

181 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Nov. 13th, 1906.

My dear Miss Averill,

I received yours of the 7th, and I do not wonder that you feel discouraged under the circumstances. However, I saw Miss Mary Harrison in Lexington the other day, and she promises to help you. Also, I understand that Esther Burnam still considers herself a member of the Frankfort E.R.A., and has not joined the Madison E.R.A. in consequence. Drop her a line, and tell her to send her dues.

I do not think the principal object of the Frankfort E.R.A. is by any means to stand by us when our Committee comes to Frankfort, by to help our cause all the time by "standing up and being counted" as on the side of Equal Rights, so as to give the only answer which convinces when our opponents say that women do not wish to vote. Nothing but belonging to a suffrage association can convince the doubtful that women do wish to vote; and therefore we make our only obligation of membership giving the name and paying the annual dues.

I fancy that Mrs. Shepard wrote to Mrs. Charlotte Watson; but as I knew she had gone to Wichita (is that spelled right?) I wrote to you.

Please do not let the Frankfort E.R.A fail us this year, but collect the dues of the few and try to enlist more. Could not Miss Mary Harrison or you be prevailed upon to go to Ashland to the convention? You would find it a pleasant occasion.

Very cordially yours,

181 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Nov. 13th, 1906.

My dear Miss Kearney,

I received your letter of the 10th inst. which was addressed to me at Richmond, Ky.

I am exceedingly interested in your proposed conference in Memphis, and would like to say at once that I could attend. But I feel it necessary to defer my decision a few days. I am exceedingly busy just now in preparing for our annual state meeting, and I have not much leisure to consider other meetings just now. However, when I know what my plans for the next few weeks will permit me to do, I will write again.

In the meantime, be assured of my warm interest and sympathy with your proposed conference.
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Very truly yours,

Pres. of Kentucky Equal

Rights Association.

181 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Nov. 14th, 1906.

Mr. F. P. Wolcott,

Master Ky. S. G.

Dear Sir,

Your letter and literature came this morning at a very auspicious moment. I have long thought it desirable to join the Grange; but it is impossible for me to take the laboring oar in any other organization than the Equal Rights Association. Therefore since your meeting here I have been casting about for a suitable person who might get interested in the Grange. In my mind I had fixed upon Miss Laura Estill, of Lexington, or rather its vicinity, who is a very intelligent young woman, the daughter of one of our leading farmers, and one whose interests are altogether with the farming community. She passed the night at the house and at breakfast I was talking to her on this subject, and she had asked me to write to you for literature, when the mail came in and I received your letter and literature. She says she will consider the question and will let me know later. If she will help I am sure she will be a valuable assistant. I have given her my name as one of the signers of the petition of sixty.

I noted the names of those to whom you write that you have sent petitions. I see among them Mrs. Etta DeLong and Dr. Taylor. I doubt if they can do much good right now, for they were instrumental in pushing one of the Mutual Investment Companies which terminated so disastrously that it impaired the confidence of the community in the soundness of their judgment; and since the Grange is not well known, their advocacy

will not recommend it.

Miss Laura Estill's Address is Lexington, Ky. Probably it will not be desirable to write to her until I learn whether or not she cares to lend a helping hand in organizing. In that case, I will write again myself. She has a much more extended acquaintance with Fayette farmers than I have, and knows personally the most influential of them, and is herself such an attractive lady that if she will assist you I shall feel that I have done the very best possible for the Grange in this county.

Please say to Mrs. Wolcott that I received her pleasant letter, for which I thank her. I was quite disappointed not to see you as you passed through Lexington, but I know how many calls you have upon your time as you travel.

Please give my regards to Mrs. Wolcott, and believe me

Very truly yours,

Laura Clay

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MARYLAND LITHO BALTO.

Nov 14th 1896

My dear Miss Clay

At a meeting of our Club Monday afternoon I acquainted the members with the situation in regard to the vacancy in Treasurers office. They were unannouncedly opposed to giving the office to Mrs Proebuck as they think we have fine material right here, and will recommend Mrs Mary Light Ogle for the place, Also will proper ^{to constitute} bond be given by the treasurer. Mrs Ogle will agree to the bond. We also thought of Dr Southgate and decided on Mrs Ogle only because Dr Southgate was not present at the meeting and we were very uncertain about her being able to accept on account of her business or I should have said profession. Dr's are very particular about expressions. Mrs Ogle owns

property, and is one of the very active suffragists of long standing - she was a member of the old Club - and a representative woman.

Mrs Giltner is thinking of resigning from the Executive Board. If she does give that to Ashland.

She says she cannot depend on being able to attend the National Conventions, as they select the worst part of the year for their meetings, that missing the enthusiasm of the meetings makes it hard for her to get up a good report.

