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181 W. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Dec. 15th, 1906.

My dear Mrs. Obenchain,

I was very glad to hear from you in your letter of Dec. 11th, more especially because Miss Shaw has asked me to go to Oklahoma for some weeks, and I may not soon have time to write to you. I am glad Mrs. McLaughlin wrote about the convention; I have been wishing to do so, but my house building has kept me too busy.

I have time now only to enclose a check for ten dollars for stationery. Perhaps Mrs. McLaughlin told you that on account of the vote to employ a field secretary the Ex. Com. did not feel justified, (or rather we had not the money) to vote more than \$25.00 for presswork. However, I am so convinced that the money we put in to press work is well expended that I am sending this ten dollars as a special donation for it; and in receipting for it you can so describe it. Send the receipt to Mrs. Shepard.

If you can spare the time write to me while I am in Oklahoma. My address will be Guthrie; and I suppose a letter just directed to that city will reach me all right. I go to Richmond this afternoon, and start for Memphis on Tuesday. Miss Belle Kearney has called a conference of southern woman suffragists for the 19th and 20th in that city. Thence I shall go to Oklahoma.

Hoping to hear from you, I am

Very cordially yours,

Dec 18, 1906

(COPY)

Mt. Tabor Station, Nov. 31, 1906.

Dear Miss Shaw:-

I am still gathering in and adding slowly to the signatures already secured. I am afraid this will be the only way to secure our required number of signatures. No trouble will be too great for me to go to for you or the cause so please command me and I will do my best.

Dr. Jeffery Myers was away in Virginia at the time of election and has not returned so I hope you will excuse her, as she is good and true.

Mrs. Duniway seemed perfectly happy when word came that the word "Equal" on our petitions made them illegal, but I insisted that we communicate with Attorney General Crawford and get his written decision on it. I wish that Mr. Sain would let things alone. I will send you one of the articles with regard to the matter. Mr. Crawford has decided that our petitions are alright so we are safe. I really believe she is in hopes something will keep us from getting our petitions filled.

I thank you for your kindness to me.

Mrs. Colby is doing her best to keep the cause moving in the O.E.S.A. as well as a few others. The meeting after election there were only four women out who voted for Mrs. D. and seven of us who voted against her. She cannot even get the Board, that she fought so hard to obtain, together for a meeting. Even those who elected her will not work with her.

Yours very cordially,

(signed) Myrtle E. Pease.

[Dec 18, 1906]

Extract from Letter Received from Mrs. Haskell, dated Dec. 7th.

"You informed me at the business meeting of the executive board of the National it was decided to ask me to report as to the uses our enrollment lists are actually put. I am glad to say that a letter to-day received from the North American Review shows me a use they can be put to at once. As Chairman of Press Work for the Interurban Political Equality Council, I wrote a letter of appreciation to the editor of the North American Review for an editorial advocating the enfranchisement of women and published in one of the October numbers. In my letter I mentioned our enrollment work and informed him of the 65,000 names we have enrolled of sympathizers outside of suffrage leagues. In reply, the North American Review suggests that we give them a copy of these lists, said copy to be made at their expense, that they may send to these people from time to time copies of their magazine containing suffrage articles and editorials (at their own expense). Of course this is an advertising scheme on the part of the Review, but would it not help our Cause? Will you kindly find out whether I have the permission of the executive board to furnish these lists.

I hope my answer will come soon as it will probably be a herculean task to wrest these lists from the various State Chairmen. I don't think we can overestimate the value of the North American Review as an ally."

[Dec. 18, 1906]

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE RAILROAD SECRETARY.

A reduction of a fare and a third on the certificate plan has been secured for those attending the Suffrage Convention in Chicago, February 14th to 19th, 1907. Tickets can be obtained not earlier than February 10th, not later than February 23rd. When purchasing tickets allow thirty minutes before departure of train and request a certificate. Don't make the mistake of asking for receipt. Full fare must be paid on the going trip and the certificate obtained when the ticket is purchased. These certificates will be signed by the Railroad Secretary February 16th and 18th and vised by the joint agent of the railroads. A fee of twenty-five cents will be charged on each certificate. Upon presentation of this certificate at the railroad office or station, a return ticket for one-third the going fare may be purchased.

