JESUS SAID:

MY BLOOD IS SHED FOR YOU

FOR

THE REMISSION OF SINS

on Gray Road in Texas
Detroit Mich.

Citizen

Summit, N.J., Nov. 3rd 1908.

Laura Clay:

Dear woman:

In consideration of the need of the full equal vote of woman, have you considered this:

That Taxation without Representation is Tyranny?

This means: that the principle of our Government is founded upon the fact, that if law is applied to the citizen it must be desired from the citizen - Now it is not desired, while it is applied to the citizen.

Hence - The need of woman voting to maintain Justice in America.

In our Citizen - Life takes the couple to separate all religious views (personal) from the legal rights of citizens

In Jesus' Love

Henry Jackson.

JESUS LOVES YOU.

After 5 days, return to

Henry Jackins

Gen. Delivery

DETROIT, MICH.

— woman —

God made her for a blessing
and not for a dressing
of man's sense.
Her love precious more than gold
Cannot be bought or sold
By man's desire.
Her blessing we ought gladly share
That we with her might be pure
In God's eyes —

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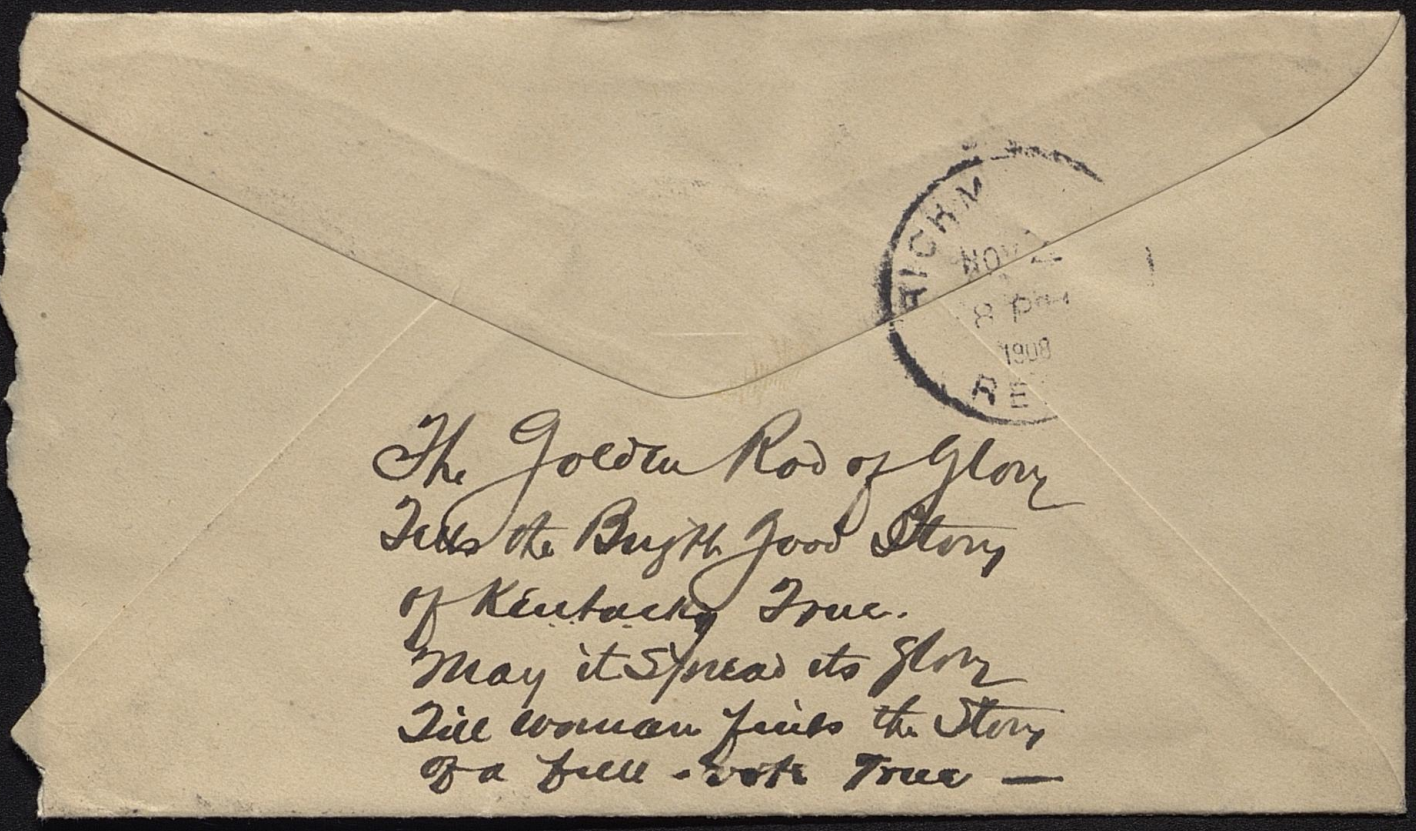
Laura Clay

~~Lexington~~

Richmond Kentucky.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The Golden Rod of Glory
Tells the Bright Good Story
of Kentucky True.
May it Spread its Glory
Till woman finds the Story
of a Free - both True —

[Nov 7, 1908]

" I have been requested and instructed by the Madison Co, ~~unty~~ Democratic Committee to extend a cordial greeting to the Kentucky Equal Rights Association on behalf of the Democratic party of Madison County. In doing so we are making a concession, for heretofore it has not generally been admitted by men that the matter of equal suffrange for women ~~was~~ is a political issue in Kentucky.

