

Jan. 1 - 1908

My Dear Mrs. Carey: - Late last evening Mrs. McLaughlin brought me dues for 15 members - the treasurer has had illness & death in her family making it impossible to have attended to the matter earlier. I forwarded the amount over the N.E. at once - but fear it was too late to get in for 1907 - although the cheque is dated Dec. 31 - 1907. Stupidly enough I sent off my letter to you without answering the questions in Circular letter -

- 1st - Am sure the clubs will do anything & everything to further this & see Mr. Quinn -
- 2nd - Let Lexington Conn have full control by all means.
- 3rd - Were it not for the expense of the trip I could give my time except next week and 3rd to 8th of Feb. (Old Ladies Home at that time) Am sorry I cannot afford to go to Frankfurt but a new brick street wants my money.

Glad New Year to you - Very Cordially yours
H. J.



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Miss Laura Clay
189 N. Mill St
Lexington Ky.

Lexington, Ky.

Jan. 1st, 1908.

Mr. H. G. Tandy,

Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir,

I thank you very much for the copy of the School Laws of N. Dakota, which I received this morning.

I will return it in a few days.

Respectfully yours,

Laura Clay

Lexington, Ky.

Jan. 1st, 1908.

My dear Mrs. Farmer,

A happy New Year to you and Mr. Farmer, and many returns!

I thank you very much for the copy of the Minnesota School laws, for the Sup't's letter and for the information in yours, all of which was helpful.

Yesterday we had a joint committee meeting of seven societies for the purpose of arranging for a mass-meeting to advocate school suffrage for women. There were representatives from the Woman's Club, the W.C.T.U., the E.R.A., the Chautauqua Circle, two chapters of the .D.A.R., and the Daughters of the Confederacy. We find there is a great deal more of sympathy for school suffrage now than there was when you made the first move. That was a great educational effort on your part, and it is now bearing fruit.

I was glad to see Mrs. Henry's letter. I always feel a great interest in her. I do not think she is very comprehensive of the possibilities of the Business Committee of the National in her criticisms. Whatever may be the shortcomings of the National Association, its constitution prevents it from interfering with the work of state associations, and the small National dues cannot greatly deplete the state treasuries. This being the case, if there is any better talent in the states than in the National Board, there is nothing to interfere with its pushing suffrage in its own state, and winning successes, without dependence upon the National. This being the case, it certainly seems to me indiscriminating to say the progress of Equal Suffrage is slow because the National officers are in-

efficient. Their influence and resources are too limited to prevent the cause winning successes, if there were not other causes which produce that effect. She is right in saying that many other influences are at work to bring about woman suffrage; in them lies our great hope. Such a political revolution must depend upon the people's feeling of its necessity for final success, and not upon the efforts of an Association, however able its officers might be. All an association can do is to keep before the people those needs for its success which the evolution of society constantly present. Looked at in this way, I think the National acquits itself pretty creditably.

Yes, I did receive the copy of your co-guardianship law; and I was under the impression that I had acknowledged it. Please accept my thanks now for it. We shall bring up this law again this winter, I hope. The Covington and Newport Associations will devote particular attention to it, because Representative Simmons, of Covington, brought in a bill last legislature, and we hope he will interest himself again in it, as he is in the House again.

Please give my regards to Mr. Farmer, and write again soon.

Again thanking you, I am

Affectionately yours, *Laura Clay*

Lexington, Ky. January, 2d. 1908.

Mrs.

San Pedro, California.

My Dear Mrs. Charles;

I was very much pleased to receive your beautiful Christmas card ~~this evening~~. I wish you a very Happy New Year. I often think of you and of the good work you helped along, while you were in Kentucky, and I hear others speak of the loss your going away has been to Lexington, among the poor and needy.

Are the Californian people working for Mrs' Gatt's big Petition. I have just started in on the Petition, and cannot tell yet what success we will have with it.

I occasionally hear from Mrs. Farmer, she and Mr. Farmer appear to be well and very happy in St. Paul. She devotes her time to the work for the Minnesota Association, and I see her often complimented on the way she is succeeding.

I hope you and all of your family are well. Please give my kindest regards to Miss Laura and Miss Jennynand Mr. Charles.

Dear Mrs. Cramer is almost an complete invalid. She has not been well at all for months past.

Now that I know your address, I shall send you some little news of what is going from time to time. Let me hear from you occasionally. I am

Very cordially your friend, *Laura Clay*

National American Woman Suffrage Association

(Member National Council of Women and International Woman Suffrage Alliance)

President, Rev. Anna Howard Shaw, Moylan, Pa.
First Vice President, Rachel Foster Avery, Swarthmore, Pa.
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105 East 22nd Street, New York City.
Corresponding Secretary, Kate M. Gordon,
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January, 2nd, 190⁸

Miss. Laura Clay,
189 N. Mill Street,
Lexington, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay,

Enclosed find check and receipts. I am sorry to have occasioned you so much trouble, but I did not understand clearly the transaction until your last letter. This was very stupid^{of me} indeed, and hope it will not occur again.

Thanking you and wishing you a prosperous and happy New Year, I am,

Yours sincerely,

(Enclosure)

Minnie Kanner

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January 3, 1908

DEAR MEMBER OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE:-

Enclosed find copy of a letter this day received from Mrs. De Rivera, of New York City. She may have written others of you, or you may have gotten this information through the newspapers, but the matter seemed to me of sufficient interest to be reported in Mrs. De Rivera's own words.

Yours truly

EJH.-R.

Elizabeth J. Hauser

Mrs. Upton is away speaking at 2 Farmers Institutes.

I took the liberty to order 1000 reprints of your article on the Guardianship Law of Kentucky, which will appear in Jan. Progress. I thought the Ky E. R. A. would want it. A copy might go to every newspaper in Ky. & to every woman's club.
EJ Hauser

[Jan 3, 1908]

COPY

January 2, 1908

My dear Mrs. Upton:-

Will you kindly send me some leaflets calculated to awaken an interest in woman suffrage among men? The first open air meeting to present the subject of woman suffrage to the passers by was held this afternoon at the corner of Madison Ave. and 23d St., and was a great success. More than 200 signatures were obtained in favor of a petition to State Legislature to amend Constitution to remove disability of women citizens to political rights. At the next meeting, to be held probably in two weeks, suffrage literature will be distributed, and so I would like you to send me several hundred leaflets fitted to such an occasion. I do not know what the price is, but I know you will let me have it for this purpose as cheap as possible. I do not want you to give me credit for this meeting, for I am too much of a coward to face ridicule and too much of ^a conservative to adopt radical measures. Miss Maud Malone, President of the Harlem Equal Rights League, is the woman who dared to do, and all honor to her, for she stood almost alone, except for my half-hearted support. I propose, however, to help her all I can, and the first thing is to supply the literature. Perhaps the National would contribute some, we need such large quantities.

Sincerely yours

(Signed)

Belle De Rivera

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31/1907

Jan 3, 1908

Receipts to Dec. 9/1907-----\$17,832.23

AUXILIARY DUES

Oregon State E. S. A.-----	4.90
Wisconsin W.S.A.-----	7.00
District of Columbia E.S.A.-----	7.40
South Dakota E.S.A.-----	15.10
Penna. W. S. A., additional,-----	1.70
California E.S.A.-----	100.30
Iowa E.S.A.-----	101.00
Utah State Council-----	10.00
Massachusetts W.S.A.-----	231.60
Maine W. S. A.-----	27.30
Friends E.R.A.-----	17.60
Colorado E.R.A.-----	5.00
Illinois E.S.A., additional,-----	2.00
Michigan E.S.A.-----	14.20
Rhode Island W.S.A.-----	12.00
College E.S.League of Massachusetts-----	18.80
Kentucky E.R.A.-----	35.10
Washington E.S.A.-----	24.60
Maryland W.S.A.-----	42.50
Minneapolis W.S.A.-----	40.50
Mississippi W.S.A.-----	6.40
Missouri E.S.A.-----	10.50
Oklahoma W.S.A.-----	16.40
West Virginia E.S.A.-----	13.20
Ohio W.S.A.-----	88.10
Indiana E.S.A.-----	6.90
Delaware E.S.A.-----	8.00

CONVENTION EXPENSES:

Mary B. Holton, Treas. Md. W.S.A., to apply on printing programs for Baltimore Convention-----	\$ 111.00
S. B. A. Booklets, December sales-----	.25
Progress, December subscriptions-----	55.80
P. E. Leaflets, December sales-----	15.98
History, " "-----	3.00
Penny Prints-----	.14
Headquarters Supplies-----	25.59

MISCELLANEOUS:

Interest on Willis Bequest, June 20-Dec. 20/1907	\$ 12.50
S. B. A. W. S. Fund-----	977.12
TOTAL	\$19,901.71

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DISBURSEMENTS-----\$17,129.64

President's Office Expense:
Stenographer Sal. Nov. 29 to Jan. 1-----\$ 62.00
R.R. and other expense to Troy, N.Y.,
Washington and Nashville-----\$ 55.72
Office Exp. bal. of Sept., Oct., Nov.-----\$ 17.45

LITERATURE COM.
20,000 P.E.L. from Vindicator Printing Co.-----\$ 25.00

HEADQUARTERS EXPENSE:
John Campbell, P.M., for postage on letters to
local club presidents-----\$ 8.00
Office Expense-----\$ 10.00
C.C. Clawson, Oct. Nov. Dec. Rent-----\$ 75.00
Press Clipping Bureau, Dec. clippings,-----\$ 6.26

PRESS:
Mrs. A.H. Boostrom for plate for Laura Gregg's pic. \$ 2.00
Postmaster, postage,-----\$ 5.00

ORGANIZATION:
Emma Smith DeVos for work in Washington-----\$ 100.00

Corresponding Secretary:
Stenographer's Sal. & Office expenses Oct.-Nov.-----\$ 70.00

