

Fairfax S. C.
1/23rd 96.

My dear Miss Lay:-

I meant to acknowledge the receipt of your letter and photograph before now, but have been prevented by one thing and another. Thank you very much for the photograph; it does not do you justice, could not without your lovely color but still it is a good picture and I appreciate it very highly. I

shall not forget you when I have
mine taken. I wish it was so that
I could go to Washington with Mrs.
Young, but on account of my slight
pains I am deprived of that pleasure.
However, I am living in the hope of go-
ing next year, if the convention is
held in Charleston, then I shall be
happy to meet you again. Truly

the National will not refuse the two
or three invitations, I hope not at any
rate. I sincerely trust that the work
done in Washington will be productive
of much good and that all who
attend the convention will leave
with renewed strength to carry on the
fight for liberty. With best wishes for
you and your work, I am yours
cordially,
M. M. Buckner.

OFFICE OF
The Woman's Journal,
No. 3 Park Street.

BOSTON, Jan 6 1896

Dear Miss Colay

If I thought that I could be of enough service to the suffrage cause in Ky. to make it worth while to incur the cost & inconvenience of the journey out & back, I would willingly come to Frankfort at such time either before or after the Washington Convention as would enable me to include the two. I will mail you the excellent argument of Hon. Mr. Pease of Rhode Island, which is quite conclusive on

I am not sure that anyone from outside your own State had better take part in the hearing. #1878

the legal right of the Legislature to confer Presidential Suffrage by statute. Indeed no other body is capable of regulating Presidential Suffrage but the State Legislatures. It would be the only fair referendum to the women of Ky to enable them to express their willingness to vote, in this most interesting and conspicuous election.

Let me know when you decide on your hearing.

I think, in view of the liquor complication, you are wise in not asking for municipal suffrage. I am

Your friend Henry B Blackwell

Radicals Ky.
Jan 19th 1896.

Dear Miss Clay,

From the enclosed documents you see we are at work.

I have sent the same to Mrs Eugenia B. Farmer at Covington, and Mrs Mary K. Jones at Newport.

You can communicate with them if you wish.

Of course you know what to do, and what has been done, but there must be cooperation in the the effort to secure the legislation desired.

The communication ^{intended} for
the legislature should
not be circulated in the
third class cities nor any effort
to obtain signatures of Govern-
ing body or citizens until
the editorials from second
class cities have been published
and the same republished
in papers of third class cities.
For the favorable comments
of the newspapers in the third
class cities ~~it will~~ leave
all to do with the council
and with the citizens.
The suffragists in the third
class cities should be prepared
with their petitions to be
signed by citizens and
also by councilmen
just as soon as favorable

comment is obtained
in the editorial column
of the newspapers in those
cities. The newspapers
make and unmake
everything of a public
nature and there is
but one influence in
the city, as a general
thing which can bridle
the conduct of the press
and that is the saloon.

I shall direct the Postmaster
to forward this letter to
you, thinking you
may be in Washington
at the present time.

If you can not attend
to this matter at once
in person, please
send to a suitable

person in Lexington,
and urge the matter.

I am much interested
in your work before
our legislature this
session. I shall write
to you again to Frankfort
next month.

Your earnest friend
Dorothy Hooper.

725 Jefferson St.

Paducah, Ky. January 20, 1896

Dear madam,

The Suffrage Association of this city has prepared an address to the legislature of Kentucky, asking that women be declared eligible as members of the board of education, and qualified to vote at all elections for members of said board, which address it is proposed to have the mayor and councilmen of this city, at their regular meeting the first Monday in February next sign. A similar address or communication will be prepared for signature by the citizens generally.

In order to impress the community in third class cities, and to influence the governing bodies of such cities, relative to the propriety of the legislation here proposed for third class cities, it is suggested that a judicious and well-written editorial be prepared and published in the leading newspaper of each of the second class cities, where the privileges for women here sought are already enjoyed by them, and this article be sent to the governing boards of each of the several third class cities. In order to secure such legislation at this session the article referred to should be prepared and published, and sent to the mayor and councilmen, marked, of 3rd class cities, this or early in the coming week.

