victory in the air!!!
My own State-president, Mrs. S.F.
Chapin was the first to speak, and
to have heard her you would have
supposed she would lead the
Suffrage women of So. Ca., but instead
of that she wanted to muzzle every
one of us; we can talk in our of the
State but "be silent as the grave
as soon as you cross the river
from Georgia." Mrs. Sibley, President
of Georgia was at our State
Convention but though she had
declared in Boston that she
"was coming home to advocate
it" she did not encourage me by
a word at Columbia. Her horror
was in deference to Mrs. Chapin.
Now how are the women ever to
be converted if they are kept from
knowing anything about it?
Thanks, you dear generous soul
for your good opinion of South
Carolina women. We deserve it.

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I can't tell you how I love our women - what confidence I have in them; - they only need to understand about suffrage to fall into line. I can sympathize with their notions fully, though I was born odd, for with a father & mother of most conservative breeding I wanted the negroes freed while yet a little child, and believed in woman suffrage as soon as I grew up: both notions seeming to be spontaneous with me.

In answer to your 1st question the best help which word will be communication by letter so as to establish the premissary of a perfect understanding among us. There is already a considerable sprinkling of woman suffragists in the state, both men and women. I've just written down (in the spur of the moment) the names of 30 whom I think will join the Association.

2^d question. While I greatly desire the state to be censured by a speaker I think we had better be organized first. If I were living in a city I might manage an engagement but for live, I may say in

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the Country. Fairfax is the
junction of the Park Royal and
the Southbound railroads, but it
is not even a village. My special
gifts (if I may call so my tokens for
visiting) inclines me to silence
I actually rather write than talk -
sometimes write love notes to "Prince"
(his name for my husband) and he
sitting by me!! Now Miss Laura
does laugh at me too hard. - but
"truth is stranger than fiction."
Well my home suits me though
not the place for bringing our
speakers.

3d question as to "plans and
methods," I had already resolved
on a line of work, which I've been
pushing forward since I came
back from Columbia W.C.T.U. Convention.
I brought home a great bundle
of tracts & leaflets in suffrage given
me at Convention by Miss ^{Mrs.} Schopfield
of Aiken, - then I had a right good
supply I had ordered - so recently
I've been putting them into my letters,
and giving them to my visitors every
day. You see my husband is a
Physician, with more people

coming to him from the whole
 surrounding country there he can
 attend to, without being overworked.
 This presses hard on me in a
 social way, for I often have
 unexpected crowds of visitors,
 but it gives me a wide range
 for the dissemination of my conducting
 and I use it, with a constant
prayer to God for wisdom, so that
 I may do all the good possible.
 Later I've just received my
 morning's mail in which came
 two letters, which have much
 encouraged me - one is from Mrs
 Clark Wasing of Columbia, the
 President of the World's Fair Club
 of that city, in which she asks
 me to aid her, and says some
very sweet and friendly words
 concerning ^{personal} ~~work~~ meeting in Columbia
 and an article of mine, which
 came out in the papers after my
 return home. Of course I will
 help her, and also ^{help} Mr Thomas
 Taylor another World's Fair
 Commissioner, from whom I
 had a letter of similar tenor yesterday.

But oh my friend do you
not see that if I work with
the World's Fair Commissioners
I may find openings to their hearts.
And if I do work I trundle
in suffrage ideas as fast as
I can roll them!!

My other letter is from Mary Gridley
of Greenville, a beautiful city in
the upper part of S.C. Mary is
a splendid business woman - you
know she must be, when she is
carrying on her father's business as
manager of a large factory. She says,
in answer to my letter of a week
ago, telling of my determination to work
in the suffrage line - "Go ahead little
woman! You are fighting great odds
but the end is not yet. Daylight
will break after awhile."

Thanks dear Miss Laura for the
minutes, papers & Mrs Henry's speech.
I would like to have a dozen of the
letters. ^{Mrs Henry's speech paper.} Send them to me & I will pay for
them in my next letter at which
time I will send my dues & the
dues of as many friends as I can
get to give me their names for the
South Carolina's Equal Rights Association.
Do give me an answer at your earliest
convenience? Sincerely Virginia D. Young

240 Napoleon Ave
New Orleans La
March 20th 1892

Dear Miss Clay -

I do not know
what prevented me from answering
your first letter. Now I
desire to vote for you as per-
manent Chairman of the
Southern Committee of N. A. W. S. C.
(I am sorry to have so many letters
to write) Do not let any
one put me in as officer
for any work just now -

I must unload some of
my burdens before I take
on more. This year

Let my vote go for Mrs
Clara A. McDaniel - I
know she will be competent
which I am not, in money
affairs -

We are organised

[Mar. 20, 1892]

here in La as auxilliary
to the N. A. W. S. A. under
the name of "The Portia Club",
and we meet regularly
every two weeks. next
meeting will be at my
home (see address) and
you can write to me
if you have anything to
propose - We are not ready
for speakers but will be
next fall - but we want
Lucia Shaw - Remember
I am not to be on any
Committee for reasons I
have not space to give - until
next year -

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You know my choice for
Treasurer

I will authorize Chairman
pending election of treasurer
to send ten dollars to the
Ga Association for their
press work.