~~Let me~~ call the attention of the Democrats ~~present to-night to one fact as regards these prospective voters.~~ What the Democratic party stands most in need of just now is votes. A casual perusal of the returns from the late lamented National election will prove the truth of this statement. It seems to me that I can see unmistakable signs of the ~~[illegible]~~ approach of these women as voters in the very near future. By stepping forth first to greet them and lending a helping hand, it is more than probable that the party will secure the gratitude and suport of those women at least who do want the ballot. Take that home with you boys and think it over ~~[illegible]~~.

~~If woman's influence in our home and social life is for good, how will making her a voter by legislation make her an influence for bad in government affairs.~~ life?

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.

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.

Richmond, Ky.

November 7th, 1908.

Madison County Democratic Executive Committee,

Gentlemen,

The Kentucky Equal Rights Association, which holds its annual meeting in this city on November 17th and 18th, extends to your Committee through its president an invitation to send a representative of the Democratic Party to address the Convention on the evening of Nov. 17th. Miss Anna H. Shaw, the president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, will be the principal speaker from a distance on both evenings; and as our Association is strictly non-partisan, we hope to have an address also from a representative of the Republican party, to which a similar invitation also to this body of prospective voters similar to this will be extended.

Hoping for a favorable consideration of our invitation

Very Respectfully yours,

Hopuing for an acceptance of our invitation

President of Ky. Equal Rights Association.

Richmond, Ky.

November 7th, 1908.

Chairman of Madison County Republican Executive Committee,

Dear Sir,

The Kentucky Equal Rights Association, which holds its annual meeting in this city on November 17th and 18th, extends to your Committee, through its president, an invitation to send a representative of the Republican Party to address its convention on the evening of November 18th.

Rev. Anna H. Shaw, the president of the National-American Woman Suffrage Association , will be the principal speaker from a distance on both evenings; and as our Association is strictly non-partisan, we hope also to have an address to this body of prospective voters from a representative of the Democratic Party, ~~to which an invitation~~ similar to this has been extended.

Hoping for an acceptance to our invitation, I am

Very respectfully yours,

President of Ky. Equal Rights Association.

[Nov. 8, 1908]

CHICAGO DAILY EXAMINER*********CHICAGO SUNDAY EXAMINER

Chicago, Oct. 27 19o8

Dear Langston:-

Permit me to congratulate you on your success. I had no doubt of the result, as it is an uphill fight to go against a member of th Typographical Union when the object is political graft. I was down in Peoria to attend our State Federation of Labor Convention all last week and go t your first letter when I got back. That story I wrote was turned in too late for the Oklahoma edition and because of that it was not printed. I am glad that Kate Bernard got a good crack out of that first story. She was in Chicago and in her insinuating way took great umbrage thereat. She made few friends as she said she was opposed to female suffrage. This is what all the women in the sociological and women's unions are fighting for here. Your little trick was a good one . It shows that you know how to play the game. I understand that one or two of our men are out there now. If so you will surely run across them. Walsh was the happiest man in town when I got into his office to-day.

"Langston beat that gang," he said. Then I got your letter to-night giving the details.

I think Taft will be elected this time, but Hisgen's vote will surprise everybody. With my sincerest wishes for your continued success I remain, Yours fraternally,

W.C.Roberts.

(The above is a copy of a letter shown me by Mr. Langston. It is significant in referring to Miss Bernard's unwise stand against woman suffrage.) I.P-B.

1535 N. Belleve Blvd
Memphis Tenn
Nov. 11-09

Dear Miss Clay

I have been informed that Mrs Saunderson of England is to be in Louisville soon or has she already been there? I was wondering if we could have her there if so. We have not progressed much this year and the past few weeks I have been quite lame from trouble in foot.

Most sincerely Martha Allen

THE SPACE BELOW MAY BE USED FOR CORRESPONDENCE.

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POSTAL CARD

THE SPACE BELOW IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.

Miss Laura Clay
189 N. Mill St.
Lexington
Ky.

Bowling Green. Ky.
Nov. 14th 1908

Dear Miss Clay.

I wrote my report yesterday and was just on the point of writing to you when your letter came.

No, I cannot attend the convention, and for the same reasons I have given for years past. Like the rest of the world you probably picture me rolling in wealth and resting on my laurels whereas I am writing as for dear life to make both ends meet till my next royal-

has come in next Feb.
I do not mind telling
<u>you</u> the exact situation
confidentially, for I fear
you think I am losing
interest in Suppenge
work and degenerating
into a mere literary
<u>Doist Bliss</u> it.
When my ship came in
it found us homeless and
the Major deeply and
hopelessly in debt. If
he had taken my advice
when we were first married
and built a home on
one of his lots, we would
now be in easy circum-
stances, but everything
has been left for me to
do. When my first royalties
came in every dollar
went at once to make
the first payment on
my new home. When
the second check from
my publishers came
another payment was
made, and nearly all
the rest went to pay
notes in bank, bills of
every description & improve-
ments on my place
leaving only enough to
support the family
through the summer.
The third check made
the final payment on
my home and started
my big boy to the State