All who are expecting to visit Chicago between February tenth and 23rd are earnestly urged to avail themselves of this privilege.

While the Trans-Continental Association, including all the railroads which start from the Pacific Coast and as far East as Denver and Cheyenne, has not joined in this rate, it does sell nine months' round trip tickets from all points on the Pacific Coast to Chicago, which amount in the long run to about the same as a fare and a third.

For any further information please apply to

Lucy E. Anthony,

Secretary Railroad Rates N.A.W.S.A.

Swarthmore, Pa.

[Dec 18, 1906]

39TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE NATIONAL AMERICAN WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

The 39th Annual Convention of the N.A.W.S.A. will meet February 14th to 19th, inclusive, 1907, in Music Hall, Fine Arts Building, Chicago.

There will be three sessions daily with the exception of Sunday when there will be an afternoon session only.

As this is the first Convention held without the personal presence of our great leader, we plan to make it ^a ~~truly~~ ^{to her} her memorial. On her birthday, February 15th, the morning and afternoon sessions will be given to the consideration of the best work which can be done by the Association for the coming year in her memory, and to the discussion of the several Memorials already planned by other organizations. Addresses of appreciation of Miss Anthony will occupy the evening session.

The campaign for Municipal Suffrage for women now in progress in Chicago, makes our Convention of special local value and will also add to the interest of our meetings. One session will be given to a Symposium on Municipal Suffrage and has been placed in charge of the Chicago Committee.

Another afternoon will be given to a Symposium on the Industrial Conditions for Women and Children to be presided over by the Vice-President at Large, Mrs. Florence Kelley, and to be addressed by specialists familiar with the conditions under which women and children are working.

The Chicago Committee has arranged to escort parties of delegates and visitors to Hull House, the Chicago University and other places of special interest. The Woman's Club of Chicago will give a reception to the Convention on Saturday evening, February 16th.

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Our Association has the privilege of being closely in touch with the great world movement for woman suffrage, our National President, Rev. Anna H. Shaw, being Chairman of the Woman Suffrage Committee in the International Council of Women. The Convention will hear also from the International Woman Suffrage Alliance and its successful meeting of last August in Copenhagen.

In the next issue a synopsis of the program will be given.

Rachel Fisher Avery

Proxy for the Corresponding Secretary.

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The Hotel Headquarters for the Convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association will be at the Palmer House which has given the following rates to delegates and visitors:

Rooms for one person, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50 according to size and position. These same rooms occupied by two persons, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00.

Room with bath, for one person, \$2.50; for two persons, \$3.00 and upward.

The Entertainment Committee undertakes to secure entertainment in private homes (lodging and breakfast) for those delegates who wish it. The Chairman of the Committee, Mrs. F. K. Tracy, 545 Jackson Boulevard, must have not later than Jan. 25th the names of all who desire this hospitality. Each delegate who writes to Mrs. Tracy for entertainment, will receive from her before starting for Chicago, the name and address of her hostess. Those who wish to take advantage of the invitation are urged to write promptly to Mrs. Tracy.

Rachel Lusk Avery

Proxy for Corresponding Secretary.

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Territorial Headquarters, Chickasha, I. T.

Guthrie Okla.

Dec. 18th 1906.

Miss Laura Clay
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Miss Clay:

Your letter was received last night and I hope you will receive this reply before you leave Memphis.

Miss Shaw had written you expected to be in Memphis but I did not know the purpose for which you were going. I certainly hope there may be something over which will be helpful to our cause here.

I send you the name of Mr. W. H. Edley of ^{Comanche Co.} Fletcher. He is a Kentuckian and we are told would be a strong man for us if we can get him. He

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is a Democrat but one of our Republican friends told us of him and thought we might be able to get his help and if we did that he would be a good fighter for us. So, although it will be a long trip for you and directly through the town where I live, we think it would be very wise for you to see him.

Dr. Woods has gone to Arizona but the rest of our workers at Headquarters, Mrs. Bradford, Mrs. Doyce and Miss Gregg send cordial greetings and are delighted at thought of seeing you so soon as they feel sure you will be a tower of strength for us.