Headquarters:
Audrey Doty-Sal. Dec. 1 to Jan. 1-----\$ 30.00
C.I. Reilly Sal. Dec. 3 to Jan. 1-----\$ 65.00
M.S. Andrews, Sal. Dec. 3 to Jan. 1-----\$ 55.00
Ida H. Clarkson, 7 days in office,-----\$ 8.75
Dora Kale, 1 week in office,-----\$ 10.00
Elizabeth J. Hauser, December Salary,-----\$ 100.00
Ninnie Hauser, Nov. 30-Jan. 1-----\$ 80.00
Laura Gregg Sal. Nov. 15-Jan. 1-----\$ 150.00

Harriet Taylor Upton on \$500 allowance-----\$ 41.00
Church Work Com.-Lucy Hobart Day, Chairman, postage
Postage June 1-Jan. 1/1908-----\$ 2.33

Laura Clay, for bal. of expenses in Oklahoma in February-----\$ 151.30
(This was money advanced by Miss Clay)

Progress:
Postage, Freight, Drayage, Express, for Dec.-----\$ 5.22
P.E. leaflets, Express for December-----\$.30
Life & Work " " "-----\$ 2.86
Headquarters supplies, exp. & postage for Dec.-----\$ 6.20

Miscellaneous: " " " History 145-
The L. Graham Company for Stationery for
Corresponding Secretary-----\$ 6.00
TOTAL-----\$18,279.55

MISCELLANEOUS:
Cash on Hand-----\$ 1,117.71
Interest Account-----\$ 504.45
-----\$19,901.71

Jan 3, 1908

SUSAN B. ANTHONY WOMAN SUFFRAGE FUND

Tuesday, December 31, 1907

Receipts to December 9-----	\$10,828.47
Dr. Sarah M. Siewers, Ohio,-----	5.00
Dr. S. Sarah Barney, New Hampshire,-----	5.00
Dr. Fanny Leake Cummings, Washington,-----	5.00
Mrs. E. E. Greenleaf, Alabama,-----	4.00
Mrs. Sarah Clay Bennett, Kentucky,-----	30.00
(This was Kentuckey E.R.A.Pledge)	
Annette Finnigan, Texas,-----	25.00
Mrs. Rachel Griffith, Oklahoma,-----	10.00
Margaret Rees-----	1.00
Rachel Rees-----	.50
Mrs. Jennie M. Taylor, So. Dakota (from Ft. Pierre)-----	7.00
Mrs. Annie E. Merritt, N.Y., Memorial from State Association to Marianna W. Chapman)-----	25.00
E. Frances Weber (Des Moines P.E. Club) Iowa-----	10.00
Mrs. Julia Hunt, Oregon,-----	2.00
Dr. Ruth A. Gay, to balance Oklahoma City Club pledge-----	35.00
Emma Lore, Delaware, (Del. E.S.A. pledge)-----	25.00
Laura Clay, Kentucky,-----	100.00
Sara Clay Collins, Washington,-----	5.00
Mary Barr Clay, Penna.,-----	5.00
Frank E. Tremain, Illinois,-----	1.00
	<u>\$11,128.97</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

National Treasurer-----	\$9,801.35
" " " "-----	\$ 977.12
Currency on Hand-----	<u>\$ 350.50</u>
	<u>\$11,128.97</u>

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Lexington, Ky.

Jan. 4th, 1908.

Dear Dr. Jeffreys,

A happy New Year and many returns! I so often think of you and of your many kindnesses during my stay in your beautiful city and state; and when the other day I received one of your wonderful roses as a Christmas remembrance from you and Mr. Myers I resolved that I would not longer allow myself to be deterred by what seemed more pressing correspondence from writing to you. By this mail I am sending a part of one of our city papers, with an article marked about Oregon. It will show what the pilgrims from Kentucky think of that "Land of the Heart's Desire".

I have lately had a copy of a letter from Mrs. Duniway, in which she says she expects the suffragists to carry up a big petition for the suffrage amendment by the 15th of January. She is such a talker that I fear this good news is not true. I would be so thankful to know that it is true, for I believe it is a good thing for us to have the vote taken on our question just as often as we can. If the suffragists do succeed in having the question submitted again, do please let me know at once; for the Business Committee is now at such terms with Mrs. Duniway that possibly she would take no steps to inform it of such a valuable piece of news.

Since I saw you I have been to Oklahoma on a similar suffrage errand. We had some hopes of winning there in the Constitutional Convention; and while we failed, our cause manifested such strength that it convinced me even as much as the campaign in Oregon that we are nearing the day of success. Oklahoma is in every respect a truly Southern state, with all those political and racial conditions which make the South regarded as the most conservative section on our question; yet even there it is evident

that our victory cannot be long delayed.

When I got back to Kentucky from Oregon I had to go to work at once to rebuild a house of mine which had been badly injured by a fire. I concluded to rebuild it in flats; which I did, making it three stories, and a flat on each story. I am occupying one of them myself; and it is probable that I shall pass the remainder of my life in this house; so you will always know where to address me, as I hope you will write to me from time to time. I have several rooms, and a guest chamber. It would give me a rare pleasure to welcome here such friends of pleasant memories as you would bring with you; and I do hope if you should ever come to our state you will not fail to come to see me.

I saw Miss Shaw in November, when she came to make an address at the annual convention of the N.R.A. Also, I have seen Miss Gordon recently. She and I went to Mississippi to confer with the Ex.Com. of that state about the suffrage work they are to do in their legislature this winter. Both Miss Shaw and Miss Gordon looked well. Miss Gordon is hopeful of the work in the South; and Mr. Blackwell thinks the suffrage of women may be instrumental in settling the negro problem in the South; and that Woman Suffrage may be made an issue of a political affiliation of the West and the South, by which the Democratic party may again win national power? What do you think of that idea?

Please give my regards to Mr. Myers, and tell him I appreciate his remembrance of me.

Write to me sometime in memory of our campaign together, and the pleasant hours we spent together. With my best wishes for a happy and successful year, I am

Very cordially yours,
Laura Clay

Jan. 7, 1908

In accordance with the action of the Federation of Woman's Clubs of Kentucky, a mass meeting for the purpose of obtaining school suffrage for women will be held at Curry Hall. Y. M. C. A. on Wednesday, January 8, at 3 p. m., under the auspices of the Woman's Club of Central Kentucky. Your attendance is earnestly requested.

J. H. ...
President Woman's Club of Central Kentucky



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Miss Laura Clay,
City.

N. Mill St.

Lexington, Ky. January, 7th, 1908

~~Mrs~~ Mae R. Patterson,

Lancaster, Ky.

My Dear ~~Mrs~~ Patterson,

I hope you will be pleased to know that the Kentucky E. R. A. is planning to do a big piece of work this year. You may have observed that the National W. S. A. is going to get up a woman's Petition to Congress and submit a constitutional amendment to secure woman's suffrage. Our international president, Mrs. C. C. Catt has taken charge of the Petition and wants Kentucky to get 100,000 names. She hopes they will get at least half that number. At our State convention we undertook to do our share. Mrs. Catt wants the pasting and classifying for the Kentucky Petition done by us. The headquarters for this will be my house in Lexington, Ky. I have engaged a stenographer for sometime and I will get the help of the local E. R. A. You observed the Petition is printed on very strong paper and as Mrs. Catt wants this paper used she will supply all the blanks that are needed, by application to me. She suggests that we secure the co-operation of the W. C. T. U., the Granges, the Labor Unions, and other associations which endorse woman's suffrage. Following her line of thought, where we have an E. R. A., I am going to put the whole county in their hands, and ask it to invite the W. C. T. U. and other associations. ~~Will~~ you undertake to see what can be done in Lancaster and Garrard county? I would greatly prefer to have you take the lead as an E. R. A. woman; because I think we can greatly increase our membership in the process of getting signatures.

especially if you used our cards for our new plan of enrolled memberships. I will ^{now} write more about the enrolled memberships in this letter, because I wish to write of that more fully than space will now allow. I think the canvassers should be supplied with a suitable leaflet to be left at houses where it will be read. If your local workers have no money with which to provide these leaflets, the State E. R. A. will supply them free of cost by applying to me.

I hope you and your family are well. Please let me hear just as promptly as possible, what you can undertake to help the big Petition.

I am

Very cordially yours,

Dict.

President Kentucky E. R. A.

Dear Miss Clay

[Jan 9, 1908]

The 2.0th Century Club met
yesterday, and a ~~committee~~ was appointed
to see Mr Dimmonds Sunday if that is his
only day home. We are to meet again next Monday
to report progress. We will also see Mr Chace
and Mr Arnot and urge them to vote for it.
Mrs Reynolds ^{our Ex. Comm.} is a personal friend of Mr Dimmons.
Did we not make State Historian a member of
Ex. Comm.? Steens is to me, at Ashland. Mrs Giltner
is confined to the house with rheumatism.
Will write often and keep you posted.
M. S. M Laughlin



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Miss Laura Clay
189 N. Mill Street
Lexington
Ky

Jan. 10th, 1908.

My dear Mrs. McLaughlin,

I was much gratified by the acceptance by your club of the charge of the co-guardianship bill. It takes a great weight off my mind. As you see by my circular letter enclosed, I think it may be wise for your club or the Covington and Newport clubs, to appoint your own representative to go to Frankfort on your bill, if you think some one is necessary. That would be better than to have several in Frankfort on the Presidential Suffrage and Constitutional amendment bills.

You ask me if the State Librarian was made a member of the Ex. Com. All the changes which were made are in the new constitution; but that change was not made. It is necessary to keep the Ex. Com. as small as the business will permit, both to keep down the expenses of travelling to the conventions and called meetings, and to diminish the correspondence in circular letters, etc., which is pretty large at times, seeing we have no clerical aid. That does not prevent your consulting with her when you think it desirable, on any point of business.