University and I am
now working hard to
earn enough to keep
him there, pay my
daughters expenses for a
trip to Lagos and keep
things going generally
till the money comes
in again in February.
Then I shall relax and
draw a deep breath.
I am at work on the
last chapter of my
second book which comes
out next spring, perhaps,
and this time next year
I shall be a rich woman
and if I am well e-
nough I will go to the

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next convention.
I have never recovered
from the awful break-down
I had last Fall. I do not
think there is anything
serious the matter with-
me - any organic trouble -
but I am just worn out
and need a long rest
and I can't even get
an hour's rest. Life is
much easier in my
new home which has
every modern convenience
but even under these im-
proved conditions I am
at times wholly unequal
to the work I have to do.
The least extra work

worry or excitement brings on sleeplessness and nervous depression and I have to be always on my guard. Thank heaven there is nothing wrong with my brain. It is only an over-taxed body. I find no difficulty in writing at any time. But even in my new home I have no place I can call my own & all writing is done under great difficulties.

You will see from my report how I have had to neglect the press work. You ought to have another superintendent. Of course I sent back the check for this year's work just as I did the check for 1907. The little work I have ~~done~~ is not even worth a vote of thanks. But it is all I have been able to do.

Mary's absence is a relief in some respects. The house is quieter and I hope to do more writing than ever while she is gone. She is the loveliest child in the world. But a young lady daughter with a swarm of bravo is no advantage to a suffrage worker or a writer.

As usual there is trouble about the Bowling Green dues.

Sick as I was last fall I
sent the dues to Mrs Mitche-
ll, and supposed it was
all right. But a few
days ago Mrs Shepard
wrote me that no dues
came last year from
this Association. I sent
my personal check for the
amount at once for I
cannot have Bowling
Green on the black-list.
I have not been able to see
Mrs Mitchell yet for I
am suffering from grippe
and have been very busy
getting Margery off. I
looked in the minutes &
found that Bowling Green

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was not mentioned in the Treasurer's report on page 12 but on page 17 there is a paragraph which says that Bowling Green Sect dues. I am puzzled to know what this means.

I am getting dinner as I write this and must leave off as Major wants to go down ~~town~~ and is waiting to get his dinner first.

Thank you for the Buffalo papers which I am using. Sincerely Yours,

L. C. Ozenchain

Marlow, Okla. Nov. 17-1908.

My dear Miss Clay,

Your letter of Oct 17th reached me in due time and was very much appreciated. It was the first I had heard of the action of the committee with regard to Oklahoma. I thank you so much for the effort you made to have help sent us, and feel well pleased with what was decided upon. We are going to try and re-inforce it with enough from other sources to carry us safely through the legislature. We held an executive committee meeting in Oklahoma City the first week in the month and had a very good meeting. We think it will be cheaper in the long run and more satisfactory for Mrs. Boyer to board at the Dorne Hotel (the one building when we were there) and have her headquarters there. There are parlors that can be used for meeting callers &c. Mrs. Carter of Guthrie was at our meeting and she says she thinks it would be a very good place. What do you think of the idea? We are to have another Com. meeting the first of Jan. in Guthrie and should it not seem best then we will make other arrangements. How much I wish we could have

your assistance, advice and counsel during the work in Guthrie.

Mrs. Boyer had planned to go home as soon as Headquarters were closed and it really did seem necessary for her to go. She will be back in Okla. the first of December and will do some field work during that month. Will try to revive some clubs &c. beginning in the eastern part of the State. She hopes to see Mr. Owen at Muskogee and lay our financial areas before him thinking he may be induced to donate something.

I have been trying to get a complete list of legislators elected but have not as yet succeeded. So far we have 29 members pledged but I hope for more. I am delighted to tell you that Mr. Ellis - you remember him in Con, Con, — was defeated by a friend of ours. As he would probably have been chairman of the lower house it is a great piece of luck for us. The margin was narrow and I believe myself that Mrs. Boyer's visit to his county did the work. He is the sort of a man I

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would like to have friendly to us — and that is the sort I hate most to have against us.

Oklahoma City entertained the members of the first legislature (and also those elected for next) at their first annual meeting last night. It was very doubtful if Mr. Murray would be able to be there. Report says he has been sick for some time and that ~~his~~ it is doubtful if he ever recovers. Mr. Haskell was not invited because "he was not a member of the legislature."

We are going to ask the legislature for a referendum on full suffrage for women, dower right for wives in husbands estate and the right for women to serve on school boards. Mrs. Michael Conlan of Lindsay and myself are now serving as members but the State Attorney says it is not constitutional — the State Supt of Schools says it is, and he has practiced law.

Hoping I may have the pleasure of seeing you again and of hearing from you occasionally and thanking you once more for your interest in us I am

Most sincerely yours.

Kate H. Biggers

Nov. 18 — In letter just rec'd from Roy Hoffman, Chandler he tells me that according to his interpretation of the

constitution a referendum submitted to change the same requires a majority ~~vote~~ of all votes cast at that election. I am afraid of it.

MINNESOTA WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

St. Paul. Minn.
Nov 17-1908.

Dear Miss Coley:

I have just written to Mrs Bennetta note of sympathy in her loss of her dear husband. To you and to each member of your family Mr Farmer and I desire to express our sympathy. One by one we go but I pray the good Lord to spare us who are laboring for a different condition of things as now exists in this land. We were delighted with Miss Shaw in our convention, for she was filled with enthusiasm concerning her visit to Denver. May your convention be the best you have ever had. Mr Farmer joins me in best love.