We have adopted a resolution asking for full suffrage for Kentucky. Our resolution and the reasons for asking for it were all published in Ky Post. I went to see the Editor of Post for Mrs Obichain. She flatly refused to put her articles in. I know the Manager quite well through his influence another interview was arranged - She has now promised to publish a short article each week from our Club - so you see we will have to hustle. We get rates to

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MARYLAND LITHO CO BALTO.

Ashland by boat four dollars
for round trip. By train \$5.55 round
trip. We will go by boat if weather
is suitable and will ^{reach} be there the
20th. Mr Walker the new legis-
lator from here is a member
of our Club. I am so glad you
are to be with us in Ashland and
hope we will have a successful
meeting.

Sincerely

W. S. McLaughlin

Mrs Koebeck was just here
and I told her we were against
her, ^{for we were} that we wanted Miss Clay to know
there were others who had ability beside
Mrs Koebeck. For her to keep her present
office. She said she would not make a fight
for it.

c Nov 14, 1906

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My dear Miss Colby:

I am at this moment in Dr. Eatons office and as she is sending you the pretty postal card she asks me if I do not wish to send you a message, which of course I do, so I shall send you this note.

I am more than glad that that money is to be placed in your hands without any legal entanglements. The one who gave it - knew who to trust with the disbursement of it.

Have you read Mrs. Colby account of the disgraceful proceedings at the Oregon Con. that was held with but one session - and in she & Dr. in a private parlor. And this too just after the assistance they accepted to make their comparison.

I am so sorry Mrs. D. is president - there is hardly any sense in the constitution which I send you a corrected copy. They had no constitution at all before.

Dr. Eaton is such fine help, I wanted her for president. This state is full of suffrage people but thoroughly unorganized - and no money to do anything with. We'll do the best we can. I organized a lonely club in Tacoma - and will reorganize here in

Seattle today. I find a lot of lonely
women here who are ready to cooperate
with us.

Yours for a lot of hard work,

Emma Smith Dr U of

Oakmont Wash

Nov 14th 1916

P.S., Dr. Eaton wishes me to say for
her that she was very sorry not to entertain
you in her own house when you were here.

Please send me a Constitution

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of Kentucky

We are getting a thousand constitutions printed
which means we intend to do some work.

181 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Nov. 14th, 1906.

My dear Mrs. Norman,

Our Ky. Equal Rights Association annual meeting is to be held in Ashland, Ky., the 21st and the 22nd of November. We are to have Rev. Anna H. Shaw for the speaker both evenings, and we expect to have interesting and instructive day programs. The duty of arranging the program has fallen chiefly upon me; and for reasons too tedious to write I have been very late in filling it. I desire to have the principal lines of work recommended by the N.A.W.S.A. mentioned on the program. I understand your attention has been called to the need of child labor laws in our state. Now such laws fall under the committee's work of which Mrs. Florence Kebley is chairman. My object in writing now is to ask if you will go as one of the delegates from the Fayette E.R.A., and give a short address one afternoon on Child Labor or any cognate subject? I enclose a leaflet which may give you some hints; but which I do not mean as in any way a limit upon what you may desire to bring before the public through our platform. It is an indication of what the Woman Suffrage movement stands for in the protection of children.

The Ashland E.R.A. will entertain the delegates; but we do not get R.R. rates, because we shall not have fifty delegates. They expect us to arrive on the 20th so as to be ready for the convention early next morning. However, two of the delegates from Lexington, Mrs. Desha Breckinridge and Mrs. Will Oldham, are not going till Wednesday morning, which will bring them there in time for the afternoon program.

I am sorry that I did not know of your particular interest in child

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labor laws so that I might have preferred my request early enough to give you ample time for preparation. I shall have to print the programs before I can hear from you; and therefore shall not be able to put your name on them, as I do not like to disappoint an audience and will not make a promise until I know that you will accept. But I will print your subject on one of the afternoon programs, perhaps the first; and if you find you can come only for the second afternoon, we can transfer it.

Do ~~comply with~~ this request, even if the notice is disagreeably short; and write me at once that you will be a delegate and on what train and road to expect ^{you.} Your mother was not able to tell me how you would get to Ashland, but did not think you would have to come to Lexington to reach it.

Awaiting with hopeful expectation your answer, I am

Very cordially yours,

[NOV 15, 1906]

My dear Miss Clay:-

My silence has not been due to
negligence - far from it. We (the Board
of Elders in Home) were just upon the
eve of beginning a series of dinners
in Cincinnati for benefit of Home - in
fact to raise some money toward \$6000
coal bill & \$250 = for repair of furnace.
The dinner were finished a week ago
but I have been busy ever since paying
bills and winding up the business - hope to
finish that tomorrow. I might have hurried
off a few lines some time but wanted
to read your letter so as to answer your
questions - It is really too much for me
to continue treasurer of our E. R. S. I
feel it especially so since I wrote you that
I must give it up - think I have been
trudging along like a poor old mule
without sense enough to see that I was a
"greedy office-holder." It really seems my
duty to hold the money - buy for the Home, and
there is so much work in that I do not
equal to doing anything more in that line.
Mrs. Rowlett's past experience as Sec'y

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has well fitted her for the office in the way of being acquainted with the various locals and what to expect of them - of course, I have "grown up" with them all and under your good leadership.