I am very sorry to hear of Mrs. Giltner's painful sickness. Please give my regards to her and to Mr. Giltner.

Cordially yours,

Kentucky Equal Rights Association

"If Ye Abide in My Word *** Ye Shall Know the Truth,
and the Truth Shall Make You Free."

President, Miss Laura Clay,
189 N. Mill St., Lexington.

First Vice President, Mrs. Mary B. Clay, Richmond.

Second Vice President, Mrs. Mary C. Cramer, Lexington.

Third Vice President, Mrs. N. S. McLaughlin, Covington.

2nd Circular,

Lexington, Ky.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Mary C. Roark, Richmond

Recording Secretary, Mrs. Emma M. Roebuck,
112 W. Front St., Newport.

Treasurer, Mrs. Isabella H. Shepard,
31 E. Twelfth St., Covington.

Jan. 10th, 1908.

Dear Member of Executive Committee of Ky. Equal Rights Association,

I am happy to report that all members of the Ex. Com. voted in the affirmative (Mrs. Roebuck unheard from) to put the co-guardianship bill in the hands of the Covington clubs, if they would accept it; the bill for women on Boards of Control of state institutions in the hands of the sub-committee from the Fayette E. R. A., if it would accept it. The Fayette sub-committee accepted when informed of the vote of the Ex. Com.; and this morning I learn that the Covington clubs have accepted and gone to work on the co-guardianship bill. The Fayette E. R. A. sub-committee has also been at work.

You will see by the Herald of Jan. 9th which I have mailed to each of you at a distance that a very successful mass meeting was held by the women of Lexington, under the auspices of the Woman's Club in favor of school suffrage for women. These three bills, therefore, are advantageously placed.

I am still in a quandary, however, what to advise about the work of the Ex. Com., in its quality as Legislative Committee. In answer to my inquiry what time each could give to this work, Mrs. Clay replies she can give as much as necessary; Mrs. Roark, says, "If particularly needed, I can go to Frankfort, but prefer to give my time mainly for school suffrage". Mrs. Shepard says, "Were it not for the expense of the trip I could give my time except Jan. 3rd to 8th and Febr 3rd to 8th". Mrs. Cramer can go for a day at a time whenever needed. Mrs. McLaughlin does not answer this question; Mrs. Roebuck unheard from. The expense of these trips should of course be borne by the State E. R. A., as

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as far as its funds permit. What causes me indecision is, How had we better distribute our means and efforts among our bills? Our two sub-committees can do our work better than our Ex.Com., now that we have assigned it to them. In the meanwhile, there appears to be a definite and strong determination to bring in a constitutional amendment of the requirements concerning taxation; there can be only two amendments submitted at one time; and possibly ours might be shut out. This would leave us only Presidential suffrage to try for. While we have two important bills in the hands of sub-committees, how much of our help should go to them and how much should be reserved for the bills in the hands of the Ex.Com? I am personally at a great loss to know how to set about getting our suffrage bills started. If any one has any suggestion to make, please do so at once. I have been busy helping with the mass meeting, and while I have thought a great deal about the legislative work, so far nothing practicable has come to me.

Since the Covington clubs have undertaken the co-guardianship bill, it has occurred to me that they should appoint their own representative to go to Frankfort in its interest, if they think one is necessary. The Fayette sub-committee should have the same privilege; and in both these cases, the State E.R.A. should defray the expense, if possible. Will you vote your opinions on this point? Quick action is now necessary, as the legislative committees will be announced early next week and the legislature will settle down to work.

Mrs. T. J. Smith, of Richmond, found she was obliged to decline to serve as fraternal delegate from the E.R.A. to the convention of Charities and Corrections; and I have requested Mrs. F. W. Wolcott, of Covington, to serve. I have learned from Mrs. Upton that dues for 351 members from Ky. have been received.

Kindly let me have your suggestions and vote promptly.
Cordially yours,

Pres. Ky. E. R. A.

KENTUCKY FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Mrs. LETCHER RIKER, Harrodsburg, President.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Mrs. R. N. ROARK,
Richmond.
Mrs. GEO. AVERY, Louisville,
1414 Third Ave.
Mrs. THURSTON BALLARD,
Glenview.
Miss BELLE BENNETT,
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Dr. IRENE MYERS, Lexington,
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2524 Park Place.

Mrs. J. A. RUDY,
Paducah.
Mrs. LUELLA WILCOX ST. CLAIR,
Lexington.
Mrs. C. P. WEAVER, Louisville,
2406 Third Avenue.
Mrs. AUGUSTUS E. WILLSON,
Executive Mansion, Frankfort.

Richmond, Jan. 13, '08.

My dear Miss Clay.

I am so gratified over the success of the school suffrage meeting in Lexington. I am sure it will have influence in other places.

In reply to your questions. It seems to me wisest to concentrate our efforts on those bills that stand the best chance of passage. The securing of women on all State Boards that control institutions where there are women, and co-guardianship bill these two might be carried. The time is not ripe in my judgment to press general or presidential suffrage. I hope

it will not come up early in
the session - (as there is not the
least chance of its passage - and I
fear it would work against the
School reform.

You know the Covington women - what one
would have influence. It seems to me
positively injurious to send any women
to Frankfort - to talk to the men - who do not
have clear heads. I know our Lexington
women will do fine work -

Your own judgment in all these matters
is better than mine - I am willing to
leave the matter entirely in such able hands.
Miss Belle Bennett and I go to Frankfort -
Jan. 23rd - to an Education Conference and to
the State meeting of Charities and Correction.

I favor paying expenses of our workers to Frankfort.

Very Cordially

Mary C. Roark

T. H. GILLMER, PRESIDENT
H. S. PEW, VICE PRESIDENT

No. 6353
WM. WALLACE, CASHIER

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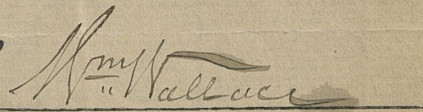
WARREN, OHIO, Jan. 14, 1908.

Miss Laura Clay,
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Madam,- I am in receipt of the Stewart mortgage cancelled by you, and hand you our draft for \$470.30, amount due on this note less 50 cents cancellation fee. We charge you no exchange for this draft.

We remain,

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm. Wallace", is written over a horizontal line.

Cashier.



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St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 14, 1908.

Dear Miss Clay,—

I thank you very much for your letter of the 1st instant, and the Lexington Herald of the 9th containing the joint meeting of seven societies to advocate school suffrage for Kentucky women. The report in The Herald was interesting, especially the remarks of the University President. I sent the paper to Mrs. Stockwell, so I cannot recall the gentleman's name. Success to you all, I feel interested in all that you are doing for the women. I wish I could be there to see the result. Do you remember how anxious we were when the school bill was up before? Mr. Lyons of Newport said, "Oh, the women will get it, because Senator Goebel said so." When I think of little Klair now a Representative, being foremost in the fight to repeal the school bill, I can scarcely restrain myself. He and Gov. Beckham, and backed by the liquor power, secured what they desired. I hope that Beckham will not go to Congress.

I hear from Mrs. Charles occasionally, and they seem to be pleased with their home in San Pedro, California. Mr. Charles is, I think, in a bad way financially, for he wrote to Mr. Farmer, that he had been travelling for a wholesale jewelry house. I always thought that something wrong would occur, on account of his intemperate habits. He dealt unjustly with Mr.

Farmer in a business transaction, and I said then, that he would be punished[✓] for that. Laura can teach, but Jennie is not fitted for work. I hope that it will not be necessary. We are in the midst of the "grip" here, in addition to the "small pox", and the winter so far being open, aggravates these diseases. We keep well, because we keep our systems in good condition. Ever since I left Covington, I bathe every morning the year round, wear no corsets, eat no meat, and keep^p busy. I believe this climate is good for all persons. Although some persons are made very nervous, as they say, "the air is too rarified." I had a nice long letter from Mrs. Shepard, which I appreciated, for her loyalty to me in my work in Ky. I am glad that you are able to command so much assistance in your work. If any one needs to be blessed, it is you, for all your labors in the State, and for the National. You have the ability and the means.

The Lord bless you dear Miss Clay, in all your efforts for woman.

~~We have too many Unitarians and non believers in our work here.~~

Mrs. Stockwell does not want a prayer said at the opening of our State conventions, but she had to yield at the last one in Austin. I miss our little quiet prayers we had together, and I often wish for a return.

When I get started on this machine I do not want to stop, but I must close, with kind regards from Mr. Farmer, and the best of love from myself.

Ever affectionately your friend,

Eugenia B. Fenner

The Woman's Journal

No. 3 Park Street, Room 16

Boston, Mass., Jan 15 1908

I am loath to give the matter up in Mississippi. Might not some brave
 legislator be found to do as Mr Craig of Delmore, did, in 1902, in the
 Constitutional Convention - with
 a - with and fight it out on
 his own motion?
 Yours Truly
 H. S. Blackwell

Dear Mr. Day

I am grieved and disappointed
 getting
 at advice from Jackson that the
 Miss. W. S. A. has decided not to make
 any petition to the legislature for any
 form of woman suffrage either for
 white women or otherwise. They seem
 to have been threatened or persuaded
 by the prohibition people to withdraw
 altogether from the field.

This leaves the cause in the worst
 possible shape, because if ^{State} Prohibition, either
 in shape of law or constitution, is enacted or
 submitted, it will not be honestly enforced
 by the votes of men alone. Unfortunately
 a large part of the white men drink as well
 as the negroes, and many ^{white men} make money by
 selling ^{liquor}. The present wave of sentiment
 will soon subside. Then the law will
 become unpopular and illicit liquor dealers

for white woman suffrage? The question of unconstitutionality is
unimportant. What should be decided if necessary by the Supreme Court

and liquor drinkers will combine to
quellify it, or if possible to repeal ~~the~~ law.