Ever sincerely—

Eugenia B. Farmer

[Nov. 29, 1908]

WARNING — It is a felony for any one to sign any initiative or referendum petition with any name other than his own, or to knowingly sign his name more than once for a measure, or to sign such petition when he is not a legal voter.

INITIATIVE PETITION

To the HONORABLE F. W. BENSON, Secretary of State for the State of Oregon:

We, the undersigned, citizens and legal voters of the State of Oregon, respectfully demand that the following proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Oregon for their approval or rejection at the regular general election, to be held on the 8th day of November, A. D. 1910, and each for himself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a legal voter of the State of Oregon; my residence and post office address are correctly written after my name.

TAXPAYERS' SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT

Section 2 of Article II of the Constitution of the State of Oregon shall be and hereby is amended to read as follows:

Section 2. In all elections not otherwise provided for by this Constitution, every citizen of the United States, of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, who shall have resided in the State during the six months immediately preceding such election, and every person of foreign birth of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, who shall have resided in this State during the six months immediately preceding such election and shall have declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States one year preceding such election, conformably to the laws of the United States on the subject of naturalization, shall be entitled to vote at all elections authorized by law; it is expressly provided hereby that no citizen who is a taxpayer shall be denied the right to vote on account of sex.

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Dear Miss Clay: If you recieved an abstract from our financial secretary, similar to the one sent to me, please read "Duniway, Estate" or A. S. Duniway, instead D A/ A/S/Dun/i W. S. Duniway. (in receipts and disbursements) MRD uniway was a h heavy contributtor to the campaign, but charged nothing for this servic cesas the books of the Secretary and Treasurer will show, nor did I. We think the financial secretary's oversight must have been made by an amateur type writer, as we have found her very faithful ~~but~~ She, like all the rest of us, who work without salary, has too much other work to do in other lines, ~~of work~~ to avoid mistakes in some of them. I may have written to you of this before, but in the multitude of my letters I have forgotten.

A. S. D.

As the official vote of the State was 108,004 last June, and the Prohibition and W. C. T. U. vote was 2,686, about half of which was opposed to Equal Suffrage, you can see where the National weakness lies. We are compelled to show the voters that our work for Suffrage is non-partisan, which means non-W. C. T. U. We gained 2786 votes over 1906, but could not overcome the imported vote from W. C. T. U. States. A. S. D.

STATE OF OREGON
County of ..... } ss.

I, ..., *being duly sworn, say:*

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..... *signed this sheet of the foregoing petition and each of them signed his name thereto in my presence; I believe that each has stated his name, post office address and residence correctly, and that each signer is a legal voter of the State of Oregon and County of* ....., *(or of the City of* .....*).*

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Post office address of affiant is .....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ..... *day of* ....., *A. D. 19* .....

.....

Title of the officer before whom this oath is made is .....

and my post office address is .....

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MRS. IMOGENE BATH
Hillsboro, Ore.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 24th 1908

My Dear Miss Clay :

I am happy to inform you that our Executive committee announces that we are out of debt, with a small balance to our credit with which to begin the new year's work, and several contributions pledged. If we can raise the means to keep Miss Pease in the field as organizer, we can create a fine organization for the campaign. But we shall cut our garment accordin to our cloth.

Our 37th Anniversary as an Association will be celebrated on Friday Nov. 27th. Promoter, Tom Richardnon, has tendered us the spacious Convention Hall in the new Commercial Club Bilding, for the evening meeting, and the Mayor accords to us the ~~free~~ use of the Assembly room of the City Hall, free of charge, for all regular meetings of the Society during the campaign.

The enclosed call is going the rounds of the State Press. The only opposition we have met under the new departure comes from a few tax-paying pennywrinkles.) the W.C.T.U. and the Prohibition party, which say an active campaign for taz-paying suffrage, or any form of Suffrage for women, will hurt their cause, so they are saying to us, "wait!" As the Suffrage movement was 12 years old in the Pacific Northwest, and had become a popularly recognized institution before the W.C.T.U. was born, we smile serenely and go ahead. As the "inner" or salaried circle of the N.A.W.S.A. never notices me any more (except to ask for dues), since it left us stranded in 1905.6 as a tail to the W.C.T.U. Kite, and I know we can never get suffrage under such a sinker, our relations are not cordial: but I still hold our people to open allegiance; and (we owe) often impress them with the gratitude) to you and Miss Blackwell, who helped us loyally at the home stretch in our campaign of 1908, and thus encouraged us to make a new start for 1910. As you see, I need a new type writer. This one has grown shaky in it's joints, from constant overwork.

But I must close.

Cordially yours,
Abigail Scott Duniway

Glass

405 2nd Ave.
Dayton Ky.
Dec. 3 1908.

Miss Laura Clay.

Dear Madam. I inclose a snap shot, which led me to think it might be a pleasant way to lead Lexington's mass of women to use opportunities when you have made the way, again, some of these days. It seems to me you could make it a help to the call (or cause). Women turn out Circus days. Fair days; any time of general interesting events. Sometimes she finds herself in a fuss, without inquiring in any way, just as this lady is out with her father, let election days be a general outing, instead of a shut in day for women. They could meet and chat while the escort cast his vote, just as easily as she so often awaits his dropping a letter in the Post Office.