Last year I asked to have the books audited after Jan. 1 each year, that the treasurer's report - to Jan. 1 - be printed as audited. The books have to remain open until Dec 28 or 29 for stray dues & augment our numbers and that part of my books was never audited which is not fair to treasurer or Ass'n. I will keep the books until after Jan 1 - 1907. So that the new treasurer can commence with clean sheets.

Have, tonight, entered your \$20⁰⁰ as directed - 10⁰⁰ your own & 10⁰⁰ Fayette County pledge.

Will send Mrs. Olmstead the 25⁰⁰ tonight.

Mrs. Probst brought over the new pledge - but I was not at home - my daughter attended to it.

Mrs. Hubbard sent 2⁰⁰ Dues for five
and remainder whenever we wanted
& pleased:

The Ashland E.R.A. sent Dues for 23
members and hope to have more by
Convention - I have not written to
Mrs. Glenn, as have not had time to
see about trains. Will do that tomorrow.

No other Dues have been received to
date. I saw Mrs. Gillmer about her
pledge - said she would bring it - with
the 20th Century Club Dues next Monday
night - to me. Newport will send
mine in before I leave.

Our letter I sent to ~~Cave~~ City - came
back unclaimed. Mrs. Lizzie Tucker -
Cave City. I know you are all
Convention these days - have your
program well in hand and ready
to tap the gavel. Think we will
have a good Convention -

Very cordially yours
Shepard

Thursday Nov 15

181 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Nov. 15th, 1906.

My dear Mrs. Roebuck,

Your letter of the 11th is received; and in answer I will say that I think the travelling expenses of our Field Sec. (when we get her) ought to be paid, and that her salary should be clear money. Of course, every thing must be raised, and she must do all she can in that line, or we shall be able to employ her only a very short time; whereas I am hoping that sentiment has grown to such an extent that a woman fitted for the rather arduous place can be kept in it all the time. All these particulars, however, must be discussed fully in Ashland. All I have been able to do is to make such suggestions as occur to me and to submit them to the Ex/Com. for their consideration.

I have just received a letter from Mrs. McLaughlin, in which she tells me the Twentieth Century Club has a candidate for treasurer in Mrs. Ogle. She also tells me that she has informed you of it, and that you said you would not make a fight for it. I knew from Mrs. Shepard's letter that there was some feeling between her and some of the members of the T. Century Club; but I had no idea it was such that they wished to appoint her successor from their own club. If there is such friction I think you are wise in not wishing to mix yourself up in it. You know that I would greatly value you as treasurer; but you know also that I regretted giving you up as recording secretary. I wish you to decide how to act in the matter, and I shall uphold your decision.

Mrs. McLaughlin further says: "Mrs. Giltner is thinking of resigning from the Ex. Board. If she does, give that to Ashland". I suppose she means

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the state member of the N.A.W.S.A. Ex.Com., and this in answer to my suggestion that we pay Ashland the parliamentary compliment of giving one of the offices to one of their members. I think, under the circumstances I shall make no more suggestions, but let the delegates decide for themselves.

On account of the fire in my house, I have not on hand a copy of the minutes which contain our Incorporation papers. Have you one? If so, please bring it with you to the convention, as mention of the Incorporation should be made in the revised constitution.

I am receiving cheerful letters from Miss White about the arrangements being made for the convention. I have just heard that their Mayor will welcome the convention.

Hoping to see you soon, I am

Very cordially yours,

P.S. I hope Miss Morgan will prepare a short report from her department to be given at the convention. I shall have space for it on the program.

Frankfort Ky.

Nov. 15th 1866.

Dear Miss Clay -

Enclosed find
Cheque for five
members in ~~F. E. B.~~
Whom I made
that, owing to their
being only bond
members in the
City - I found
there could be
no meeting to
report - but

will send over Aug
and for several
out of from
ground and other
Purchased -

Laban -
Dear Miss Harri-
son and have
been 50¢ - also
have met Genl
Harroth our
gentleman of the
Association and
said his God -

On second thought will
only advance for our
President - Mrs Bailey -
as I am too unexpe-
rienced of any others -
your second letter
was rec'd - My two
sisters - in love are
moving I must dep-
resent the family a
love - Each has a new

girl baby apiece - and
aria absorbed in the
starching them off in
life - so I shall for
their future.

With cordial greet-
ings - as ever.
Rebecca L. Smith.