And any future effort for woman suffrage
will ^{then} be regarded as an effort to bolster
up and ~~compel~~ enforcement of a law
no longer popular, with the liquor interests
arrayed solidly against it. It proved so
in Rhode Island, in Maine, and in Mass.

(where prohibition is voted upon annually
in every town and city, & where the Liquor
Dealers' Spⁿ defeated municipal woman
suffrage 12 years ago by bribing enough
Senators to defeat us, saying openly
that they would prefer prohibitors by
State law rather than women's suffrage on
the question in every town or city.)

So it is not only a back down after
public announcement of a campaign &
literature sent to every legislator by
the President of the State Society, which
is ignominious, but it gives up our golden
opportunity of appealing to the sentiment of
"white supremacy" to cooperate with the
friends of Proch prohibition by asking
for the submission of the two amendments
separately to be voted upon at one and the
same special election. Can anything be
done to revive the slip women's demand now

I for one have no fear that the decision would be adverse.
of all possible hereafter.

The College Equal Suffrage League of Massachusetts.

116 Mt. Vernon St. Boston, Mass.

Jan. 17, 1908.

My dear Miss Day:-

Your letter of the 11th was duly received. I can quite understand your delay in writing.

I am myself at present troubled over more than one long-unanswered letter, for which I fear there are not such acceptable excuses as you have.

In regard to the names and addresses of women in the medical profession in Kentucky: I would still be very glad of the addresses of all such, whom you know to be interested in equal suffrage. And I shall count it a great favor

If you can take the time and make
the effort to send me such a list.

Please be assured beforehand of how
greatly we shall appreciate your help.

Very sincerely,

Miss Mabel Caldwell Willard.

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MARY S. SPERRY,

2100 Pacific Avenue, San Francisco, Cal.



Moylan, Pa., January 15th, 1908.

Dear Member of the Business Committee:-

I have this morning received a letter from Mrs. Upton in which she says "I do not see my way clear to going to Washington or to the Business Committee Meeting at Philadelphia. I think Elizabeth will go, which will be quite as well if not better than if I went". She then gives *as* the reason for her not being able to leave home, her father's health and the fact that she is not very well.

I greatly regret that Mrs. Upton did not give us this information before. I did not for a moment think that she would not be at the Business Committee meeting at least. Personally, I do not see how we can conduct a Business Committee meeting without her. All of the information regarding our work, the plans for the next nine months, in which so much must be done to prepare for the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Convention, some arrangement by which the Anthony Memorial Fund is to be secured, and, in fact, all the work of the coming year needs to be planned and set in motion. We have had no real Business Committee Meeting for a year, since the Chicago Convention, and now that we are not to hold our Annual Convention it does seem to me that a good Business Committee meeting, with all the members present, is absolutely essential. Of course, I do not mean Mrs. Sperry, but all the rest

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of us, because of Mrs. Sperry's great distance away. While Elizabeth understands much about the business, which has been done at headquarters, she is not a member of the committee to lay out plans and vote in regard to the business of the future, and while I appreciate her ability to give us all necessary information in regard to finances which have come in and gone out, etc., it is a very different thing from having a regular member of the Board, whose business it is to do this sort of thing, present at a meeting to advise and council with us.

The question which arises in my mind is this. Much as I have looked forward to your coming to my home at Moylan, and great as will be my disappointment if we do not have a Business Committee Meeting here, it seems to me it would be better to go to Warren and hold our meeting than to hold it without Mrs. Upton.

The time for the hearing is drifting along and we are unable to get any definite information in regard to the exact date, so that it is impossible to secure speakers and it almost looks to me as if the hearing was going by default. Taking everything together I must confess I am greatly depressed, for, if we officials are to be responsible for the work of the coming year, we certainly must get together and plan it. We must take the time to do it, and that time should be as soon as possible, because there are only nine months now before the National Convention, and several of us will be obliged to go to Europe to attend the International Suffrage meeting, so the work must be gotten out at once. Now the question is, how can we best do it?

If you think we can hold a successful meeting in Moylan, without the presence of Mrs. Upton, I shall be very glad to have

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you come here, but I think we must insist that Miss Hauser shall represent the headquarters and bring all the necessary data for such a meeting.

Faithfully,

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Moylan, Pa., January 15th, 1908.

Dear Member of the Business Committee:-

Mrs. Upton and I both urged upon the Michigan women the importance of having Mrs. McCulloch attend the hearing and the suggestion turns out to have been a most admirable one, because her speech was not only well received but exceedingly helpful, and the Michigan women feel very happy over it. When I realized all the work they have done within the last two months, without any outside help, I told them I had no doubt but that the National would be willing to pay Mrs. McCulloch's expenses in attending the Convention, and this morning I received a letter from Mrs. Arthur, enclosing one from Mrs. McCulloch, in which Mrs. McCulloch answers a question of the Michigan women as to the cost of printing her argument. She says it will cost \$40.00 for 5000 and \$56.00 for 10,000 copies, made in the form of the Mayer's booklet, which you have all received.

Mrs. Arthur thinks it would be well to have this leaflet printed and distributed at once, and if the amendment should not be incorporated in the Constitution, or if it should be submitted it would be splendid literature to use during every campaign, but she said that Michigan has no money with which to print it. I have written her that I felt pretty sure that the National would be will-

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ing to help Michigan to the extent of printing this leaflet, because of the splendid manner in which they have gotten to work in that State to help themselves, for I have never seen so much good work done in any state in so short a time.

The Michigan women feel that heretofore the National has not been very liberal with them; they could not see that the reason was that they had practically done nothing themselves and that the National could not pay out money unless they saw some evidence of a good use being made of it by the State women, but now that under the leadership of Mrs. Arthur they are showing themselves so helpful, and are willing to work, I think it is the duty of the National to rally around them, and while I frankly confess there is no hope of the present Constitutional Convention doing anything for the women, I do feel that with the wise sentiment of the various womens' organizations of the State this is the time to clinch the work. I am, therefore, submitting a vote to the Business Committee in regard to the payment of Mrs. McCulloch's expenses and the publication of this leaflet.

Faithfully,

189 N. Mill Street, Lexington, Ky.

Jan. 17th, 1908.

My dear Mrs. Coe,

I suppose you were informed of a letter Mrs. Duniway wrote to Miss Shaw in December, asking the National to appropriate a thousand dollars for the Woman Suffrage campaign in Oregon. In that letter, of which a copy was sent to me by Miss Shaw, Mrs. Duniway states that eleven per cent more than the requisite number of certified Initiative petitions have been received, with more to hear from; and that the suffragists expect to take the petition to Salem to the Secretary of State about the 15th of January.

Miss Shaw writes that the vote of the Business Committee was not in favor of Mrs. Duniway's request. So I am writing as an individual to ask some advice of you. I am sure you know that I take the deepest interest in the campaign in Oregon. I have thought the State Association should secure the signatures for the second petition; and now I would like information if Mrs. Duniway's hopes have been fulfilled and if the Governor has issued his proclamation that the Suffrage Amendment must be submitted to the electors. If so, I wish to subscribe a hundred dollars myself to the campaign fund; and I also wish to give to it a year's income of the Bruce legacy of which I am trustee, amounting to about three hundred dollars. Of course, I feel that the trust fund should be expended with all the care that would be thought proper for a donation from the National; and therefore I am writing to ask if you will receive this donation and expend it as was proposed by the Executive Committee of the Oregon State Equal Suffrage Association in its official letter of April 2nd, 1907, to the Ex.

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If my proposition is approved by you, will you kindly let me know at once when the petitions have been accepted by the Secretary of State and proclamation has been made by the Governor.

Wishing you a happy New Year and our suffrage cause a glorious success, I am

Very sincerely yours, *Laura Clay*

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1st Letter.

Feb 13, 1908

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Very sincerely yours,
(Signed) Laura Clay.

In answer to this I heard from Mrs. Coe on the first of Febr. Her letter stated that she would use these safeguards in spending the money of which I spoke. She said the Governor had not issued his proclamation and might not do so immediately; but that the petitions had been accepted by the Secretary, and filed. I had received that information from Mrs. Upton the same morning. My second letter was as follows:

Lexington, Febr. 1st.

My dear Mrs. Coe,

Your letter has reached me this morning. I am profoundly thankful that the requisite number of signatures have been secured to the Suffrage petition; and I congratulate the Oregon suffragists upon the courage and energy with which they have re-commenced the campaign for liberty. Usually a state is too much cast down by a defeat to go to work again immediately.

I note that you say the Governor's proclamation has not yet been published; but from my recollection of the legal steps the acceptance by the Secretary of State is the main thing, and nothing but some unexpected hitch can now intervene or prevent an actual campaign. As I do not care to delay sending my contribution longer than necessary, I enclose a New York draft for four hundred and three dollars. If any thing unexpected should come up which prevents a vote being taken on the suffrage amendment then I desire the money to be returned to me, as I do not feel justified
(Over).

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in contributing to an educational campaign only in Oregon. Otherwise, please expend the money according to your judgment as soon as the legal preliminaries have been complied with. The extra three dollars I send with the request that you will kindly subscribe for one of the daily papers for me, - either the Oregonian or the Journal, - whichever you think will give the best campaign news. I shall watch the whole campaign with intense interest.

I am so pleased to have the beautiful little pictures of your new home. I can imagine how lovely it is in that lovely city of Portland. I constantly think of my sojourn in your wonderful state as I might think of a visit to fairyland.

I shall be very glad to get a line from you and a newspaper clipping when the Governor makes his proclamation.

Thanking you for your kindness in taking charge of the expenditure of the money, and particularly of the trust fund of three hundred dollars which I send, I am

Very Sincerely yours,
(Signed) Laura Clay.

P.S. Please remember me very kindly to the members of your family, and to any of the suffrage friends who may recall me.

To this letter I received an answer this morning, acknowledging the receipt of the money, repeating that it should be expended under her personal supervision, and enclosing some clippings.

[Jan 18, 1908]

Copy of Mrs. Keith's letter.

