

Ardmore, S. Tex.

April 2 - 1905 -

Miss Laura Clay;

Warren, Ohio.

My dear Miss Clay:

I have just returned from a call on the treasurer of the Ardmore Good Government Club, she has already collected the dues for ten members and has over forty on her list. I am so pleased that I thought I must write to you at once. I wish they had some copies of that "Increase of Membership" report since that is the work I have given them. The situation here is most complicated and I do not see myself exactly how it is to come

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out - but this work they can do and are undertaking most readily. My Indian friend was made president, the Colorado wife of their judge, honorary president, and the president of the largest club - vice pres. That all sounds fine - but not one is ready to throw open her home and force the work. I only wish my friend might go to Portland where you could all make a jump over our Ardmore president with Indian blood - and she might see the work planned and discussed. But I fear this is impossible, so I shall be glad of any letters you can all write to her and our treasurer and Secty.

The treasurer is the truest self-fragist of all - a teacher - and a fine woman.

[Aug. 7, 1905]

Mrs. Webb may be able to get a delegate from here if she gets patches to see who goes to Portland at that time.

So you see this work goes on slowly. I like very much the idea of a Territorial government that is being advanced now. But no one can tell what is before us. One thing sure we must have some one in here next fall to help them hold their yearly meetings and so keep what we have gained.

That Mrs. Johnson is making me lots of trouble. She would be able to kill me off if she could only say 'I was born in Kansas!' or 'Mass.!!' Miss Gegg and I had considerable fun about her being from Nebraska, instead of from Kansas. 'How Texas hates Kansas!' They'll be broader after they have been suffragists a while. With love of Frances Woods

TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION IS TYRANNY. WOMEN WITHOUT THE BALLOT ARE NOT REPRESENTED. THEREFORE

WOMEN SHOULD HAVE THE BALLOT JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

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CHICAGO, ILL.,

April 15, 1905.

My dear Miss Clay;

Miss Hauzer sends me a clipping which states that Mrs. Bruce is contesting the \$3000⁰⁰ suffrage bequest.

It occurs to me that your Lexington Ky. attorney might be interested in our brief in the Church will case and I am mailing you a copy from which he may get some helpful hints. Yours in haste as I am about to start for Portland

Catharine Waugh McCulloch

[Apr. 20, 1905]

Many of our leading denominations prohibit women exercising their God given right of overcoming spiritual hindrances by public testimony. It stands to reason that man must not, under penalty of heavens disfavor deprive her of this right. The soul incased in a female body is as precious in the sight of God as another occupying a male temperament. It seems very strange that so many scholars overlook the conditions under which Paul the apostle wrote his letter to the Corinthian church. The thirty fourth verse of the fourteenth chapter of his first letter to these heathen converts reads according to the accepted version. Thus, "Let your women keep silence in the church; for it is not permitted unto them to speak: (Greek. Laloo.) but they are commended to keep ~~under~~

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obedience as also saith the law.
Pauls law reference is to the
Siniatic Code.

The Corinthian heathen were
no exception to the common ^{rule} that
has always obtained in Pagan
Countries, we speak of the
Practice of depriving girls and
women of an education, with
the custom in assemblies of that
age; Audible exclamations and
questions appear to have been
Permissible. Women "labored"
(babbled) to the annoyance
of hearers; Paul rebuked
this disorderly custom. (See
verse 33.) Amid other irregular-
ities he seemed to single
out this anomaly as the one
needing the greater attention
and gave a remedy. "Let those",
'illiterate, uneducated, garrulous
women, ask their husbands at
home", so where in the scriptures

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is there found a single sentence as authority for depriving women of her freedom in the Christian church.

Geo. B. Collins,

Holdenville, S.D.

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OFFICE OF FIRST AUDITOR, LEXINGTON, KY.

April 20th, 1905.

My dear Miss Hauser,

In this I am going to answer three letters from you and one from Mrs. Upton.

1st. I thank you for expressing my typewriter, which arrived safely. I enclose a check for \$1.40 for the expressage.

2nd. I am pleased to see the letter from Rev. G. B. Collins, and am keeping the letter, in hopes that some time I may be able to write to him on the subject and express my interest.

3rd. Washington E. S. A. I think you might advise the president that Washington is entitled to three delegates, including the President, the member of the Executive Committee and one delegate. Of course the President expects to attend; but the delegate nominated by the first club which attains 100 members might be made the Member of Ex. Com., and the next the delegate at large. These three would have voting privileges. If there should be others, I think you might safely promise that seats will be reserved for them on the floor, that invitations will be secured to them to all courtesies extended to the delegates; and that we will try to obtain for them the privilege of discussion on any question that comes up, though our Constitution will not permit the extra ones to vote. I believe these attentions will satisfy most of them, and will leave the President with an incentive to offer to the clubs.