I respectfully suggest, that in the article named, which should be written by some lady of talent residing in the city for which the writing is intended, it should appear, literatim et verbatim, what the law for second class cities granting to women school suffrage, which can be seen in the Kentucky Statutes. It should appear what elections, if any, have been held under the law in second class cities, how the elections were held, whether separately or otherwise; who were elected at the several elections, giving the names, character, and qualifications of the women chosen, and what especial aptitude or efficiency they have manifested in discharging the duties of the office, and how their administration of the trust has been received and regarded in the community; what improvement has been demonstrated in the conduct of the public schools since the advent of women to the board of education, such as vigilance in looking after the sanitary condition of the buildings, comfort and general physical and mental welfare of the children, the character, qualifications, and general fitness of the teachers.

The newspapers published in each of the second class cities, twenty or more of them, which contain the editorials mentioned, should be mailed to a leading suffragist in each of the third class cities with instructions to place in the hands of each member of the governing body. And then the lady suffragists further directed to prepare and have signed by the mayor and councilmen communications addressed to the legislature something after the form enclosed so that there may be cooperation in the effort to secure legislation desired. Please attend to at once
Yours truly,

Jan 20, 1896

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

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Gentlemen,

the undersigned petitioners, the mayor and common council of the city of....., respect fully request your honorable body to amend the charter of third class cities in the commonwealth, conferring upon women eligibility to the board of education, and qualifying them to vote at all elections for members of such board.

They also ask, that officers required to hold registration for voters in cities of the third class, shall provide for separation registration for men and women, and cause to be opened separate polls at which all persons desiring to vote for members of the school board shall be permitted to vote, otherwise both the registration and election shall be held according to the provisions of the general election law.

Instruction to the representative in the legislature, who represents the county in which the third class city is situated, should be written for the mayor and council and have them sign it if possible, directing the representative to secure the legislation asked for in the prayer of the governing body.

I further suggest that the suffragist to whom news papers are sent be requested to have her daily leading papers copy the several editorials from the papers of the second class cities, and put in a favorable comment suggesting similar legislation for third class cities. Or the better thing to do would be, to prepare just the comment desired, and have it inserted in the papers as an editorial.

In our xxx council there are six saloon keepers, and there may be a large proportion of such persons in the councils of other third class cities, and for fear the achievement may be frustrated, I suggest that no mention be made of the aim or effort to promote the moral reformations in the schools, which we all have so much at heart. For if the liquor men in the council discover that we are proposing educational projects in the schools, which will affect the profits of their business they will work against us, by operating on the prejudice of the community against woman suffrage. So in the article prepared for publication the newspaper of second class cities, I think it wise to steer clear of the moral improvements already accomplished or proposed.

Yours truly

Castleton Feb. 25th 1896.

My dear Miss Gray

I enclose a copy
of an article sister
has just written upon
a subject, in which
we are all interested
here as well as in
Virginia. She has made
me send her, all
the papers had to report
of your efforts to ac-
complish this most
desirable object - here.

If you had been
on the school board
or faculty of the "State
College", would you
have invited Mr.

Breckenridge to address
the students, as he did
last week? It seemed
to me a terrible object-
lesson to those young
men. I hope you
enjoyed your visit
to Washington and
Richmond, and received
new vigor and strength
for the good works, you
so bravely champion.

Mr. Downes,

Please send me two pieces
of steaming Beef 30 lbs each & two Steaks 15
lbs each & 10 lbs of Turnips & Carrots. I
will send the money. Please send receipt.

M. J. W. Cley

March 21st / 96.

James receipts

March 21st 196

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Woman's Progress,
1009 Walnut Street.

I return the dollar you so kindly
sent for new subscription.

Philadelphia, April 11th 1896

My Dear Miss Blay.