We, the delegates assembled in the 25th annual convention of the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association held in Monticello, Minn., November, 15-16, 1906, do hereby adopt the following--

RESOLUTIONS.

1--All persons equally endowed with intelligence are entitled to equal privileges and are under equal obligations to the state.

2--The Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association rejoices in the advance of woman suffrage throughout the entire civilized world, including the enfranchisement of the women of Finland, and a court decision in Italy affirming the right of Italian women to vote; also in the great success of the International Suffrage Convention last summer in Copenhagen; also in the endorsement of woman suffrage this year by the Minnesota State Federation of Labor and many other influential bodies of voters.

3--That one of the most effective ways to promote woman suffrage, is to create and keep alive in woman an interest in all questions of local, state and national concern; therefore suffragists should take an active part in them.

4--That we extend our thanks to the hundred editors of this state who regularly accept and publish the articles sent them by our chairman of press work, and will send to each of them during the coming year our Bulletin and Progress, showing our appreciation of their interest in and friendliness to our cause.

5--That we are heartily in favor of State and Congressional action to restrict and regulate child labor. We also heartily favor the enforcement of laws for the protection of working women.

6--Resolved, that the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association, expresses its earnest desire that the government of the United States support, in its entirety, the recommendations of the last Interparliamentary Union regarding the subjects to be favorably considered at the Second Hague Conference, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of State Hon. Elihu Root.

7--Whereas, the greatest opportunity open to the Congress of the United States, is the opportunity to do justice to half the people of this republic, and

Whereas, this opportunity is embodied in House Joint Resolution No. 86, proposing to submit to the State Legislatures an amendment to the Constitution allowing women to vote, therefore,

Resolved, that the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association in convention assembled, request Hon. John J. Jenkins, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives, and the gentlemen of that Committee to report, at the earliest opportunity, favorably upon House Joint Resolution No. 86.

8--That we remember with sincere sorrow, the departure from our midst, of our peerless leader, persevering worker, faithful friend, Susan B. Anthony, beloved Honorary National President.

9--We rejoice in the attitude of the North American Review, in an Editorial on "The time having arrived for women to vote and hold political office."

10--We extend thanks to the Good Citizenship Club of Monticello, and friends, who so kindly have entertained us; to the trustees of the Methodist Church for the use of their building; to the musicians for their music; to the newspapers; to the local committee of arrangements, and to all who have contributed to the pleasure and success of the convention.

MRS. EUGENIA B. FARMER,
MRS. LORA C. LITTLE,
MRS. HELEN GEE,
Committee on Resolutions.

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Winchester, Ky., November 16th, 1906.

Miss Laura Clay,
181 North Mill St.,
Lexington, Ky.
My dear Miss Clay:-

On account of illness I have been unable to make an earlier acknowledgment of your letter of congratulations for which I thank you. I appreciate very much the interest that you have manifested in my race for Congress, and I hope to have an opportunity some day of showing my appreciation.

Very truly yours,

JWL/CCP.

Geo W. Long

Newport, Nov. 16. 1906

My dear Miss Clay: -

Your letter received this morning. I note what you say about Mrs. McLaughlin and the 20th Century Club. They had some feeling against Mrs. Shepard last year I know for they asked me what I thought of a new Treasurer. I opposed it violently and told them ~~for~~ I thought you would. Then Mrs. McLaughlin said that they wanted one of their members to be Treasurer. When she told me the other day that they would oppose me as Treasurer for they

thought they had better material
in their own club. I told ~~you~~
her that ^{they} could not expect the
whole Ex. Com. to come from
their club and I thought they
were pretty well represented.
And furthermore that the more
the officers of state ass'n. were
spread over the state the
better, as a person will naturally
work more and take more
interest when an officer than
merely a member. None of
our delegates will vote for
Mrs. Ogle, but will vote for
someone from Ashland. I don't

care to be mixed up in
this controversy, and will
resign all idea of the Treasurership.
This, of course, is between
ourselves.

I have several copies of the
minutes with the articles of
incorporation and am sending
you one with this. I have
not had any news from Ashland
and am writing to Mrs. Glenn
to night.

Hoping to see you soon

I am

Sincerely,

Emma M. Ketchum

We leave here Tuesday noon on C & O
train. Arrive in Ashland about 3 o'clock

Brushwood Cabin

November 14, 1904

Dear Miss Laura

I appreciate the honor
of being asked to address the
E. R. C. on so important a
subject as the legal protection
of children's rights, but to go to
Ashland would require a
four days absence from
home, and I have no cook.

Other reasons for hesitating might with force and charm. I hope she
be that my zeal on this subject will do it.
is unto knowledge only so I have had opportunity from
far as this small corner time to time to call the attention
of the tiny woman's Club at
of the Kentucky mountains, Jess, Beattyville to the fact - I believe
and I am a hundred miles it is simple fact - that no
from a reference library or State Legislature, no legislative
the files of a newspaper, but body anywhere would dare
"no work" is everywhere a reason defeat a reasonable bill for the
so final that I put it first. protection of childhood if women
Madge is informed on this were a part of the constituency.
subject and speaks always

It would certainly be a time
of refreshing for me if I could
be in Ashland, but the home
duty is too plain to question.