"The State Federation of Labor yesterday endorsed our Suffrage Amendment. Mrs. Coffin of S.F. is a find worker. Our P.E. Club was represented by Mrs. Jarmuth, a charming and pretty young woman, formerly of Denver. I could not get up there this week. As I was reading, I saw how Secretary Taft was quizzed and questioned at some public meeting. Could'nt the women concert some plan to attend public meetings where the Presidential and other candidates are to speak and question them as to their attitude on equal Suffrage. I questioned Bryan when he spoke to the students. That is after the lecture; very few went up to him and Professor Moses dared me to ask him. After I had been introduced and he had grabbed me by the hand, I first told him I was the daughter of an old fashioned Democrat etc., by way of introduction--then said, I wanted to know how he stood, etc., on Woman Suffrage. He shook his finger at me and laughing said "Don't you say a word about that, I have troubles enough of my own without that, etc.,"

Lexington, Ky. Jan. 21st, 1908.

My dear Mrs. Roark,

There was a Board meeting Saturday of the Woman's Club; and the treasurer made a report of what had been collected in response to Mrs. Riker's letter asking for 25 cents per capita for the School Improvement work. The amount reported was so small that I am confident the \$1000.00 asked for will not be nearly made up. On reflecting upon this failure to come up to what is asked, I have feared the lack of funds may interfere with the work for School Suffrage, in which, of course, we suffragists are none the less interested because we have put the legislative work in the hands of the Federation of Woman's Clubs. I am therefore enclosing my check for twenty dollars, which I wish you to expend as you think best for the School Suffrage work. I wish the first use you should make of it is to pay your own expenses to Frankfort in the interests of the bill, or for other expenses you may incur for it. And I wish to ask of you ^{will} please to let me know if you think the school suffrage bill needs money in any way; for I scarcely expect the F. of W. Clubs will take that lively interest in this bill above other work which I do; and as I think the chances for winning are now quite favorable I do not wish them to be lost for lack of necessary funds, and I would rather contribute to this bill than to any other of the work of the club, or even to any other bill the E. R. A. is working for this winter.

Depending upon you, therefore, to let me know if there is any way I can help, I am

Cordially yours,

KENTUCKY FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Mrs. LETCHER RIKER, Harrodsburg, President.

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2406 Third Avenue.

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Executive Mansion, Frankfort.

Richmond, Jan. 22. '08.

Dear Miss Clay.

Your letter came yesterday. I am so glad you put the generous contribution for the work of school suffrage.

We may need it very much and on very sudden notice. I will not spend any of it for any thing I think I can get the clubs to pay for. The Federation will pay my expenses to Frankfort: so I will not use it in that way. I regret that Mrs. Breckinridge had to leave at this critical time.

Miss Bennett and I go to Frankfort.

in the morning - and hope we
can get a hearing before the
Committee to which the Suffrage bill
was referred. We go to have a
Conference on Education with
gentlemen from Organization of College Men
Develop. Society and State Teachers Association.
I also speak in the afternoon on
our work before State Association for
Charity and Correction. Both Mrs. Weaver
and I will make a plea for
School Suffrage tomorrow. I hope we can
get before the Committee. Judge Sullivan
will help us.
Miss Bennell and I speak in
Versailles Friday at 11.

Very Sincerely

Mary C. Rook

Whitier Hall
New York
Jan. 23, 1908.

My dear Miss Clay,-

I showed the copy of
Senator McCreary's bill
which you sent me to Mrs.
Williams, my director, and
we prepared a letter to
him, expressive of our
gratitude for his efforts
to advance the cause

of industrial education. This letter was signed by Mrs. Williams and the teachers of her staff. I then sent the bill to Miss Edith Greer, Director of the department of domestic science at Pratt Institute, suggesting that she might be glad to send him a word of appreciation.

I wrote him also an individual letter to which I have received a very courteous response which said it gave him pleasure to have the teachers feel such an interest in the bill and en-

closing another copy of the
bill which I shall pass
along to others who are in-
terested.

Just now the women
teachers in New York have
a fight on their hands for
equal pay and this has
aroused the ire of many
of the unsympathetic
members of the other sex

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who frequently make themselves very ludicrous in the arguments which they advance against that measure in particular and against women in general. There was a specimen of their logic in tonight's "Globe" which I think might

interest you so I enclose the
clipping, — but with a
firm conviction that it can-
not always be so, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Katherine Christian.

Whittier Hall
New York City

January 23, 1908.

Catharine Waugh McColloch
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

Jan 23, 1908.

My dear Miss Clay,

I sent various information to the young woman whom you directed to consult me about joint guardianship. I sent her a copy of my "Mr. Fox" among other things. That would be helpful to distribute among your legislators. The edition covered with stiff paper cover comes cheap only \$1.50 for 100 copies. I just

sent 96 copies to the
Mich. Constitutional
Convention because their
law is similar to ours before
my booklet changed things.

I did not consult any
one and suppose no one
will ever pay for them but
I felt so interested in Mich.
an account of having been
there a few hours. I would
be glad to make a similar pres-
ent to Ky. but really I have
given away at various times
about \$500⁰⁰ worth and I
ought not to

Good news this A.M. from Mich.
that the Elections Committee reported favorably.
Glad to see the friendly reports in a
recent paper you sent me -
Yours sincerely
Catherine Wainwright

[Jan. 25, 1908]



My dear Miss Clay,

Yours of the 19th

received. We were very happy to
hear from you. Thanking

you for your good wishes

for a Happy New Year and

we surely wish you a
"Happy all Year!"

In regard to the Suffrage
work. The petitions have

been filed and accepted by

The Secretary of State.

The proclamation by the Governor may not be made public or rather printed until March 4th, or it may be in ten days from time the petitions were filed.

About fifteen to seventeen hundred more names were filed (and sworn to) than the required amount, or number.

I can drop you a line when the Governor has

made his proclamation.

I appreciate your
very kind offer to assist
the campaign fund. Any
amount you see fit to
send will receive my
personal attention and
is subject to my order as
you wish. I would also
have one other, sign orders
with me, so as to avoid
and slight mistakes.

With best wishes from the
entire Coz family am

Most sincerely

Viola M. Coz

Portland, Ore.

January 25th

1908

641 Louisa St. Port.

189 N. Mill Street, Lexington, Ky.

Jan. 29th, 1908.

Dear Mr. Blackwell,

I received your letter of the 15th, and was much disappointed by the action of the Mississippi suffragists. The Association is very weak there, and if Miss Kearney has failed in courage, I fear there is nothing which can be done this winter. However, I have heard from Miss Gordon, who is still working to get a strong legal opinion upholding her contention of the constitutionality of "white woman" suffrage. If she gets that in time, she will see what can be done about getting it introduced, even if it is late in the season. There will be time for an educational effort, even if it is too late for passage. I have more confidence in the South's wanting a permanent white supremacy than in its wanting prohibition; so I do not feel quite so discouraged as you do just now. If once the idea of suffrage for women as a white supremacy measure gains a foothold, there will be politicians who will see their advantage in pressing it in spite of the liquor power.

I enclose a post-office order for \$4.25. On another sheet I enclose the names for the renewals of the Woman's Journal.

Please remember me to Miss Alice, and believe me

Very sincerely yours,

Queen

Post Office order for \$4.25, for three renewals for the
Woman's Journal;namely,

Mrs.Mary C.Cramer,

East End Avenue,

Lexington,

Kentucky.

Miss Laura Clay,

189 N.Mill Street,

Lexington,

Kentucky.

Lexington Library,

Lexington,

Kentucky.

The Woman's Journal

No. 3 Park Street, Room 16

Boston, Mass., Jan 29 1908

Dear Mr. Lloy

I congratulate you upon moving into your new house, and wish you "increasing happiness with revolving years."

Mrs. Boyer is spending a few days in Boston making search in the Public Library for every available work throwing light on the history of the Woman's ^{Suffrage} Question. She has given me very interesting information in regard to the condition of the Suffrage question in Oklahoma. She ~~says~~ you would undoubtedly have succeeded there had the work been begun six months earlier before the delegates had been elected. She is confident of success there next year, if the work be effectively pushed six months hence, before the nomination & election of the

coming legislature, but not otherwise. She says that if you and Miss Gordon, or other wise leaders, could go there & remain there for a time, success would be assured.

I am also extremely anxious that work should be begun and continued by some capable woman familiar with western conditions in New Mexico and Arizona, our only remaining organized territories. These will soon come into the Union as two separate States. They can both of them be made Suffrage Territories if the proper effort is made before the legislative Candidates are nominated and elected; not afterwards.

Arizona gave women ^{several years ago} suffrage but it was vetoed by the governor. The following session it could have been carried if the proper effort had been made.

Surely these Territories ought to be visited either by Miss Gordon or some other Suffragist who is not

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would have helped each other. Prohibition without woman suffrage will
 not be ^{generally} enforced, and suffrage will be opposed as an attempt to
^{bring up prohibition}
^{by the votes of}
^{women.}
 Mrs. Gordon
 Henry B. Hall

fanatical prohibitionist! Mrs
 Boyer has given me valuable
 information as to the splendid
 opening that exists for organizing
 the suffragists in those two territories.
 On reflection, and in the light
 of experience, I am decidedly in
 favor of a change of tactics in our
 National work. Hereafter it will be
 far better to leave every State
 campaign in the hands of the State
 workers, supplying them with advice
 & funds, but not making ourselves,
 as outsiders, an aggressive campaign.
 For instance, if Miss Gordon decides to
 lead for woman suffrage next summer
 in Louisiana, I think the Nat. Am. should
 make an appropriation to the work
 leaving Louisiana workers to frame
 their own bill & do the work in their
 own way, inviting such speakers as
 they think best. If they want to

limit by the word "colite", that will
be their doing, not ours. The Natl
Assn then cannot be held responsible.