I know you will be surprised
when I tell you that I have decided to
discontinue "Woman's Progress". There is
so much work connected with it and so
little money, that I do not feel I ought
to go on with it - but there is not enough
money in it to enable us to engage any
one at a respectable salary to help, and
so I think best to stop at once. My sister
has had such wretched health for a year
or more past that she has been unable to
do her accustomed work on the Magazine
so all the labor fell upon me.

As long as we have decided to
discontinue we will do so at once, and the
March no. will be the last.

I am returning much to my regret
the sketches of "representative women", and I
had some others almost as fine in subject
as yours. I wish I could have had

yours in - for I would have liked to have had you in print. I have always admired you so much, and think you have done such a good work. I am ashamed to have given you so much trouble in getting up the sketch. We made the decision so suddenly that I had not time to write and notify you of our intention. Indeed I had 3 Representative sketches on hand.

I know you will like to hear that there are absolutely no debts. We went into debt, all the unexpired subscriptions will be returned in full. It takes some time to attend to all this, and I will be kept pretty busy getting things all finished up. This is my first opportunity of writing to you. I am so pleased with your picture and wish you would let me keep it for my own pleasure. I love to look at it, and hope that I will have the pleasure of meeting you again. With many many thanks to you for all your kindness to me I am
With regards
Sincerely Yours
Jane Campbell.

MRS. A. VIOLA NEBLETT,
VICE PRESIDENT.

Equal Rights Association of South Carolina.

Greenville, S. C., April 10th 1896

Dear Miss Clay:

Yours of Mar 24th followed me to Greenville where I have been since the last of Feb.

I was fortunate enough while in Washington through the efforts of Mrs. Colby to secure Mrs. Tucker to come to Greenville with me. Her kind and efficient service has contributed as much to my improved condition as any physician I have had.

At present I can walk across my room and go about the house in a rolling chair. I sit for hours in

Federal Rights Association of South Carolina

1887

Dear Mother

the same
and doze. I hope I am
taking in new life and
some day will be fit for
work again. I often think
with pleasure of the time
we spent together, and
hope that you may come
to this State again when we
will be more sure of winning
than we were last Fall.

Give my kind regards
to your Mother and believe
me

Truly Yours

A. Viola Nettleton

Dictated:

Turkey Creek Fla.

May 3rd 1896

Miss Laura Clay:

Lexington Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:

Your very cordial letter was received and very much appreciated. Like you I think the discontinuance of the Committee was a mistake, but the idea of keeping up a bond of union by letter writing is a very wise one.

Ms Chamberlain flatters me very much in her representations. While I am interested in the work I am hampered by so many circumstances

and conditions that I
only took the position
offered me under protest
until some one more
suitable could be found
so that it would not re-
main unrepresented
in our State.

I live in the country, my
husband is opposed to
Suffrage, and I am strug-
gling to lift a mortgage
from my home. There
great drawbacks to any
kind of usefulness in
public matters as you
will readily admit.

Since Miss Willard's
visit to Yampa the Senate
(H. C. T. H.) have decided to ap-
point a State H. C. T. H.
Supt. of Woman's Suffrage.
The lady whom they ex-
pect to appoint is a resi-

dent of Tampa.

EMay 3, 1896

My plan is to work with
through her, & have a
local officers appointed
in each of the thirty ^{union}
throughout the State,
lay out a system of
short, varied, very leading
& be read aloud at their
weekly meetings. This
may lead to more interest,
wider information & a
broader field of work.

Any suggestions you
can give me in this
line will be gratefully
received.

Thanking you for
your kind letter of encour-
agement - Hoping to
hear from you again.

Love Yours Cordially
Lena B. Mattie

Marion So. Cal.
May 23, 1876

My dear Miss Clay: I am
shamed thro' all my
being to have been so
derelict. But a very
malice of misfortune
has pursued me this
year. First - Mamma's
long, sad illness, termi-
nating in her death;
and since Edith has
been constantly ill -
at one time we were
afraid she had incip-
ient consumption.
At present she is very
much improved, but
not enough to resume

her studies. All three of
the children were included
in the epidemic of measles.