Sincerely and always affectionately
Yours

Henderson Dainfield Norman

Lexington, Kentucky.

Nov. 17th, 1906.

Mrs. Emma Maddox Funck,

President of the Maryland Woman Suffrage

Association,

Dear Mrs. Funck,

Will you give a greeting to your annual state convention from the Kentucky Equal Rights Association and from me?

I have enjoyed seeing the interesting program for your convention; and I am very particularly pleased to see that you have given prominence to the importance of increasing the membership of the Association. The simplicity of the conditions of membership will commend itself to the busy friends of the cause, who may feel that they desire to stand for our principles, and yet may be deterred from joining our ranks for fear they have not time for duties of membership. I trust that Maryland may close the year with a notable increase of membership, thereby helping to strengthen the "argument of numbers", which to many seems to be the one argument our cause still lacks.

With my very best wishes for the success of your convention in every respect I am

Your earnest co-laborer in the cause of political freedom for the sons and daughters of our beloved country.

181 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Nov. 19th, 1906.

My dear Miss Averill,

I have just received your letter enclosing a check for \$2.50 for E.R.A. dues for five members, for which please accept my thanks. I am glad you are starting your baby nieces on the right path of Equal Rights!

Our state dues are 35 cents a member; so you have sent us 75 cents too much for five members. You should have kept the 15 cents apiece in the local treasury for literature, etc. As you have sent it, however, I will put it in the general treasury. I hope you may yet collect from the members out of town, as our books do not close till the last of December and we are always anxious to have our membership as large as possible to report to the National. Next year we are planning to have a Kentucky woman in the field to organize and build up the Association; and I hope she can visit Frankfort, and that hereafter you will not feel so lonesome.

I enclose some of the programs for the convention in Ashland.

Thanking you for your continued interest, I am

Very truly yours,

Haverhill

Nov-19th/₀₆

My dear Miss Clay,

When your letter came I was very busy & have found so many affairs needing attention that I did not answer your kind letter as I should have done.

My daughter, Frances, is at home for this week preparing to join her husband at Holguin where he is stationed; intends sailing from New York direct to Santiago - I read

your congratulations to her & she
will bear them to him. He will
appreciate it the more as he
had the pleasure of hearing
you speak when you
visited us in Harroville -

I enclose dues for four
members which please give
to Mrs Shepard -

I am truly sorry I cannot
go to Ashland but it is im-
possible - There has been no
work done here, but, senti-
ment is broadening & there is,

undoubtedly, an uplift in all that concerns the status of women - The men are less "cocksure" on the subject of women's inability to understand government outside of their own households, & much more willing to defer to their opinions. Slowly but surely the world is moving in the direction of equal rights for men & women -

Wishing you all success in the coming convention -

Yrs most sincerely,
Maudie H. Hemmen -

Madisonville Ky Nov 19 1900
My Dear Miss Clay

Your very kind
letter recd several days ago -
I have been slow in answering
for which I hope you will
pardon me, many things have
prevented me from being prompt -
up to the present time I
have not been able to collect -
the dues for this year, our women
all seem earnest enough but - just -
have not the time to devote to the
work many of them being working
women I will continue to
try to collect the dues & send
them at a late hour, I am sorry
to be behind but - such is the case.
Our Treasurer sent the dues
last year but never received any
receipt -

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for same I hope they were
received all right. - I should
have come to this Convention
but have been in with a
cold for weeks. I ask for
the Convention to come to
our place next year hoping
that bringing it here may
have a tendency to arouse
our sleeping women.

wishing you may have
a successful meeting & am
sincerely yours

Virginia W. Casaday

Arlington, Nov 20, 1906

My dear Miss Clay,

I intended to answer your letter immediately but in some way it was misplaced and I have just found it. I am too busy to do anything outside of the regular Office work. I have tried to see the two or three members left, but they need something beside local talent to stir them up. I would be glad to write you a more favorable report, but my mind is so occupied and absorbed in my unusual duties, I can not do things as I once did.

[NOV 20, 1906]

I am interested as much as ever, I still think there is great room for improvement in our laws for women, I have felt peculiarly of late, the injustice that men see fit to impose on women, because they are women. I hope you will have a great meeting at Ashland, and send my best wishes and congratulations to the Convention.

Sincerely Yours
Mrs. Mary B. McConnell.

Miss Belle Kearney,

OF FLORA, MISS.

National W. C. T. U. Lecturer

Detroit, Mich. Nov. 23, 1906.