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Then as you are educating the youth if you arrange for Lexington's boys and girls to vote along lines suggested in the Ohio Boy's Mock Election, do you not think it a way to strengthen the demand?-

It strikes me that this would really be a fine leader to a Womans outing day. This would lead mother's out, as a figure in government if not now a ~~puzzle~~ vote.

The youth would grow up a calling, a positive factor on points as their thinking minds might dictate.

You could lead women from fancy work to thoughts on the affairs of life.

I am not in position to balance these ideas with questions, I simply am thinking it worth the effort to send to you who have Womans advancement at heart. I am most respectfully yours

Annie H. Glass.

Swarthmore, Pa.,
Dec. 4, 1908.

Dear Member of the Business Committee,

The President has asked me to send you this letter and request you to wire your replies to her at Moylan. As I had taken the trips to Washington in regard to the home there for a new headquarters, she thought it would be much easier for me to give you the story than for her to do it especially when she was about to leave for New York City and had a crowded day before her departure.

The house which Miss Garrett, Miss Gillett and I united upon as very desirable for our use, is on H. St., 1823, which means that it is near the corner of H and 19th. The Pennsylvania Ave. cars stop within a hundred feet of the front door, going west and about two hundred and fifty feet distant, going east . This is a great convenience.

The house has rented at forty five dollars ($45.) heretofore but has not had a tenant for some months and the owner had just recently decided to ask forty dollars for it.

When Miss Shaw received your votes in favor, I went at once to Washington, went over the house carefully with Miss Gillett and the agent (I found it was his clerk I had seen before) and we noted the repairs necessary. He said he would advise the owner to make them (this is not an unusual attitude on the part of an agent who wants to rent and get his commission) and would report at once to me by mail. The letter came yesterday.

The owner has not in hand all the money necessary with which to make the repairs asked for; she offered the house at forty without the painting and expensive repairs (they find a new range necessary) and she asks forty five ~~dollars~~ if put in the order we desire, and also that we shall advance some months rent in order to give her part of the money needed. The repairs are estimated to cost from two hundred to two hundred and fifty dollars. The painting will cost one hundred of this.

This painting is mostly inside; the woodwork is all in good shape but the paints are shabby, in some few places worn off entirely; much of it would require but one good coat/ but some would demand two.

When fixed as we ask it to be, the house will be fine for our purposes. On the first floor there are two rooms suitable for office rooms; the front is very light, (~~two/good~~ one large front window with southern exposure) but the one back of it is not well lighted; however, there is of course, gas and one burner with a wellsbach mantel would light it well, as the ceilings on the first floor are low.

Besides these rooms there are on first floor, dining-room, kitchen and laundry with coal bin. Second floor has two fine front rooms, with three windowns to the floor in the front one, and a large arch with folding doors. Again the back room of the two has to depend upon the front for light, but when they are used together it is light enough; these rooms would be for receptions and for a meeting, when seated with folding chairs would seat about one hundred people.

Back building second floor has two well lighted rooms and a bath with new plumbing, hall with back stairs up and down, both enclosed.

Third story front has two large and one small (but not tiny) bedrooms, all well lighted. Third story back has two maids' rooms.

The house must have been built about sixty years ago, and well built. The wood work is all nice, the floors solid; one floor rounds up a bit, but does not give any sense of insecurity such as one sometimes gets in houses built in the seventies. There are almost no closets built in the rooms, but a number in the halls; there are pretty corner closets in several places. and one in the small ~~first floor~~ third floor bedroom; this is not built in. On second floor and third there are two splendid

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long, shelved closets; also a very large pantry between dining-room and kitchen and a closet out in the laundry.

The single drawback in the house is that it has not central heating but is heated by two latrobes and the kitchen range and laundry stove and there are chimneys open for any small stove we might wish to set up. This will entail more work in the house but I do not myself believe that it will cost more in coal than hot air heating would. The southern exposure is splendid; it is not just a street but a square and when we need the most heat, the bare trees will allow us to get every bit of sunshine there is.

My own hope is that you will authorize us to take the house at forty five per month; it will be cheap at that as compared with anything we saw in the neighborhood we desire. There are several medium sized hotels very near; also some good, medium cost restaurants within two blocks. This would be handy if there were several representatives of other societies there at one time for desk-room.

As to Mrs. Bradley; she is entirely capable of being an excellent housekeeper and at the same time much more than a house-keeper for she is intelligent on our question and in touch with it and a splendid suffragist; some of you besides Mrs. Upton, Miss Shaw and myself, must remember her from the days when we went to Washington with the Convention. She is very capable and in the interim between hostesses and when no national officer or prominent suffragist was there, Mrs. Bradley could well represent us. I believe she will fit in there to perfection. She lived many years in Washington and would know the ropes there, would be able to manage the kind of servants they have there, etc.

I believe I failed to say that the house is two blocks west of the Army and Navy and four west of the Treasury; having the Pennsylvania Ave. cars is a great advantage; Penn. Ave cuts diagonally across the open square in front.

I regret having to ask again a telegraphic response but Miss Shaw felt that under this new condition (the addition of five dollars per month to the rent and the necessity of advancing several months rent to help make the repairs) she did not wish to take the responsibility of making the decision.

I feel more than ever convinced that this is the time when we ought to establish ourselves and make ourselves felt as a hostess in Washington; I do not mean just socially, but to welcome the other associations of women going there for Congressional work; I believe that not only can we do great good in this line but that it will re-act very directly upon our own work; this is saying nothing of the advantage to our own work at the times when we go to Washington for Hearings, to present our mammoth petition, etc. We could hold the interim B.C. Meeting there very comfortbly.