I will also authorize chair-
man to draw ten dollars
of the sum in Mrs Spofford's
hand for literature to dis-
tribute in Miss. and
if agreeable, and you
have the money, I would
gladly authorize you to
send a like sum to
La where it would
do great good
and is much
needed —

Columbus, Miss.

March 24th 1892.

My dear Miss Clay,

Your letter just received. I assure you, I too make Equal rights a part of my religion. I will tell you of how it is with me now. I am crowded, to overflowing with work.

I have accepted work from the prohibitionists of this state, to evangelize the state, to sow it with our doctrines. Now I have three children, also a Bible work in this city, numbering about two hundred. I am also evangelist for National W. C. T. U. - president, also for Mississippi of the Woman's Council. I will tell you what I can do, I can in the wisest way

promulgate the principle
of equal rights as I go
through the state, will
also sound around
and give you lists from
time to time of the Suppa-
gists I discover in the
different places. I would
not mind also, carrying
such literature, as you
send me, and placing
it to the best advantage,
I will be able to do this
much, but I fear I can
not do much writing
either, as correspondence,
or to the press, just be-
cause I have not the
time. I may in my
circuit find the woman
for you, you need.

Mar. 24, 1892

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Mrs Olivia Fitzhugh, Vicksburg, Miss - has a very ready pen, and she is an ardent suffragist. Send her a letter like the one you wrote me.

I don't want to promise you more than I can do. But you can count on me, for this much.

With love and hearty sympathy
Yours for the liberty of
Wamen, Wm. S. Wells.

Leach Bottom ^{H H} 4th Mo 16 1892

Laura M. Clay:

Dear Friends:

No doubt
there has come to the conclusion
long ago, that I had forgotten my prom-
ise to send thee the article I spoke to
thee about, or that I could not find it.
I must explain, I did not return here
(where my papers and books are) until
the 4th of this month, since which
time I have been very busy. I have found
the piece I spoke to thee of - and as I
am such a poor writer, I got my Grand-
daughter to copy it for me to send to thee.
My daughter and I always valued it very
much. I hope it may be a satisfaction

To thee and thy family:
I recall with pleasure, the opportunity
I had of clasping thy hand, as the
daughter of Gustus M. Clay! - And
am glad to know thee is working
for the Elevation of women, and con-
sequently the Elevation of Humanity!
In my heart I bid the young women
of our country "God speed" in every
work - yes! I say let the brethren and
sisters work side by side.

Ever trying to abolish the terrible evils
that exist all over our land, causing
so much sorrow and poverty.

But I need not write of these things
to thee! Be faithful to the light God gives
thee, and thee will do much good. I am sure
affectionately and truly thy friend

Letitia W. Brosius
Leach Bottom, York Co., Pa

D.S.

Please be so kind as to inform me
if thee receives this letter and piece.
I would be thankful to hear of thy
work but know thee has thy hands
full, therefore cannot expect thee to
write much to me. I am deeply
interested in the reforms of the day
I assure thee. L. W. B.

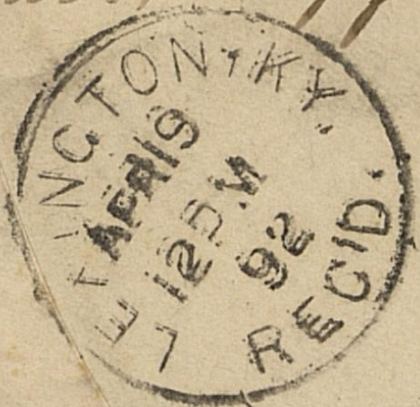
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Dr. W. M. Gross.
Paen.

Laura M. Clay
Lexington
Kentucky



Answered. Sent on in-
vite, Sayyis + Henry's tracts.



Near Vicksburg, Miss.

April 24, 1892.

Miss Laura Clay.

Ford. & R. A.

Louisville,

K-y.

Dear Madam:

Your
very kind letter of
Apr. 14 was duly
received, but in the
presence of an afflic-
tion in the critical
illness of my hus-
band, I am scarcely

prepared to take up
the work you have
assigned me.

For days and nights
I have waited upon
my sick, who is now
puffed with dropsy;
and God alone knows
the result.

But I cannot
ignore your letter
even at this time;
and, during a lull
of pain - I will
try to define my
position on the

woman question faintly.

I do not believe I
 am sufficiently rad-
 ical as a woman suf-
 fragist to hold a
 prominent official
 position.

I am as one
 making first steps -
 long having wished
 for a vote to suppress
 saloons - to vote women
 on our school boards -
 to place them in
 police courts - to com-
 pel every female

Boarding school or
 college to employ a
 woman physician to
 overlook the health of
 the pupils - and not
 have nations desperat-
 ing drugs at random.
 How many girls have
 returned from school
 with ruined health!