My dear Miss Clay, It will be very
desiral to hold that Memphis
Conference without you. Please
come! When does your state
Suffrage caunvention meet? I
wanned look to attend it. My
engagements end Dec. 9, at
Jackson, Tenn.; then I shall have
nothing to do until I go to Mem-
phis for Dec. 19. Please let
me hear from you again
and tell me what you will
come to Memphis. Address
me: Grand Rapids, Mich.,
48 Morris Ave.

Yours Sincerely,

Belle Kearney

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P.S. If you can't come to
Memphis for Dec. 19-20,
I shall be tempted to post-
pone the Conference
until Feb'y. What are
the dates of the National
Suffrage Convention
in Chicago, in Feb., 1907?
B.R.

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Nov. 23, 1906.

My dear Miss Clay,

Could you use any of these booklets? They are twice the size I expected and cost twice as much. I hoped the Nat. could use half of the 10000 but Mrs. Upton don't know about it. They authorized her to pay \$45⁰⁰ for 5000 when I planned the booklet at half the size. ^{That was less than the price of the half size}

I really think we should have had an edition of 30000 + scattered them everywhere. They answer the objections completely.

You could have 2000 of these at \$40⁰⁰ or 1500 at \$30⁰⁰

Yours truly,

Catharine Waugh McCulloch

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OFFICE OF
THE PRESIDENT

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WARREN, OHIO



Swarthmore, Pa., Nov. 23, 1906.

Dear Madam Chairman:-

In the absence of our National Corresponding Secretary, Miss Kate M. Gordon, at her request and that of the National President, I am acting as her proxy.

In preparing the program of the 1907 Convention at Chicago, Feb. 14th to 19th, inclusive, I find that we are going to be even more pressed for time for the business than we usually are. Our Convention will have but five week days, which would usually give us ten sessions for business. Unfortunately before our Committee secured the hall in which we are to meet, it had been rented to other parties for Saturday afternoon, Feb. 16th. This cuts off one afternoon session. We think it appropriate upon the birthday of Miss Anthony, Feb. 15th, at this first Convention since she left us, to give the afternoon session to the consideration of a plan for an appropriate memorial to her great work. This takes away from business a second afternoon session. In view of the campaign for Municipal Suffrage now going on in Chicago, your Program Committee has decided to devote part of the first afternoon session immediately following the addresses of welcome to a symposium on the subject of Municipal Suffrage.

We shall, therefore, have only five morning and two afternoon sessions for all our regular business, - Reports of General Officers, Oregon Campaign, Headquarters, State Presidents' Reports and those of Standing and Special Committees,

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Raising of Money, Election of Officers and Consideration of the Resolutions.

Because of this, I am compelled to ask of all those concerned, yourself among the number, the favor of the sacrifice of some portion of the time belonging to your report - time which were it possible would gladly be given in full by the Program Committee.

It is especially requested that all reports shall deal strictly with work done since the last National Convention.

I am very glad after my long absence from home and work to be once more in the harness even though unofficially. Our Corresponding Secretary, Miss Gordon, is expected home about the first of December and will, of course, resume her own part of the work. It is, however, understood that I shall continue to act as Chairman of the Program Committee in making preparations for the approaching Convention.

Trusting to have a prompt response to this letter and looking forward with pleasure to meeting you in Chicago, I am

Cordially yours,

Rachel Foster Avery.

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Warren, Ohio, Nov. 23, 1906.

Dear Miss Clay:

I have just read with a great deal of interest an editorial on "Limitation and Extention of the Right of Suffrage" in the Lexington Herald of Nov. 21st. I have written a letter, signing Mrs. Upton's name, to the editor, thanking him for this editorial. I do hope that his invitation to discuss the question in his columns will be accepted generally enough so that he will not feel that there is no interest in the woman suffrage question in Kentucky.

Yours most truly,

Elizabeth Ingham

EJH-J.

181 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Nov. 24th, 1906.

Mrs. Rachel Foster Avery,

Swarthmore, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Avery,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 17th inst. to the state presidents.

In compliance with your request, I write to say that I will resign one-half of the time to which the Ky. Equal Rights Association is entitled under the ruling relating to state reports.

While I do not wish to embarrass you in the discharge of the duties you have so loyally undertaken in the absence of the Corresponding Secretary, I should feel that I myself was somewhat derelict in loyalty to the best interests of the National Association if I abstained from expressing my regret that you have chosen the reports of the auxiliaries as the part of the program which should be sacrificed for the purpose of giving longer time to other portions. As it seems to me, the National is little or nothing apart from the states which are its constituent parts, according to its constitution. Everything should be done to magnify the work of these auxiliaries; and the gentlest and most courteous intimation that the program committee finds other things more profitable or interesting than hearing of their faithful labors of the year has, to my mind, a discouraging and disorganizing effect. Therefore, for these and similar reasons, I desire at the same time that I resign half the time of the Ky. E. R. A., to make the respectful request that the Program Committee bring to the attention of the Program Committee my remonstrance as one of the state presidents; and my further

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request that the members of the next Program Committee should carefully provide for the time presumably given to the reports of the states, so that no accident or excessive program shall lead to the repetition of the humiliating appeal to the state associations which has been necessary this year.