Hoping you will let Miss Shaw hear at once I remain

Yours sincerely,

Rachel Foster Avery.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 8-1908.

My Dear Miss Clay:-

I am now in Ohio in the interest of our College Equal Suffrage League, and as Miss Thomas and some of our other members are particularly anxious to have college organizations in the South, I am planning to go later to Kentucky, Louisianna, and Texas on my way to the Pacific Coast. I, therefore, write to ask if you will give me advice and suggestions as to the best method of approach in Lexington and Louisville and such help as your many other duties will permit.

What I should like most of all to do is to start a Chapter of our League at the State University, to be made up of students and members of the faculty, ~~or~~ and a Section or Branch, composed of women no longer in college, at Lexington or Louisville. For the college work, the ideal way is to secure an opportunity for an address to be made to the students at some regular gathering, "Chapel" or "General Exercises" preferably, and then to have a later meeting at which organization can be discussed. For the alumnae work the most desirable thing is to get hold of four or five college women of real influence, who care enough about the cause to arrange a meeting and to interest their friends. You will know better than

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anyone else how far either of these plans can be carried out in your State, and I shall be most grateful for your assistance.

I go from here to Detroit for two days, then to Ann Arbor, and then to Grand Rapids, Mich., where I expect to be from December 12th to 15th (address General Delivery). After that I go to Columbus, Ohio, and then to Cincinnati, reaching the latter place about December 20th. If there were any possibility of getting a hearing at your University before Christmas, I would try to make a special trip to Lexington for that purpose. Otherwise, I shall probably be there a part of Christmas week i. e. the 21st and 22nd, then go to Louisville to stay until January 2nd or 3rd, then back to Lexington for two days and thence to Chicago. At Louisville I take it that the work would have to be purely with the alumnae, and the week after Christmas is not an especially bad time for them ordinarily, because so many teachers, likely to be college women, are having their vacation; but of course the period near Christmas is going to be a very difficult one so far as the College itself is concerned. Will you therefore kindly let me know just when the vacation comes at Lexington? I have also written to Miss Breckinridge, of Chicago, because I know that she has relatives in Kentucky.

After December 15th, I cannot be sure of my address from day to day, but I expect to keep the National Headquarters at Warren informed, so that any letter you may kindly send to me there will be forwarded by Mrs. Upton.

With regards and good wishes, I am
Sincerely yours,
Maud Wood Park.

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OFFICE OF
THE DIRECTOR

Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
Washington

December 10, 1908.

Miss Laura Clay,
189 North Mill Street,
Lexington, Kentucky.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of December 7th, I take pleasure in sending you herewith a copy of the advance outline of the contents of Bulletin 96, Statistics of Marriage and Divorce, 1887-1906. Your name has been placed upon the mailing list, and a copy of the bulletin will be sent you as soon as it is ready for distribution.

Very respectfully,

S. N. D. North

Director.

Inclosure.

(COPY)

Faulkton, Dec. 14th, 1908.

My dear President:-

Your kind letter received to-day. I hasten to answer. Since the Convention, Mrs. Fitch has visited ~~xxxx~~ me and we have had a conference with Mrs. Simmons here, and as I cannot leave Mr. Pickler to go to Pierre , Mrs. Fitch took our recommendations to Pierre ~~xh~~ and called the rest of the Ex. Comm. together and they passed upon and agreed upon what we would do in the future. One thing we did was to make Mrs. Fitch Vice President of the State Association, vice Mrs. Johnson resigned by her removal to California.

In regard to a National speaker: The three ladies named, yourself, Mrs. Upton and Mrs. Avery, were the ones agreed upon to invite, and in my judgment it would not be best to plan otherwise. I think Miss Gregg did well while she was here and I thought her address at Pierre was good, but she cannot please everybody, and as they have heard her several times at Pierre I do not believe they would be enthusiastic about her coming again. But I will write right away and see what they think about it. Personally I think our National Officers are the only ones that would call out a great meeting and that is what we want to have. In fact, if we could get one of the Colorado women, I think that would attract.

I want to write you about Miss Rose Bower of our State. She is a young woman of promise, free to go and come as she pleases and intends to devote her life to some kind of reform work. She is witty, rather nice looking, very industrious and a good cornet player and whistler. People go to hear her the second time too, for she has been around the State for the W.C.T.U., who are very anxious to keep her, but all her sympathies are with the suffrage work. We want her to be at Pierre this winter, and I believe she could and would do good work in the State organizing suffrage clubs. The only thing in the way is the old, old reason, -- money. The W.C.T.U., being well organized, can make her dates and pay her for her work, as she must depend upon it for a living. I was so sorry she could not go to Buffalo on account of the State W.C.T.U. meeting in her home town, Rapid City, the very date of the Buffalo Con-

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vention. She went from there to the National at Denver and is there now pursuing her cornet studies.

The difficulty now is that we are not well enough organized to send her out, but if our Mother National could quarantee her a fixed salary, and she could spend her time getting members and speaking two or three times a week to ladies clubs, I am sure we would, in a year, be well organized according to our State plan and go on to success. Every town in our State has from one to three ladies clubs and they received our fraternal delegate at their State meeting very cordially. In that way we would get that class of women won over and at work. Then we would have our County Central Committees in every county, a committee of three in each, with Rose as State Central Committee woman, and when thoroughly organized could quitely call upon all our forces. She could get signatures, find the "right" women for leaders and get members, speak to women's organizations and stay long enough at a place to accomplish something, and I do believe a good part of it would go back to the National as a gift from the State.