Then as women
 found churches & mis-
 sions - and serv, beg
 and solicit alms to
 sustain the same I
 advocate woman rep-

resentation in church
councils.

But I cannot
adjust my & military
service to my satisfac-
tion. Personally I am
retiring.

As to the polls
there is no bugbear -
I go to the post office
alone - to church alone -

shop alone, and I
think I could drop a
piece of paper in a
box alone.

If I were to
vote I should have to

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side five miles to a
picnic in daylight -
could do so with impu-
nity I think; and if I
were impugned, I would
retaliate by stating that
to this same picnic
the young girls and
men of the neighbor-
hood resort on festive
nights in moonlight
pic-nics or dances
and stay all night
or till dawn light
the travelers home.

I think you will un-
derstand my position.

I am found on the
protection of women in
their children & persons.

I live an isolated
life - my society being
books & papers - and
nearly I know no one
who thinks on the
woman question as I
do.

But if I live
through my present
trouble with spirit
mcrushed, I will
make it my business

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to investigate the opinions of a few women who ought to ask relief from disabilities they suffer as women.

I heard Mrs. Wallace lecture in Pickensburg a year or two ago - and also heard very favorable comments on her suffrage speech. One thing is sure, our men & women will listen gracefully to a decorous woman speaker.

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I enclose you a
reply to Rev. Dr. John
a Broadhead - on
"Women speaking in
Public." written by
myself by request
of Miss Frances
Willard.

I hope you
will write me again
and keep me in
thought with your
action.

The "Solution
of the Southern Question"

was almost identical
with the temper of
our last Constitutional
Convention, which
came near giving
woman suffrage.

But I have read
nothing lately which
impressed me with
its power as Mrs.
Josephine K. Henry's
address before the
Ky. Constitutional
Convention.

It eclipses all the arguments I have read - compressing in a small space thoughts for a volume.

I hope I will not weary you.

If you take time to read my reply to Dr. Broadbent

please return - for I hope to hear from you again.

With

Many sentiments
of sympathy and
congenial ideas

I am yours truly

Olivia F. Fitzhugh.

Sandy Spring Md.

May 3rd. 1892.

My dear Miss Clay -

I am very sorry
that a series of circum-
stances has prevented
my reply to your queries
I was in bed - quite sick -

when the letter came -
I was not in a condition
to read it ^{properly} - so that in the
few days that followed
it passed out of my mind -

I then left N. Y. on a round
of visits in Penn^a & only
reached home yesterday
when your letter occurred
to me as a surprise -

I vote that the ten dollars
be sent to Mrs P. J. Hildreth
of Alabama and to Mrs
C. E. Merrick of La. for the
work proposed -

I also think it would be
well for the Com. to write
upon one paper as its organ
& think it will probably
be best to choose the one
published in Little Rock -
that is my vote -

I also approve of the
paper selected as the organ
of the Com. being sent
at the Committee's expense,
for the reason that it is
most likely that all
of the members of

the Committee - already
take a suffrage paper -
I take Mrs Colby's paper -
so that I will want the
paper selected as the organ
of the Committee - sent
to me. -

Again thanking you for
your earnestness & faith-
fulness in this almost
thankless Cause - &
feeling truly sorry for
this delay -

I am very sincerely your friend
Caroline H. Miller

Joyce Ky
July 15 [1892]

Miss Laura Clay
White Hall Ky

Kind friend

Yours just received
there will be some one
at R. R. Station to meet you
and convey you to the appoint-
-ments.

There is no change in
the plans - except some of
the friends at Mt Olive church
think they would like for you
to address them on the night
of 21st that place is mid-
way from Mintonville to
Middleburg we will not
make an appointment until we

consult at Bethel they
will let me know there
whether they can arrange for it
or not and you can let us
know whether that would
be imposing on you or not
This subject is new in
this part of the country

Yes there will be
two appointments at Bethel
There are ^{no} W. C. T. U. here
but there are several temperance
people and at Bethel Prohibitions
-ist at the other places there
are not so many.

Yours Resp

(Mr) J. B. Wesley

Newport N.Y.
Nov 8th 1892

My dear Miss Clay:

As yet I have not
been able to get to
actual work, except
that of studying the
question - When I am
ready to begin I shall
probably write to
you for information
which you so kindly
offered me -

Our Newport de-
parture leaves tomorrow,
I hope you will make
their acquaintance.
I have taken the

liberty of addressing
a note to Mr. Josephine
K. Henry to your
care, so that she
may be sure to
get it. Supposing
that she will be
in attendance at
the Convention, I feel
that it will be a
favorable opportuni-
-ty to secure her
to lecture for us.

I hope that the next
time we may have the
pleasure of hearing you,
dear Miss Clay, there
may be some more
converts to the cause
to welcome you.

With many friendly regards for
yourself and your mother,
I am

Sincerely yours
Mary R. Jones