Very faithfully yours,

President of Kentucky Equal

Rights Association.

Please return to Laura Clay

181 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Nov. 26th, 1906.

My dear Miss Kearney,

Your second letter, of Nov. 23rd, reached me upon my return from our state convention, which was held in Ashland, Nov. 21 and 22. I wish you ~~might~~ ^{might} have been there, as it was an agreeable and encouraging occasion.

I have decided to come to the meeting in Memphis; so if you should change your plan for any cause, please let me know at once. I am unusually busy this fall; but I am so interested in any suffrage work which engages southern women particularly that I am willing to make the effort to attend.

The National Convention will begin its work the 14th of February in Chicago; and will hold for one week. I trust you will be there.

Hoping to see you soon, and that the conference will result in much good to our cause, I am

Very truly yours,

President of

Kentucky Equal Rights Association.

[Nov. 29, 1906]

Paris, Ky
Miss Laura Clay
Lexington Ky
Dear Miss Clay

I hope to attend
the convention if the
weather permits, but
please excuse me
as a delegate,

Please find enclosed
fifty cents in stamps,
for dues.

Truly yours
Laura W. Bayless sr

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Swarthmore, Pa., Nov. 27, 1906.

Dear Member of the Business Committee:-

I have received word from Mrs. Stewart, of Chicago, that after investigating a number of hotels in the vicinity of Music Hall, she finds that the Palmer House offers the best rates, in fact the others will not make a rate as they say they are so crowded all the time that they don't wish to, unless she could assure them that there would be 200 or 250 delegates to be entertained. Mrs. Stewart says that they expect to entertain nearly all of the delegates so that this cannot be taken into consideration at all in getting rates at a hotel. The Illinois Suffrage Ass'n is to entertain the Business Committee and as Mrs. Stewart wished to decide very quickly and as in her estimation the Palmer House was the very best, I took the responsibility of saying that I knew that would be all right with the Business Committee. They have offered the Illinois Association very good rates for the Business Committee and for their delegates. They give a rate of \$1.50 a day for room, one in a room, or \$2.00 a day for two in a room. She also said that there were many parlors and a club room in this hotel, which could be used free of charge for committee meetings. I feel sure that you will feel that I did right in taking the responsibility of telling Mrs. Stewart that the Palmer House would be all right and I have written asking her for the rates of rooms with baths for one or more in a room. If I have this information in time, I will send it to "Progress" for the December issue. I also hope to be able to announce the railroad rates in the December "Progress".

Very truly yours,

Lucy E. Anthony

181 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Nov. 27th, 1906.

Mrs. Laura W. Bayless, Sr.

Dear Mrs. Bayless,

Thank you for the dues to the Fayette E.R.A., which were received just before I started for the convention.

I am sorry you did not get to the convention, as it was a very interesting occasion. I enclose you a program, which will give some idea of what was done.

We accepted an invitation to go to Madisonville for the annual meeting next year.

We voted that the Executive Committee should employ a field secretary; and by this means we hope to organize many new clubs by another year.

I enclose Mrs. Gratz's receipt for the dues.

We are to have program meetings of the Fayette E.R.A. the second and fourth Friday afternoons during the winter; and I trust that you will occasionally attend, though we do not make attendance at meetings a test of usefulness or loyalty to the Association. The meetings are meant merely for those who like something in the club line.

I am very truly yours,

181 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Nov. 27th, 1906.

My dear Mrs. Hennen,

Your letter containing dues for four members of the E.R.A. was received in time to deliver your check to Mrs. Shepard, and to read portions of your letter to the convention.

I thank you very much for your continued interest and effort for the E.R.A. The convention accepted an invitation for the next annual meeting from the Madisonville E.R.A., and I hope then you and many others on that side of the state will be in attendance, who have not been able to attend so far.

Thanking you again, I am
Very Cordially yours,

[Nov 28, 1906]

LETTER TO PRECINCT COMMITTEES AND OTHERS.

Portland, Oregon, November 17, 1906.

Doubtless you are familiar with the conditions existing in our State in regard to the Suffrage work. We do not deem it necessary to enter into detail, but would simply say that leaders of the movement consider there is immediate necessity for united action of all loyal suffragists in order to retain the ground already gained in the recent campaign and to prevent the scattering of the forces.

To this end the enclosed call is issued, with the request that if you are in sympathy with this effort for thorough State organization, you will please sign it and also secure as many signatures as possible and forward the same to the committee, Room 65 Union Block, 227 1-2 Stark St., Portland, Ore.