Expecting to soon have the pleasure of seeing you I am

Most sincerely yours
Kate H. Biggers

Swarthmore, Pa., Dec. 21, 1906.

Dear Dr. Wooder:-

Your telegram from Phoenix, Arizona, stating "Situation here hopeless, await further orders", was received and answered immediately by telegram, saying "Have written you at Phoenix, keep busy until letter arrives".

As Mrs. Upton is a member of the Sub-Committee on Organization and Campaign Work, I am forwarding my letter to you to her and if she agrees with the point of view which I have taken, she will immediately forward it and you can act upon it.

I think it was a good plan for you to go to Arizona, since Mrs. Munds seemed to think the situation there was very hopeful and as you must know it would be a great deal better for us to get suffrage through the territory than it would to wait until it became a state, so that if there really was a chance, this was the thing to do and even at the expense to which we have been put, I am very glad you went.

When I received your telegram this morning, I thought that the situation must indeed be very bad or you could not have so soon decided that it was absolutely hopeless. I cannot understand how with such a condition of things, Mrs. Munds really thought there was any hope of carrying the measure. On rereading your letter of December 16th, which has just arrived, stating that Mrs. Munds could not go with you to Phoenix, I am very sure that Mrs. Upton and I both understood that Mrs. Munds could do so, for I don't see how they could expect, after urging so hard that you and Mrs. Bradford be sent there and even urging that I should come, that we could

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go to Phoenix without any sort of local backing, so when they urged us to come, I supposed, of course, they expected to work with us and particularly when Mrs. Munda seemed to feel there was such a good chance for success. However, that is neither here nor there. If you feel that the situation is absolutely hopeless, then, of course, that ends the matter. After receiving your telegram, I felt it was better for you to wait a little longer until I could get the opinion of Mrs. Upton before telegraphing you to return to Oklahoma. If conditions are as hopeless, when you receive this letter, then there is nothing for you to do but to go right back to Oklahoma and continue in the work there.

Faithfully yours,

it on directly to her in Phoenix. She didn't give me the care of anybody there, so
I will just sent it right along

Jackson, Miss.,
Dec. 21, 1906.

My dear Miss Clay,

This afternoon
the Miss. Woman Suff-
rage Ass'n. of Miss. met
in convention in
Jackson. The follow-
ing officers were elected:
Pres., Belle Kearney, of Flora.
V. Pres., Mrs. Nellie Somerville, Greenville.
Cor. Sec., Elizabeth Lyle Saxon, Bay St. Louis.
Rec. " " B. T. Hobbs, Brookhaven.
Treas., Lily W. Thompson, Jackson.
It was all beautiful. We
sent a telegram to the
Constitutional Convention
of Alabama asking for the
re-franchisement of the

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women of that sort.
I go on O'Leary tomorrow
saw afternoon. Let
me know how you
I am very tired and
it is so late. I was
a joy to know you
work closely.
Yours affly,
Billie Hermy

Chickasha I. T.

Dec. 26 - 1906.

My dear Miss Clay

Hope you are now
comfortably established in Guthrie.
I have just received your
letter from Sherman and
written you there. But fearing
you will have left there before
it reaches you I also write to
Guthrie.

Please consult with Mrs. Dyer
and the others if there as to
your best plan of work. Of course
things are constantly changing

and that we might think
that now would not have been
the same last week.

Am very glad to welcome
you to Okla. and wish you
might have spent Christmas
with the others in Guthrie.

Sincerely

Kate H. Biggers.

Chickasha, Okla.

Dec. 26-1906,

My dear Miss Clay

Your letter just received. It seems to me really a waste of time to spend it on Judge Moxey. There ought have been a crusade commenced on him before he was born.

Yes, I think also that it would be better for you to go to Guthrie, and then thus act entirely according to your own judgment reinforced by such of our good

worries as are there about -
what you do next. Mr. Bradford
will probably not be there -
Mrs. Boyer will know lots
better than I what you next -
more should be,

Will be most glad to see you
when I get to Guthrie,

Sincerely

Kat-H. Biggers

National American Woman Suffrage Association

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WARREN, OHIO

Ans. Dec. 31.

Warren, Ohio, Dec. 27, 1906.