I do believe the time has gone by for a brass band campaign in this State, and if our own women could be awakened by one of our own it would help the National just as much as if some one from abroad did that work. It is hard to find women that can do it. Mrs. Fitch is nice and her husband is an educated man and in sympathy, which means much, but her little children must have her care and she can do good work with her pen and stay with them. Mrs. Jeffries has her home duties too, although her children are grown up, and so on and so on. Rose is the available one and you will like her too I know. What do you think about setting her at work?

Pardon (Signed) Alice M. A. Pickler.

189 N.Mill Street, Lexington, Ky.

Dec.14th, 1908.

My dear Mrs.Avery,

Yes, your letter from Miss Gordon was sent to me, and I received it several days ago; but I thought she had sent me a copy of her letter to you so that I might see her position on the Washington headquarters; and the idea that it was not meant for me did not occur to me till I received your enclosure this morning. I now enclose it, with an apology for my mistake.

I am quite at sea about th ose Washington Headquarters. I thought that it was decided in Buffalo that we would not undertake Washington headquarters unless Miss Garrett or some other party should assist with money. So I have not yet understood why Miss Shaw sent her letter of Nov/ 26th, asking a vote about taking a house which had already been considered, while no information that more funds had been donated had ever been sent out. I am very much interested to know how it all came about, and what Miss Garrett has promised, as it seems she has been taking an interest i n it. As Miss Shaw is on the wing, I hope you may have time to give me the information.

My lack of information is the reason I have cast no vote on this subject.

I am in hopes of having Mrs.Maud Wood Park come to Lexington and Louisville next week. I am only sorry she has to come in the holiday season; but I have written to her to come and see what she can do under the circumstances.

Cordially ydurs,

National American Woman Suffrage Association

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Swarthmore, Pa.,
December 14, 1908.

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

Dear Miss Clay:-

At the Buffalo Convention in October the question of raising the Susan B. Anthony Fund was discussed quite fully. Only about one-fourth of the sum agreed upon at the Chicago Convention has thus far been pledged to the Memorial and not all of this has been paid.

At Chicago it was thought best to put all moneys raised for the Memorial into one general Fund available for all the needs of the National work. This arrangement has resulted disadvantageously because some people expected the States would be allowed to count their regular yearly dues to the National as part and parcel of their offering in memory of Susan B. Anthony. Many States considered sums which were no larger than they had given regularly toward the support of the usual expenses of the National work - as though contributed in memory of Miss Anthony. Comparatively few States or individuals made any special efforts to commemorate worthily the great soul who led us for so many years with such devotion to the work as was known to few and scarcely realized even by them.

The $25,000. pledged at Chicago (and not yet entirely paid in) was for two years; to give it, demanded no unusual sacrifices or efforts except in the cases of a few individuals and clubs.

The matter of the Fund has not been pressed this year because of the hard times; but now that good times are said to be coming to us, let us put our shoulders to the wheel and raise the rest of the one hundred thousand dollars by "a long pull, a strong pull and a pull all together."

The Fund Committee urges the following plan:

(1) The Committee is issuing Susan B. Anthony Fund Coin Cards. Some of these contain places for twelve dimes. Those who take them promise to put in at least one dime each month and to sign and return the card, at the end of twelve months, or sooner if possible. We believe these are suitable for contributions from

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teachers and other self-supporting women, and if each state will undertake to place its proportion of them in the hands of persons interested, a large part of the Fund can be raised. Each card is to be accompanied by a printed appeal from the Fund Committee, and on each card is also an appeal concerning Miss Anthony. There are three kinds of circulars, (A) to teachers and professional women; (B) to mothers and (C) to taxpaying women and those in business.

(2) Let your State Committee compile a list of wealthy and public spirited people, both men and women, and send it to the National Committee. We will issue a special appeal to women of independent means setting forth the fact that they enjoy many of their financial rights and privileges today because of the labors of the pioneers and urging them to contribute to the memory and for the work of the woman who helped to make their own lives easy and comfortable. If there is among you qny one whose personal appeal would strengthen that of the Fund Committee, we would send ours by the hands of that person or accompanied by a letter from her or him.

I hope that Kentucky will feel that it can do a share towards raising this Fund. The Convention at Buffalo seemed willing to co-operate with the Fund Committee and the ways suggested in this letter seem to me the most practical methods of expressing this co-operation.

You know, Miss Clay, there are a lot of people who will do things in response to a national appeal who will not do anything for local work of the very same character. On the other hand, there are lots of people who will do for local interests but do not feel the call of anything so far away as a national matter. We must be wise in our generation and appeal to both these peculiarities of human nature. I do not believe that work for the National Fund would prejudice the collection of sufficient money in the state to do the state work; so I am hoping you will give me the co-operation of a strong committee of your Kentucky suffragists.

Cordially yours,

Rachel Foster Avery

Secretary of the Susan B. Anthony
Woman Suffrage Fund.

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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON Dec. 14, 1908.