Clara Bewick Colby
Lida M. OBryon
For the Committee.

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Dear Member of the Business Committee,

You will remember at the business committee meeting in October, it was voted that the National should take 5000 of the booklets on municipal suffrage which Mrs. McCulloch was about to issue; and to pay \$45 00 for these, the estimate submitted by Mrs. McCulloch being \$90 00 for 10 000. When Mrs. McCulloch came to compile her material she found that she really could not compress it as she had expected to and that she must pay \$200 00 for the 10 000. We thought then that perhaps we would better not take any of them, but now that Mrs. McCulloch has sent us one of the booklets and asked us whether we would like to use that \$45 00 for our proportional share of the 10 000, we are writing her that we will do so, or that we will take 2500 at \$50 00. I am explaining this because it is not exactly in accord with the vote of the business committee. Just as soon as the booklets are received, I will send you each one and I feel quite sure you will feel that the money has been well expended. We shall surely be able to sell these little booklets at a trifle more than cost.

Yours very truly,

EJH-A

Elizabeth J. Staus

181 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Nov. 29th, 1906.

My dear Mrs. Avery,

I am in receipt of your circular letter to chairmen, I being chairman of the Committee on Membership.

I cannot refresh my memory by reference to my files of National minutes or letters, as I have such things in storage after a fire; but I do not recollect that the Convention ever assigned by vote any specific amount of time to chairmen of committees, as it did to State Presidents. Therefore the allotment of time to chairmen comes within the province of the Program Committee.

I suppose you wish an indication of how much time I would like for my committee. I think I have never had longer than twenty minutes, except when Increase of Membership was made the topic of a Work Conference. For a simple report not many minutes are needed, though I should dislike ^{conferm} having less than five minutes for that purpose. I will cheerfully what I prepare to present to the time which your Committee may allot to me.

Awaiting information as to what time can be given to my Committee,

I am

Very faithfully yours,

Chairman of Committee on

Increase of Membership.

Plymouth, Miss.,
Nov. 29, 1906.

My dear friend,
I shall soon
to go on with our Memphis
Conference. It can not be
deferred. I do hope you can
come. I shall go to my
home next week. After
this, letters sent to me at
Flora, Miss., will reach
me directly. until Dec. 19-
20, when, of course, I expect
to be in Memphis.

I hope you will
have a fine stable crew.

In haste, Sincerely Yours,
Belle Hessing.

181 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Nov. 29th, 1906.

My dear Mrs. Franceway,

Your very kind letter was received while I was in Ashland; and very probably you have already heard from our Recording Secretary, Mrs. EMMA M. Reebuck, that your invitation to hold the next annual meeting in Madisonville was accepted by the Convention by a unanimous vote. Please accept my personal thanks for the invitation. It makes it easier for the executive officers when they know where to arrange for the next convention.

We took some advance steps for our work at the convention. Perhaps the one of most immediate importance was the decision that the Executive Committee should employ a field secretary. By her efforts we hope greatly to increase the membership for the next year. Her salary must be paid largely from the increased dues. In order that the salary may be based upon the work which the field secretary shall do, the convention adopted a rule that the expenses of the state organization, not including free-will offerings, should be confined to the state dues from five hundred members; or, in other words, to \$125.00. This action, you see adds importance to the careful collection of the dues of this present year; for our representation in the National Convention and our expenditures for the coming year are based upon the expectation of 500 memberships being paid in before the 1st of January. Those reported at the convention were only 352, leaving 149 to be collected before we shall be entitled to the six representatives we elected to the National convention and before we shall have in hand the whole of the \$125.00 which we think

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necessary to carry on the machinery of the State Association. I am taking pains to explain these particulars, because when they are fully understood, each member will see that her dues are indeed an important item in the work in our state, and also in that of the National. I note that you say you will continue to try to collect the dues in Madisenville. I am very glad you are going to do so; for it will be easy to raise the lacking 149 memberships if every local club is diligent in seeing that the old members pay, and make effort to get in new ones. I hope you will mention the facts I am writing as you see your members. Then each will see that she has a real part in the prosperity of the whole work. The dues should be in the hands of Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard by the 24th of December, as they must reach the National treasurer before Jan. 1st to be credited for this year.

Under another cover I am sending you a copy of the state minutes of 1905; and I have marked three places with programs of the convention where mention is made of the Hopkins E.R.A. You will see from the Treasurer's report that your dues were received on time.

On page 3 I wish you would read what is said in the letter from the president about programs for club meetings. Perhaps you find a useful hint for meetings of your E.R.A., if your members like meetings. Where there is no Woman's club in a town I believe the E.R.A. could fill the desire of some for the inspiration of club life by adopting such a program as is there outlined. We are going to try it in Lexington; but I cannot yet say with what success.

Thanking you again, and hoping that your dues may be collected in time, I am

Very cordially yours,