So, in Oregon, if for personal reasons
it is not thought best to place
an appropriation in Mrs Daniway's
hands, why not make it & put it
in the hands of Dr & Mrs Cole,
or Mr & Mrs Jeffries Meyers
& let them report later to the
Natl Assn how the money has been
expended.

I am greatly grieved & disappointed
that Miss Kearney has been
persuaded by the ~~strong~~ ^{prohibitionists} to give
up the idea of petitioning the Legisla-
ture, after the public announcement
made. It is thought as much from the
Prohibition as from the Suffrage standpoint and from that
of her own interest as a speaker. The bill should have
been introduced, referred to a committee, & held back
until the prohibition amendment is either carried or defeated,
& then pressed to a hearing, debate and vote as a separate
measure to be voted upon at a special or general election with
the prohibition amendment, white suffrage and prohibition

Lexington, Ky.

Febr. 1st, 1908.

Mrs. Henry Valdo Coe,

Portland, Oregon.

My dear Mrs. Coe,

Your letter has reached me this morning. I am profoundly thankful that the requisite number of signatures have been secured to the suffrage petition; and I congratulate the Oregon suffragists upon the courage and energy with which they have re-commenced the campaign for liberty. Usually a state is too much cast down by a defeat to go to work again immediately.

I note that you say the Governor's proclamation has not yet been published; but from my recollection of the legal steps the acceptance by the Secretary of State is the main thing, and nothing but some unexpected hitch can now intervene or prevent an actual campaign. As I do not care to delay sending my contribution longer than necessary, I enclose a New York draft for four hundred and three dollars. If any thing unexpected should come up which prevents a vote being taken on the suffrage amendment then I desire the money to be returned to me, as I do not feel justified in contributing to an educational campaign only in Oregon. Otherwise, please expend the money according to your judgment as soon as the legal preliminaries have been complied with. The extra three dollars I send with the request that you will kindly subscribe for one of the daily papers for me for a few months,- either the Oregonian or the Journal,- whichever you think will give the best campaign news. I shall watch the whole campaign with intense interest.

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I am so pleased to have the beautiful little pictures of your new home. I can imagine how lovely it is in that lovely city of Portland. I constantly think of my sojourn in your wonderful state somewhat as I might think of a visit to fairyland.

I shall be very glad to get a line from you and a newspaper clipping when the Governor makes his proclamation.

Thanking you for your kindness in taking charge of the expenditure of the money, and particularly of the trust fund of three hundred dollars which I send, I am

Very sincerely yours, *Laura Clay*

P.S. Please remember me very kindly to the members of your family, and to any of the suffrage friends who may recall me.

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No. 3 Park Street, Room 16

Boston, Mass., Feb 18th 1908

Dear Miss Clay

I feel very anxious about the future of the woman suffrage cause for lack of foresight and statesmanship at headquarters.

The four localities which, in my opinion, should be made the battle-grounds during the ~~coming~~ present year, are Oregon, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Arizona.

Those who are familiar with the condition of Oklahoma assure me that if the work already done is persistently prosecuted ~~before~~ ^{prom now until} the nomination and election of the next Legislature, we can surely carry woman suffrage in that State. But nothing is being done (After the next Legislature is elected our chance is gone.)

to follow up the work there.

In Oregon Mrs Dunaway, who, with all her peculiarities, is the natural and inevitable centre of the cause in that State, has succeeded in getting the question resubmitted, but is hampered for lack of money & writes me that her application to Miss Shaw has met with a "caveat refusal." Indeed such a sharp antagonism exists between Mrs D. & ^{several of} the national officers as to preclude, I fear, any ~~possibility~~ ^{probability} of ~~any~~ help from that quarter.

*I wish \$500. might be placed with an Oregon committee say 100 dollars
Jeffrey
Myers
and
Dr V
sons
Cooe*

the whole trouble has grown out of our inability ~~to conciliate~~ ^{to conciliate} the old ~~State workers~~ ^{State workers}, and the apparent, to them, what has seemed to be an aggressive management of the late campaign by Eastern workers. Our old American plan of working with & through the State Societies, keeping them prominently before the public, was put aside and in my opinion ^{this} was the cause of our defeat there.

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If we could somehow, without
 antagonizing the Nat Am W.S.A.,
 contrive to give Mrs Dunicway,
 or some ~~other~~ trustworthy Oregon workers,
 \$100. a month to use at their
 discretion & keep our Eastern
 workers out of Oregon altogether,
 (or Mrs Gordon ^{or Mrs Gordon} ~~or Mrs Gordon~~), I believe that
 we shall carry Oregon next year;
 if not, I fear it will be lost for
 many years for
 want of a little pecuniary aid.
 Now, when it is greatly needed there.
 Is it possible that you can yourself
 take charge of any one of the four
 localities before named? New
 Mexico and Arizona might be
 managed by one efficient person.
 Arizona was carried four years ago,
 but ^{bill was} vetoed by the governor. It might
 have been carried at the following
 session, if the wishes of the ^{successful} Arizona
 workers had been complied with.
 Those two Territories can be carried by
 the right kind of a worker. I wish we
 could have Mrs Boyer employed to

5 Rhode Island can be reached most readily, because everybody on it lives within a radius of about 20 miles. Excuse my long letter. Can we help you in any way?
Yours truly
Henry B. Shaw

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Go out to those Territories and stay there. She has the qualifications needed, and I think could be secured for \$100. a month & her expenses. I think she would succeed. I think Kate McCorden could carry Oklahoma or the Territories if she could go to them & superintend the work. But unless the right person can go & stay, success is impossible, and she must have decided political tact.

Please don't think that I am disaffected towards the Nat^l American. I think that it has been mismanaged in some respects, & I fear that it may continue to be so. But I make no public criticisms. My hope for Miss Saffin, under the presidency of Miss Belle Kearney has been disappointed. She has been so discouraged by her ^{short-sighted} prohibition friends, that she has decided not to make any effort this year, which is a great pity. My good friend Mrs. Juliette S. French, fighting a brave battle for Presidential Suffrage in Rhode Island - she has carried one house for it for two successive years, & I hope will do so again this year.

189 N. Mill Street, Lexington, Ky.

Febr. 4th, 1908.

Dear Mr. Blackwell,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 29th ult., written the day I wrote to you. I am very much interested in what you tell me Mrs. Boyer says of the possibilities in Oklahoma. I wish we might continue our work in that state; but just now I see no prospect of it.

I agree with you in regard to the importance of work in the two remaining territories; and I shall do all I can to urge work there when the time comes. I do not think, however, that Arizona has any right to complain of the assistance the National gave it. It might have been true that the Legislature following that which voted for suffrage would have voted for suffrage also; but as Arizona had the same Governor, all the probabilities were that he would again have vetoed the bill. After he was no longer Governor, the National sent a first-class worker, Dr. Woods, and she returned, completely discouraged, because she could not get the least co-operation from the Arizona women, not even so much as having one of them accompany her to the seat of government. Such apathy must be sure to bring defeat, even if the National should spend a vast deal more of money and time than it can afford there.

I have received another letter from Miss Gordon, in which she encloses one from Mrs. Somerville, with some clippings, which she asks me to forward to you. I enclose them. They throw some light on the feeling of the Mississippi women as to Miss Kearney's fitness for the right difficult place she is filling. Miss Gordon says she still hopes to introduce a bill late in the session in Mississippi, which will have an educational

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effect, at least.

It is good news to hear that Oregon has secured the requisite number of signatures to the Suffrage petition, and that the vote will be taken again in June. I Believe in giving battle to the enemy every time we can; so I am very glad there is to be another vote taken.

I have received the receipts for renewals to the Journal.

Please remember me to Miss Alice, and believe me

Very sincerely yours,

Lexington, Ky.

Febr.5th, 1908.

My dear Miss Hauser,

I have received the sample of the leaflet you had printed of my article on Ky.Law, and it is very nice. I hardly know how I shall use a great number of them, for the Federation of Woman's Clubs does not work with the E.R.A. on all its bills. I had expected to send a copy of Progress which contained it to each of our legislators; but after the convention we arranged a little differently than usual about our bills. We appointed sub-committees to take in charge ~~xxxxxxx~~ certain bills, and the Co-guardianship bill was placed in the hands of the Covington suffrage clubs. Their representative, Mr.Simmons, has brought in again the bill he introduced two years ago. By having this sub-committee I am relieved from the legislative work I had expected to have to do when I said I would write the article; and now I do not know whether or not the Covington clubs will care to use the article. But I wish you would send three hundred of the leaflet to Mrs.N.S.McLaughlin, 1011 Scott Street, Covington, Ky., and one hundred to me. Send both at my expense, and let me have the bill.

I have very lately received a letter from Miss Kate Gordon, in which she says:"I am enclosing some of the stuff we are bringing ~~xxxx~~ out every Sunday. I have had another offer from one of our papers to conduct a column. You see I localize many of the points. Do you really think it pays for the effort? If I take an Item column it would have to come out Wednesday or Thursday and this one Sunday. When you have read this stuff send it on to Elizabeth. I want her opinion, also, as Press Chairman."

I enclose the clippings. I wrote that I thought them admirable, and

well worth while, if she could stand the labor, or get some one to do it.

I am sending answers to some of Mrs. Upton's letters under another cover. Our city is suffering from an epidemic of grip; and though I have escaped it I have been "under the weather" sufficiently to feel it burdensome and even imprudent to write much; and my correspondence has flagged. Mrs. Oberchain has been very sick; Mrs. Roebuck has had a serious spell of grip; Mrs. Breckinridge has gone to Colorado for rest and recuperation; and generally we E.R.A. people are in bad shape this winter. Our Legislature is in a dead-lock over the election of a senator; and some of the legislators are interested in keeping up the deadlock so as not to have temperance legislation they object to. This interferes with the progress of school suffrage, which also has its enemies in the whiskey ranks. We cannot tell at all now what the prospects are for its passage; but it has many friends among the best people, men and women.