Dear Miss Clay:

It does seem too bad that you should be in a campaign just when your work as auditor demands your attention. I am writing you now on the subject of auditing the Oregon accounts.

At the time of the business committee meeting Lucy Anthony brought the Oregon campaign book and the vouchers with her. She and I went over her accounts one evening and checked up the amounts which had been sent from this office. We found the entries all correct. Both Mrs. Avery and Miss Shaw had gone over the figures in her book, so she was sure there were no mistakes in addition, etc.

At such times as she has leisure to do it, my sister has been working on an Oregon statement. That is to say, she has been taking a statement off of the Oregon account book. She has nearly completed the work now and I am wondering whether you would like us to send you Miss Anthony's book, together with her vouchers. We shall not need the book after the statement has been copied and if you are going to have any time to work on it you could as well have it now as after the close of the year. Will you let me know also what your plans are for auditing the Treasurer's books? Of course we cannot take off our statement until after the close of the year and of course we would hardly be willing to let the books go until we had taken off the statement. It will hurry us to get it done anyway before the Chicago Convention.

[Dec 27, 1906]

A letter has just come from Miss Shaw in which she directs that one hundred dollars be sent to the Oklahoma Headquarters to be used for postage ~~on~~ the memorials. I am therefore going to enclose check for this amount to you, although Mrs. Upton has not yet seen Miss Shaw's letter. I feel sure it will be all right.

We shall be glad to hear from you when you have time to write. We think the Oklahoma Memorial is a beautiful document. As I have looked over it I have seen a number of typographical errors which make me feel sorry, but those are the things that the general run of people do not see, so they are not serious.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth J. Hansen

EJH-J.

Dear Miss Clay Boston Mass Dec 28. 1906

I think your Southern Women's Suffrage Conference was a great success, and that if it is followed up by you & Miss Kearney, it will be the thin end of a wedge which will make woman suffrage, at no distant day, a national Democratic issue, and bring in State after State, beginning with the South and West.

It is a thousand pities that we have lost our dear friend Virginia D. Young. She had already planned to try to enlist Senator Tillman and Senator Morgan, both of them friendly to woman suffrage, and to go before the South Carolina Legislature with a Presidential suffrage bill this winter.

I enclose a heart-broken letter just received from her husband, Dr. Young, of Fairfax, who promises pecuniary aid if a movement is started in South Carolina.

I want this movement, for the present at least, to be a Southern movement to settle the race question, and a States rights movement. Since the collapse of the 15th Amendment in the South, I think the effort to get Congress to submit a 16th Amendment is for the present a hopeless one, & arouses Southern feeling against us.

I doubt the wisdom of coupling our demand with an educational qualification, because it will deprive us of the support of the poor whites, whose wives are so often illiterate. I should prefer to give it to women on the same terms as men, but to make (over)

the payment of a ^{voluntary} small poll tax as a condition of registration, when women apply for registrations. I also wish that special effort should be made to have only Southern women ^{and men} as speakers before Southern Legislatures the coming winter.

Another point - why could not you & Miss Kearney, Miss Gordon & Mrs Butt of Miss. go to Washington directly after Congress reassembles, and get Senators Tillman and Morgan to call a private conference of the Southern Senators, to hear you ladies present to them a request ^{in behalf of Southern women,} that they use their influence upon their respective State Legislatures to extend the suffrage to Southern (white) women as a Democratic measure for the Presidential Suffrage of 1908.

The twelve States I would try to enlist are from Maryland to Arkansas inclusive, taking in of course, Tennessee & Kentucky & possibly Missouri. By such a Southern Senatorial private conference, you would probably get two or three States started this winter to give it legislative consideration.

I will mail you some copies of our paper this week containing your excellent "Statement of Purpose," & will mail a marked copy to each Southern Congressman.

I am inexpressibly glad to have in this line your cooperation. I honestly believe that we may get the South enlisted, as we carried the Maryland Legislature for Miss Maddux admission to the bar.

Yours truly Henry B Blackwell

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Guthrie, Oklahoma,
Dec. 31, 1906.