It seems as if my life
has been a protracted
vigil, a dolorous nocturne
lately. Happily it is
over, and I am num-
bered among the living.

I prize your picture
greatly, and show it to
my friends, with many
eulogistic remarks on the
large-brained woman
it represents. My mother
had clipped the newspa-
per type of yourself, &
loved to look at it, &
speak of your grand
effort for the advancement
of woman. The move-
ment had her heartiest
sympathy. I wish you

could have had one
last look at her. She
looked so peacefully at
rest, and looked years
younger. Death makes
the last amend and
smoothes the lines of care
and suffering from the brow.

I read in the "Woman's
Journal" recently the account
of the ladies voting on a
municipal matter in
Lexington; I could readily
imagine your interest in
and gratification at
the result. I know only
well that you rejoiced
with exceeding great re-
joicing! We all hope
to have you visit us
again this fall.
Sister, Mrs Young, tells
me there will be a

Canvass of this State at
that time. I shall get
up an encyclical letter
to our Gov tax-paying ^{women} and
hope to have a much longer
petition to present to our
next Legislature.

I sincerely hope, for the
interest of civilization,
and the march of events,
the component members
will be better endowed
intellectually than our late
Con. Con. Delegates were.

I should like to have
had Col. Talbot Stephens
after his Rhodomontade on
"Mother, Home, & Heaven"

He is one of the men
who prefer to "have" father,
club, & hell "do business"
at the old stand, un-
molested by women!

[May 23, 1896]

I think you sized him up exactly when you were apprehensive that he couldn't grasp the subject. But I did think he might be amenable to reason. I hope you have forgotten their optimistic conceit in thinking themselves sublimely capable of conducting affairs of state under any contingency, without the aid of we women!

"The whole tendency of civilization is to diminish the disparity between the different members of the family; and the state is made up of families."

Are you riding a bicycle yet? The craze has struck us, & even the children are on wheels.

Conservative Charleston is in a state of aberration on the subject also. If you haven't yet got the intoxication for movement, do try a wheel, you will be enamored of it.

I think it is delightful.

When have you heard from Mrs. Nettlett, how is she?

We are going to reorganize our E.A.R. Club soon, do give us some advice, & shed some

light upon us.

You see I'm merely a neophyte & lack the enthusiasm that comes from being thoroughly imbued with the subject.

With yourself & sister, it is different, the work you do makes it a vital matter.

I should be honored to hear from you.

Very sincerely yours,
Florence N. L. Evans
Mrs. Junius A. Evans
Marion, So. Cal.

172 W. Maxwell St.,
Lexington, Sep. 20/06.

My dear Madame:

At the last State Convention of the Equal Rights Association of Kentucky, I was instructed to request the local associations throughout the State to distribute, at their own expense, as much suffrage literature as they possibly could.

The policy of this department is to reach the less populous districts, rather than the cities and larger towns, for the reason that these people read less, in a general way, and are much more impressionable, and will be much more apt to read what is sent them.

I want especially to reach the school teachers of the State, and would suggest that a list of the school teachers of each county be systematically kept; next, the Y.M.C.A. Secretaries and the members of each association; and then, to reach the public generally, I would suggest that from each precinct throughout the several counties composing your district, the books of the Sheriff, or that of some county official containing the information, be consulted, and a list be made of those desired in each precinct, and kept, so that there may be no duplicating, or sending to the same person twice. Of course all of your district cannot be covered in one year, but so far as the work progresses I think it ought to be thorough, so that when the work shall have been completed the means of information will have been placed in the hands of every one.

Money can be raised by local subscriptions to defray the expenses of this work, so that it will not fall oppressively on any of the members, especially those unable to pay, and who, to avoid embarrassment, may want to withdraw from the association.

The club rate of the Woman's Journal to 25 is \$1.50, and for every such number we get a premium of \$20.00, which money can be used in the manner and for the purpose above mentioned, and it is therefore desired that you use your best endeavor to get as many subscribers as possible.