Cordially yours,

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Feb 6th, 1908

Dear Miss Clay:

Your letter of yesterday at hand and it seems good to hear from you,

I am sorry indeed to know that so many of our suffrage friends are in poor health. I hope all will soon be better and trust that you are going to escape the grip. We are all well here and busy as usual. I wish you were here with us as you were in the old Headquarters.

I find that 35¢ per 100 just about covers the cost of the leaflet ^{with postage} and am enclosing bill herewith for the 300 sent to Mrs. McLaughlin and the 100 to you, all of which will be mailed with this letter. It is all right for you not to take these leaflets but I do feel so strongly that they would do a lot of good if circulated in Kentucky that I shall try to think out some plan for utilizing them in your State. Would the Kentucky E. R. A. pay postage on them if we should send one to each newspaper in your State, or if you did not care to have us send to all would you authorize us to send to a certain number, using one cent stamps? Think about this and let me know.

I think Miss Gordon's press work is splendid but I feel sure she cannot keep it up if she is going to write most of the stuff herself. That takes too much time. I will of course write her.

Yours with love,

Elizabeth Hauser

Lexington, Ky.

Febr. 8th, 1908.

My dear Miss Hauser,

I have just received your letter and the leaflets. Yes, I would be glad to have you utilize the leaflets, and would be willing to pay the postage for you to send them anywhere you think that might do good, except to the members of the Kentucky legislature. Since the Covington clubs have undertaken to look after that bill, I feel it imperative to let them do it entirely their own way, and I do not wish even to send a leaflet, as they can do that themselves, if they see fit.

I enclose a check for the leaflets I ordered, with \$2.50 added, for which I want the third volume of the Life of Miss Anthony, when it comes out.

I see Mrs. Breckinridge has not yet left for her western trip; but she expects to start next week.

So far, I have escaped the grip, but I do not know how long I shall do so. I feel unable to do any thing more than what is necessary each day; otherwise, I might help in distributing those leaflets. As it is, I am unable to do the clerical work, or even attend to having it done. So, while I am desirous to utilize it, I shall have to leave it all to you, with the exception that I am willing to pay the postage. The way I have arranged our legislative work has several advantages, among which is that it fortunately relieves me of care just when it turns out that the relief is very necessary.

Cordially yours,

Lexington, Ky.

Febr. 17th, 1908.

Mr. Edward S. Bassett,

Dear Sir,

The members of the Board of the Woman's Club were gratified to receive your message inviting support for the movement for the Prevention of Tuberculosis undertaken by the Commercial Club, as they hope it indicates a willingness on the part of your Club to co-operate with the Woman's Club in matters of public interest.

They desire to remind you that the Club women of the state are striving to improve the deplorable educational conditions in Kentucky, and have a bill now before the General Assembly asking for School Suffrage for women, which they esteem very important in enabling them to succeed in their objects. The indications are that if this bill fails of passage it will be because of opposition from Lexington, -an opposition which can be overcome only by the voters of Lexington, and not by the women. The members of our Board think the resolute effort of your Club might be sufficient to remove it, and they earnestly solicit its good offices for this purpose. We beg you to consider that such a law would so diminish the labor and expense which our Club, together with others, has undertaken for the benefit of the schools that our women could turn their energies, thus economized, to the assistance of other public enterprises which without this relief it would be impossible for them to do.

We are empowered to say, in answer to your message, that if the

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School Suffrage bill becomes a law, the members of our Board will cheerfully recommend to the Woman's Club and to its members individually, to give cordial and substantial assistance to your public spirited measure.

We enclose the petition to the General Assembly which describes the law we desire.

Yours, respectfully,

205 Davis St.

Greenville Miss,

Feb-18, 1908.

My dear Mrs Llay,

Many times have I wanted to write to you but am not as strong as I could wish and many demands upon me. Perhaps you have heard of our fiasco. However it is no more than I expected. Belle Kearney has always in view her own personal ends and such a person cannot be trusted. Without consulting the rest of us she put in the papers a notice that no bill would be brought in. The real truth is she

found she was being left off the
prohibition band wagon and she
wanted to get on. She thought the
public announcement would do
her good with the temperance people.
In short she sold me out to help
her own reputation. I think perhaps
some of the temperance people advised
her but on the whole it looks too
much like herself & I lay it at her
door. Now I am fully determined not
to let any name be among the
officers if she continues as free.
She has said she will not but
there is no telling. I scarcely

feel like giving up my local
church work and other things
to give my time to suffrage
work yet I dont know - if I
were stronger I would not hesitate
It was a very great pleasure
to know you personally. I was
much cheered by your true,
brave spirit and wise counsel.
It was a pity indeed we could
not have had a public meeting
in Jackson but it seems we
have no one to help Mr Thompson

I hope you are making good
progress in your state work.
One of your friends, Charles
McLaughlin is here.

Should you go to Washington
do not fail to let me know
in time to notify my son
Robert, who is there as seci-
to Congressman B. G. Humphreys.
My boy will serve you if he
can - With much love believe

me yours sincerely

Nellie H. Somerville

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Feb 19 1908

P.S.

Some writing the written letter, which
I have been saddened by the
news of your sister's death.
There surely was never a more
sincere and devoted friend
of woman suffrage than
Mrs Bennett, and while I
did not altogether agree with
her views of constitutional
law, I honored her for the
persistence with which she
maintained them.

How fast the old and tried
workers are dropping off, and
alas! how few are left. But
I hope & believe that the cause
is steadily growing. The younger
workers will carry it on to victory.
You will be interested in reading

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Belle Kearney's letter received
today. I have sought to prevent
or mollify any antagonism
among the Mississippi workers
growing out of our recent
disappointment.

Henry B. Blackwell

After our experience in Mississippi
I have made up my mind that the
Nat. Am. ought to aid the work in Louisiana
next summer, & in any other Southern State,
~~without~~ ^{without} raising any question as to their method
of procedure. If we recognize the
right of each State to do its work ~~in~~ its
own way, without interference or
dictation, and if, in order to enlist
the aid of the "Friends of 'White Suprem-
acy," it sees fit to limit its present
demand to suffrage for white women
only, our Nat. Am. W. S. A. will not be
responsible if it be made a State cam-
paign, on the future plan suggested by me.

Lexington, Ky.

Febr. 21st, 1908.

My dear Mr. Blackwell,

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 19th inst., and write at once to say thankfully that it is not my sister, Mrs. Bennett, whose death you have seen mentioned. I have not seen the notice, so I do not know who it is who is bereaved; but there has been no such death in our family.

I always read with great interest your remarks upon the suffrage work; and with most of what you have recently written I agree. You may be interested in seeing a copy of recent letters which I have written to Mrs. Henry Waldo Coe, of Oregon. I wish the National would give some assistant to Oregon; but I hardly think the Business Committee will reconsider its vote. However, I will cheerfully bring up the question again in the approaching Washington meeting, if I see a chance of its doing any good.

Miss Shaw has lately written a letter in regard to work in New Mexico, and I hope all will be done there which can be done. Probably work in Arizona will be undertaken, also.

Miss Gordon continues to write hopefully of her "white woman" contention, and it may not be too late yet to do some educational work in Mississippi. I think Miss Kearney is better suited to lecture work than to the slow, patient, labor of getting a bill through a legislature; and perhaps it is just as well to wait for some one of a different temperament. I trust her withdrawal will not disrupt harmony in the suffrage forces in Miss., though certainly it was very aggravating, her withdrawing as she did, without consulting her Executive Committee. I am never in favor of any one person acting officially without consulting others who share the responsibility before the public.

I enclose a copy of my letters to Mrs. Coe.

Remember me to Miss Alice.

Cordially yours,

*Mr. and Mrs. David Ramaley
of Saint Paul, Minnesota*

*request the pleasure of your company
on the evening of*

*February the twenty-fourth,
nineteen-hundred and eight,*

when they will entertain

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Farmer

*on the Fiftieth Anniversary
of their marriage*

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Farmer

615 CEDAR STREET

SAINT PAUL



Newark, N. J.
Feb 24 1908

My dear Miss Clay -

I had begun to think
that the great multitude
of your many cares and
duties - had entirely obliterated
any memory of me -
but aside from the good message
that the paper brought me
it was pleasant to know
that you still give me an
occasional thought.
I was sorry to hear of the
death of dear Mrs Pen -
although I had expected it.

And no doubt death was a blessed relief
after so many years of suffering - and her
Christian faith and so beautiful that
I believe she is now not only free from
the sorrow and pain of living - but
she is with loved ones in the beautiful
Country that she longed for -
My sister Mrs Atw. who married her
Brother William, was here in November
on her way to her home in New York City
and she went home by way of Leipzig
to see Mrs Put - I would like very much to know
what kind of will Mrs Put made - I hope she left
some of her wealth to Mrs Atw - whose only son
would have been her heir -

Well: Mrs Clay - It is all Mr King can do - to
to keep out of politics - Messrs Washell, and
Murray and many others - make constant demands
upon his time and ability to assist them
and Mr Washell has offered him every thing
that he thought Mr King would accept - but
all - to no purpose - for with me to back him -
we are determined to keep out of it all -
They are trying now to make him a honorary
Committee man - but he says - no - I never hear
from any of my suffrage friends -

I think they consider me
unworthy of their notice -
What a good woman you are
your whole life and thought
is for the betterment of woman kind
Mr King thought you so fine,
and he said of you -
"Almost thou persuaded me"
and if all women were like
you and some of the others
we met, it would be different
but all women are not so
fine - Oklahoma is a grand
State and her state officers
are "making good" and climate
is delightful. Are you ever
coming to the land of the
"fair land" again with
love
Your sincere friend
(Mrs J F King) Mary Stuart King

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No. 3 Park Street, Room 16

Boston, Mass., Feb 25 1908

Dear Miss Colay

Miss & I were greatly pleased and grateful to you for your generous donation to Oregon. - Not only for Oregon's sake, but even more so for the honor of the National American W.S.P., which would have been ~~seriously~~ ^{in my opinion,} tarnished by allowing Oregon to go unaided at so critical a stage in her campaign. Later on I shall advocate the money's being refunded to you out of the Nat. Am. Treasury for use elsewhere. It is very important to carry Oregon for two reasons - 1. Because if the cause is defeated for the fourth time, it will be a long time before it will be again submitted. 2^d Because there is a strong movement to wipe out the Initiative & Referendum, in consequence of the number and ill success of the amendments already

Submitted. I understand that this year there are 19. I hope that ours may slip through among the others.