Sen. Benj. R. Tillman,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

I beg to recall myself to your memory, having met you in the Constitutional Convention of South Carolina, where I was assisting Mrs. Virginia D. Young and Mrs. Viola Nebbett in trying to obtain a provision for woman suffrage in the constitution.

By the invitation of the Oklahoma Equal Suffrage Association I am in ^{here} ~~this~~ state for the same purpose, for the Constitutional Convention, as you are aware, ~~are~~ now framing the constitution for the new state of Oklahoma. ~~I am writing to ask~~ My purpose ~~in writing~~ in addressing you is to ask you, if possible

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for reading before
that I may use ~~publicly~~,
to write me a letter endorsing woman
~~the movement or for publication~~
suffrage as an abstract right, or as a
means of mitigating the race problem; or,
in fact, in any way that may commend
itself to you, ^{and Southern} as a Democratic statesman

Your opinion would carry great weight
with the Convention, which has ~~100~~ Democrat-
~~ic members~~ out of a total of 112 members has
100 who are Democrats. Besides that, you
are personally greatly admired by the
state, where one of the new counties has
^{just} been named Tillman.

Hoping for a favorable reply to my ear-
nest request, and at your earliest convenience,
I am, with great respect,

Very truly yours,
Laura Clay.

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Versailles Kentucky

Dec 31st 305 1906

My Dear Mr Farmer:

I am trying to even up my correspondence with the dying year, and I find your kind letter of Nov 3rd remained unanswered. I have been very derelict with my correspondents of late, for many reasons. The claims on my time have been greater than ever, as my large correspondence has been neglected. I know you & Mr Farmer will be sorry to hear of Capt Henry's very poor health. He has been ailing somewhat for over 2 years, but has been much worse the past 3 months. He has been examined by 4 physicians 2 of them specialists, and they all diagnose his case as organic heart trouble. He is a great sufferer, He gets along fairly well in the day time, but his nights are terrible. nervousness, insomnia and struggling for his breath. It is pitiful to

see him. We have not had a
good night's rest for six weeks
and you can imagine my anx-
-iety. The Capt. refuses to believe
that he has heart trouble. He
says he has a acute indigestion
and perhaps it is best for him
to think so, and I do all I can
to keep his hope and courage
up. My mother & Aunt too 84 &
82 years of age are both steady-
ly failing, and at times it
looks like I am doomed to
be left entirely alone in the
old home we have lived in for
more than 30 years. But we can
never know what will be the
changes and chances of this
mortal life will be. I am trying
to bear all with all the cour-
-age I can summon, I try and
keep my mind employed to
keep from facing realities. I
have written lately a large
pamphlet on the live ques-
-tion of "Marriage & Divorce"
and it is just from press &
in the mail I send a copy

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of it with my compliments ² to
your dear self & Mr Farmer. You
may neither of you agree with
me but "them's my sentiments" &
a few more I did not express.
This pamphlet seems to be in
great demand as I have had
more than 500 orders for it in
a week. I have gotten out one
edition of 5000. Beside my big
printing bill and envelope
my postage will cost me \$100
but it keeps me employed. & the
Capt takes great interest in my
work & it is but for me to
to have our minds diverted
I am glad you keep up your suffrage
work. Life is not worth leading with-
out some high aim or object. I
know I do more suffrage work
than any one in Ky but I do it
my way. I hate to see and never
intend to have one in this world.
I heard that the Charles family
moved from Lexington to Califor-
nia. But I did not know the rea-
-son. They sold their home and
left Lexington as I have not seen
one of them for over 7 years

I am sorry to hear that Mr
Charles Frank, Liquor will de-
stroy all the good on earth or
in heaven, It is the curse of
the human race, but I am as
glad that women are as a
rule sober, as I am sorry
that men have a trust in break-
ing up homes by the use of strong
drink. Mrs Sawyer is still in
Washington city & has a fine posi-
tion. She has fought a splendid
battle. My two sisters live in
New York, and are well and do-
ing well. Mrs Corcoran & her daughter
have just got home from a six
months tour of Europe. We all hope
that you & Mr Farmer keep well &
like your new home. Now write
me when you can. I am always
glad to hear from you. The
Capt joins me in very bet-
ter wishes for yourself & Mr Farmer.

Ever your loyal friend
Josephine & Henry