From consultations with experienced politicians, and others engaged in circulating literature, I have decided that the best results can be reached by sending all matter personally addressed.

Heretofore there has been no systematic course, and I now desire to get the work systematized, so that the same territory may not be covered twice.

In the general State work I am using the following leaflets: "Equal Rights for Women, or "Fair Play for Women", by Geo. William Curtis; "Eminent Opinions on Woman's Suffrage"; "More Facts from Wyoming"; "Woman Suffrage in Wyoming"; "How Women Voted in Colorado", by Clarkson; "The Bible for Woman Suffrage"; by Rev. J. W. Burchford; "The Ballot for the Home", by Francis E. Willard; "Why the W.C.T.U.S. Seeks the Ballot", by Mary B. Willard; "Jesus Christ the Emancipator of Women", by Rev. C. C. Harrah, and especially a pamphlet entitled "The Legislative Work in Kentucky. I think these leaflets embrace the whole question, and a copy of each can be sent in one envelope, and for this purpose envelopes can be obtained, in large quantities from the Chatfield & Wood Company, Cincinnati, for fifty cents per thousand.

In conclusion permit me to add that I hope you will give this matter your immediate attention, and that you will please make your report before the next meeting of the State convention.

Very truly yours,

Amantia J. Lipp
Superintendent of Literature.

White Hall, Ky.

Nov. 20th 1896

Mr. J. F. Sockett,

Dear Sir,

I have just read your article in to-day's Courier-Journal, in which you ~~describe~~ give the true authorship of the Married Women's Property Rights bill, which the Woman's Club of Louisville appear to ascribe to Hon. Royl Wisinger. I wish to express my gratification that you have given such a clear statement of the real facts. The Kentucky Equal Rights Association ~~under-~~^{stand} ~~and appreciate~~ fully their obligations to Judge Vance for this bill, and ~~immediately~~^{where} upon the proposition ~~to build the memorial to J. R. Wisinger~~^{made} in the Woman's Club of Louisville (which is not an Equal Rights club) a lady who is a ^{both} member of the Equal Rights Association and the club assured the club that undue credit was given him, and wrote

for definite information about
the history of the bill. I answered
the letter, giving Judge Vance due
credit, and also other gentlemen,
including Judge Beckner, for the able
assistance given Judge Vance's bill,
my account agreeing substantial-
ly with yours, though I had not
the advantage of being able to
make references to the legisla-
tive records. The Kentucky Equal
Rights Association would be much
pained to see the gratitude of
Kentucky women ⁱⁿ mis~~carry~~ ^{directed} in
about the ~~by~~ ~~through~~
a law which ~~which~~ so ~~is~~ ^{is} important
to their well being, and hence
I feel grateful for the public
statement of the facts you have
made.

Very respectfully yours,
Leaura Clay,

Boise, Idaho, Dec. 30, 1896.

To the Equal suffrage Association of Kentucky,
and to Mrs. Eugenia B. Farmer, Cor. Secretary,
Covington, Kentucky.

In behalf of the women of Idaho, I extend sincere
thanks for your kindly greetings and congratulations. We can all
rejoice in the magnificent victory that has been won.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Arthey.

Cor. Secretary, I. E. S. A.

(1894)

My dear Miss Gray.

In parting with you yesterday, I forgot to give you my address, which I enclose, trusting it may bring to me from some point in S. C. the welcome intelligence that you will spend one or more nights with me when you are en route to "God's own country."

Thanking you for the pleasure I derived from knowing & in being with you, I am,

Very sincerely yours,
Friday
Fruce Griffith-Miller

Some money, [1896]

Mr. Hoffmeyer One dollar pd.
Mrs. Craig 50 cents pd.

Mrs. Wm. Threlkeld Paid \$1.00

Mrs. Katherine Reid \$2.00 Pd

Mrs. Eva Stearns 1.00

Mrs. Gannett 1 dozen croquet
over three days.