Mie hopes to see you in a few days at the Business Committee meeting, and to thank you in person. At that meeting I hope help with the votes for Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Arizona. With \$12000. guaranteed yearly, these localities ought to be aided by sending out a ^{to each,} tactful & capable worker to stay right along and identify herself with the State workers, so as not to arouse the local jealousy of "outsiders," which is so likely to spring up & spoil the work.

It is too bad that no single State has yet empowered its woman citizens to help appoint its presidential electors - (outside of the four free States) But Presidential ^{women} Suffrage will look less formidable after 1908, when the next election is 4 years off, & perhaps on that account may be more easily carried then.

Yours Truly,

Henry B Blackwell

[Feb. 25, 1908]

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Boston, Mass., 190

Dear Miss Clay

Your letter enclosing clippings and letter from Mrs Somerville received today. I have returned both to her at Greenville, Miss. as requested.

The battle grounds during the coming year will be Oregon, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona. In Oregon I think the Nat Am would be wise to appropriate \$300. to be disbursed by Deaders Coe, & account rendered by them to the Sp^m afterwards. As they are on friendly terms with Mrs Dunwoody, they can be trusted to keep the peace with her, & since the matter is resubmitted, we ought to keep them, without ^{taking} any further participation in details of expenditure.

Please forward Miss Kearney's letter to Miss

Gordon and ask her to read it and
return it to me. I think that Miss
Keamey is entitled to have you ^{both} see
her explanations.

Yours Truly
Henry Blackwell

P.S.
In Oklahoma Legislature, several
suffrage bills have been introduced. It
is a great pity that the Nat. Am. has
not Miss Gordon, or some other
competent representative like
yourself or Mrs Boyer, to back
them up and plan for next session
of Legislature. Our cause is
already half won there, if the
work is followed up judiciously.

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Portland, Ore., Feb 26th 1908

My Dear Miss Elmy:

Mrs. H. W. Coe informed me yesterday by 'phone that she had received from you a substantial remittance for the campaign that is now upon us in full working order. To say I thank you but feebly expresses my appreciation and gratitude. Mrs. Coe did not state the amount, over the 'phone, but we will hear her report at the meeting, next Saturday.

The anti(s) (or Mrs. Wilbur) are ^(or is) and in force with Mrs. W.'s usual manifesto. And the ~~anti~~ ^{anti} Ladd's, Corbett's, Fairings, Montgomery, ~~and~~ are not in it, and we have heard already from two of the women, whose names are in the very meager list, who say they did not authorize the 'liberty' at all.

I have brought her up for the papers as you will see by the enclosed clips. As soon as our Open Letter to Voters is released to the press I will send you a copy.

We now think we ^{can} have money enough on hand to help us through March and April, with what we can quietly collect from friends, and we are taking May on trust, as it is two months off. Providence has certainly favored us, so far, there would have been a ripple of discord in our ranks since we ousted the mischief makers at the close of the last campaign & I wish

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES OF THE Oregon State Equal Suffrage Association

For Campaign of 1908.

The Executive committee of the Oregon State Equal Suffrage Association has chosen at the suggestion of its State President, Mrs. Abigail Scott Duniway, the following Advisory Board: the president explaining that she was sorry she had not space enough in a newspaper column, or on a letter page, to add at least a thousand names to the list of personal friends who have aided her from time to time during the past 37 years in her efforts to bring the movement up to its present respectable and responsible position before the public: Senator and Mrs. C. W. Fulton, Senator and Mrs. Jonathan Bourne, Congressman and Mrs. W. C. Hawley, Governor and Mrs. George E. Chamberlain, Judge and Mrs. C. E. Wolverton, Mayor and Mrs. Harry Lane, Mr. Albert Tozier, Miss Frances E. Gotshall, (treasurer of the State Editorial Association), Dr. and Mrs. Henry Waldo Coe, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Olds, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Hoge, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Cartwright, Mrs. A. H. Breyman, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Harris, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Duniway, Miss Helen F. Spalding, Mrs. C. A. Coburn, Mrs. Sarah A. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Myers, Mrs. Abbie C. French, Dr. Andrew C. Smith, Hon. A. S. Watt, Mrs. Grace Watt Ross, Mrs. Rose Hoyt, Rev. Father Black, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Duniway, Rev. T. L. Elliot, Rev. and Mrs. E. L. House, Rabbi and Mrs. Stephen S. Wise, Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Muckley, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Brougher, Judge and Mrs. M. C. George, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Allen Beals, Mr. and Mrs. D. Solis Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Pague, Mr. and Mrs. F. Eggert, Judge and Mrs. William Galloway, Mrs. R. P. Boise, Mrs. Clara H. Waldo, Judge and Mrs. H. H. Northup, Judge and Mrs. Seneca Smith, Mr. J. N. Teal, ex-Governor and Mrs. W. P. Lord, Mrs. M. O. Moore, ex-Governor and Mrs. T. T. Geer, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Mayer, Mrs. Solomon Hirsch, Judge and Mrs. Lionel Webster, Mr. and Mrs.

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The Association, which has returned to its work under its old-time Declaration of Principles, announces as follows:

We welcome as voting allies all believers in the fundamental principles of liberty for all the people, regardless of their opinions or affiliations upon any and with every other question in which they may be interested, but we are not ourselves a political party, nor do we owe allegiance to any political or partisan organization whatsoever. We believe in the inherent right of self-government for every law-abiding citizen; and we are seeking freedom for ourselves that we may become men's legal coadjutors in the formation of a government of all the people, for all the people and by all the people. The mother half of all the people is rated in law with idiots, insane persons and criminals, from whose legal classification we are looking to you, voters of Oregon, to release us, your wives, mothers, sisters, daughters and sweethearts, at the June election 1908, thus leaving us free to choose for ourselves at every succeeding election, as to whether or not we shall avail ourselves of the opportunities which we know it is your duty, and ought to be your pride, to extend to us of your own volition, without waiting for the initiative to come from us.

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you could see the contrast between the active workers of today and the few who sprang into the arena when I was hounded combat during the National campaign.

I appreciate your cooperation all the more, dear Miss Clay, because you had been led for a time, I believe me guilty of a breach of vulgar inhospitality toward ^{you} ~~me~~, a guest of the State, which would have been unpardonable, if true. To this day I find it hard to forgive Mrs. Boyer for attributing the authorship of such an epithet to me. She has never announced my rebuke, and I am trying to forget her. But I am glad to exonerate Anna Shaw from that lie, of which I fear I should still think her guilty if Mrs. Boyer had not owned up. She ^{has} ~~has~~ ^{own} ~~owns~~ enough of her own to answer for, and God knows I wouldn't wrong anybody, if I knew it on much less a standard bearer for our cause, even though she did her best to prevent my re-election to my post of duty when there was nobody else to relaunch the stranded ship.

Hoping to see you at the big ratification jubilee we expect to hold at Chautauqua next July — if all goes well — I am, as ever, cordially, Yours for Liberty,
Abigail Scott Duniway



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St. Paul, Minn., May 23, 1908.

Dear Miss Clay:

I have not written to you for so long a time, I thought it would be better to write now before you go to the farm, or do you go out there to stay as you used to? Did you receive our "golden wedding" invitations for February 24th this year? We sent to you, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Mary B. Clay. We had a delightful time here, but only the relatives for an evening pleasant time. the invitations were sent to relatives outside of St. Paul, and to our dearest friends outside of this city. We received from our relatives many beautiful gifts and quantities of flowers. I cannot realize that I have been married fifty years, but we have health and strength for the duties devolving upon us, and this should make us truly grateful. We have had much rain and cool weather during this month, but we do not look for warm weather before July. St. Paul expects to be quite gay this summer, for many conventions of men's organizations will be here. The city all be filled with people and the rail road rates will be made to suit all sight seers.

We are increasing in our membership in the St. Paul club, and taking in some of the women of the Federation, who have been afraid to come out openly for woman suffrage. We are planning to interview every man in

this city who will be a candidate for the next legislature. In our St Paul club we have two women lawyers who belong to prominent families whose fathers have ^{been} Judges and politicians and they will be a help to us in the campaign next fall. Through a friend in Massachusetts, Mrs. ^{Wpton} made me a life member of the National. We hope to have Miss Gregg again, for she makes friends and converts. She is attractive and presents her subject in a womanly dignified manner. Hearing her once, she is requested to come again. I hope you are in good health, also all of your dear sisters and their families. How do you think Oregon will go? June 1st is the day to cast the vote. I have not as yet received a copy of the Hearings on the 3d of March, I wrote to our Senator and Representative for some copies but as yet have not seen them. I must explain why I have not written before this. I was under the Oculist's care for several weeks, and not permitted to read, write or sew. Some accumulation of mucus in the corner of my right eye which I thought would compel me to give up my work and this worried me greatly until the Oculist removed all the trouble and told me that my eyes were remarkably strong for a person of my age. I am all right now, for which I am truly thankful. I am indebted to so many persons for letters and I take you first on the list. Mr. Farmer joins me in kindest regards to yourself and your sisters for we do not forget the past and all your love and kindness to us. Believe me always lovingly your true friend,

Engenia B. Farmer

Excuse all mistakes.