4th. Seaside Meetings in New Jersey. I vote that no assistance be given this year. It does not seem likely they will be able to get a National speaker and we had better practice economy in the circumstances.

5th. Ballots for the Convention. I do not think it worth while to go to expense to print more ballots, since there are enough to do, for the mistake of

having the Cor. Sec. precede the Rec. Sec.

I have no suggestions at present to offer about editing the July number of Progress. It seems to me that it would be well to have that a convention number giving a brief report of what was done. In that case, it ought not to be published till rather late in the month, and then by some one who was at the convention. Different points in the Convention might be assigned to different persons to write up, so that it would not be hard on any one and the copy could be quickly prepared after the convention. Could you undertake it on this plan?

I believe I have answered all the questions in the four letters; and I wish to add how much I appreciated your letter of the 13th inst. I am pleased to hear of the success of your money letters, and hope you will get many more responses. The question of dollar memberships is likely to come up in some shape and if you can do so, it would be useful for you to make a list of those who pay a dollar; and a statement of how many of them are not members of any state or local organization. That would give a definite idea how many dollars the National is losing which no state or local has a chance to get.

It would be ungrateful in me not to express my appreciation of the very kind comments you made in the last H. Column on my stay in Warren. I assure you I value them very much. I really enjoyed my stay there and I know I learned much that will be useful to my work in Ky.

Please give my love to Mrs. Upton and to all in the office. I see I have not said that I have not the key to the office; and I cannot even say whether I am responsible for mislaying it or some one else.

Do write to me when you can.

The Woman's Journal

No. 3 Park Street, Room 7

Boston, Mass., May 5 1905

Dear Miss Clay

Thanks for your kindly greeting, which I assure you is sincerely appreciated, coming, as it does, from the woman who has done more for the women of Kentucky than any other.

All the praise you give me belongs to my dear wife. If any is left over, it belongs to my mother, sisters, and daughter. They have made my life worth living. I can never repay the debt I owe them.

Yours for justice & true
democracy,
Henry P. Blackwell

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554 Sev. St.

Des Moines Ia.

May 28.

My Dear Miss Clay

I have just
read in the Ia. State Register-
Leader your article taken
from ^{the} Washington Post
in regard to Sen. Beveridge's
remark about Miss Willard's

estimate of the function
of Motherhood. I am
so glad you sent
that article to the paper

It grated terribly upon
my feelings when I read
his "eulogy" - which he
was kind enough, (or vain
enough) to send so many
of the protesting friends.

I wish only to call your
attention long enough to
tell you how happy it
made me.

Cordially M. J. Coggeshall.

P.S. Have had a cable message
from Corinne - saying she had
arrived safely at Naples.

J. B. EIFORT,

City Real Estate

*And Carter County
Fire Clay Lands.....*

Ashland, Ky., May 30 1905,

Dear Miss Gray,

I spent all of last week in Portsmouth, O., visiting a friend and attending a W. C. T. U. institute, speaking on the subject of medal contests and addressing local unions on "Finances" &c.

While I was away the inclosed clipping was published in the local column of the Catlettsburg Press, and I send it to you for your scrap book although I fancy you are not collecting such deep & things for that. Perhaps you'd better send it to Mrs. Oberchain and ask her to write an answer to it. She can do so so much better than I can.

Our W. C. T. U. convention will be held in London, Ky. instead of at Lex. on account of W. E. conference being there on same dates.

Our E. R. A. had a meeting while I

was away ^{and} only four ladies met.

I will be very busy until after our Chataugua, holding medal contests that have been planned and postponed for some time. Then in August I expect to hold a W. C. T. U. institute for two or three days. I am always trying to get a rest but it is never in sight. I want the others to decide about the state E. R. convention, for if I agitate and urge it, I'll have to bear a great deal of the responsibility — more than I feel able to.

The Yellow Ribbon Speaker has some good things in it and I am learning some of them for use when opportunities come. I want so much to see the day when our Ky. women will see the need of aggressive rather than defensive work in reform.

I hope to be of some use to the E. R. A. if I can find time.

Yours — Agnes R. Eifort.

May 30, 1905

Our Ashland Independent has not shown itself very favorable to our temperance work ^{and} I do not get much into print in that line - (or any other).

However one of our strong suffragists, Mrs. Stevens, sends them so much advertising, as her husband has a feed-store, that they print what she hands in. I wrote the marked part of clipping enclosed, she copied it ^{and} it went it with flying colors. Now I want to get a list of prominent people - living or dead who believe in equal rights, and have that printed.

You may think this is a little underhanded, but we regard it as a joke, harmless and educating. The initials "J. W. H." are only a non-de-plume. Mrs. Stevens of course indorses the sentiments I do, but says she's too busy for such work. Please return the clipping some time when writing.

The Catlettsburg Press has just changed hands ^{and} I think will print our articles.

Yours - A. B. E.