Miss Laura Clay,
1st Auditor Nat'l. American Woman Suffrage Ass'n.,
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Sister Suffragist:

On January 9 I am expected to speak on "Laws Which Render Woman's Suffrage Necessary." It is very difficult for me to get in touch with the laws of the various states, and I am therefore taking the liberty of writing to well known workers in the different states to ascertain, if possible, the present status of laws concering women's property rights, as well as their control over their own earnings, the custody of minor children, the age of consent, and the duty of the husband to provide for the support of his wife and family, etc., etc. Can you furnish me any information regarding such laws in your state, and also whether or not any "alive" issues of interest are pending at the present time along this line?

Thanking you for any assistance you may be able to render me, and trusting to hear from you soon, as my time is somewhat limited, I am

Very truly yours,

Reah Whitehead

Lexington, Ky.

Dec. 15th, 1908.

My dear Mrs. Park,

Your special delivery letter from the Burnet House, Cinn., is just at hand. I enclose a copy of my letter to Grand Rapids, so as not to repeat myself.

I have just learned from President Patterson of State University that it will be impossible to give you a hearing in the chapel before the holidays, on account of the examinations, which will commence this week; but that he will be glad to give you such an opportunity to address the students some day in next (Jan.) month.

I have also heard from Dean Myers, of Transylvania. She says the faculty has not yet decided whether to commence holidays on the 18th or not till the 23rd, but thinks it will be the 23rd. She has secured an opportunity, and indeed, a very cordial invitation, to speak to the students next Tuesday or Wednesday morning, preferably, (I say, much preferably) Tuesday morning, for the students will be thinning out on Wednesday; and many are late in coming in on Monday. I think Tuesday really the only day before the holidays. She says the schedule is full this week, speakers provided before I made my request, and she was evidently of the opinion that it would be unadvisable to ask to have the schedule changed. The president, Dr. Crossfield, says the exercises last about a half-hour, of which he could give you 20 minutes; or, if you could not conclude your remarks in that time, a little longer. The invitation impressed me as very courteous.

I have made no attempts to arrange other engagements for you, not knowing what you would like done. I repeat my invitation to come Lexington

when you are ready to leave Cincinnati, stay with me and let us together study what can be done under the circumstances. Please let me have a line when to expect you; and I will meet you at the depot. But if anything prevents my being there, drive at once to 189 North Mill Street, and make your self at home in my little flat, which is on the third floor.

Hoping to see you soon, I am

Very cordially yours,

Laura Clay

Replied. Said I would send list later,

(Immediate and Personal)

Office Presidential Woman Suffrage Committee

6 Beacon Street, Room 1018

BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 16, 1908.

DEAR FRIEND:

As the State Legislatures will soon meet for the first time since the Presidential election, permit me to ask your attention to the importance of immediately petitioning your Legislature for a change in its election laws so as to enable women to help appoint the Presidential electors.

Under the U. S. Constitution, as interpreted by the U. S. Supreme Court, every State Legislature has the "plenary and exclusive" right to regulate the Presidential suffrage, limited only by the 15th Amendment. Every State but five has limited its State and municipal suffrage to male citizens. To remove this sex limitation will require a change of Constitution by legislative enactment, ratified afterwards by a majority of the male voters. Experience has shown the extreme difficulty of securing such a majority at the polls, the vote being packed against us by special interests, especially by the liquor organizations and the great corporations, which jointly control the machinery of both political parties, and prevent a fair expression of public sentiment.

But the Presidential suffrage, the most important of all, is not subject to any constitutional limitations. The U. S. Constitution, "the supreme law of the land," places it under the control of each State Legislature, which can either appoint the Presidential electors by the votes of its own members, or can delegate its authority to agents. The U. S. Supreme Court, in the Michigan case, has decided through Chief Justice Fuller (see copy enclosed) that

"The appointment of these electors is placed absolutely and wholly with the Legislatures of the several States. They may be chosen by the Legislature, or the Legislature may provide that they shall be elected by the people of the State at large, and it is no doubt competent for the Legislature to authorize the Governor, the Supreme Court of the State, or any other agent of its will, to appoint these electors. This power cannot be taken from the Legislature or be modified by their State Constitutions. Whatever provisions may be made by statute or by the State Constitutions, to choose electors by the people, there is no doubt of the power of the Legislature to resume the power at any time, for it can neither be taken away nor abdicated. From the foundation of the Government until now the practical construction of the clause has conceded plenary power to the State Legislatures in the matter of the appointment of electors."

Here, then, is the open door. The highest form of national suffrage, once conceded, all other forms will soon follow. This has been recently evidenced in Australia, where the Legislature of New South Wales hastened to concede its State suffrage to women, previously excluded, when parliamentary suffrage had been granted them.

The time has come to put political pressure on the choice of members of State Legislatures by combining the influence of suffragists to nominate and elect members pledged to work and vote for Presidential woman suffrage. To this end a committee of men and women, irrespective of party, should at once be organized in every State representative and senatorial district, to secure a change in its election laws so as to extend Presidential suffrage to women. If this be done, State and municipal suffrage cannot long be denied or postponed.

Yours truly,

HENRY B. BLACKWELL,

Chairman National American Presidential Woman Suffrage Committee.

Please reply, and give me names and addresses of men in your State in favor of women suffrage to whom it would be worth while to mail this circular.

Lexington, Ky.

Dec.16th, 1908.

My dear Mrs.Park,

I have just sent off a telegram in answer to your second special delivery letter, telling you that President Patterson says he can not make an opportunity for you to speak at State University before Friday the 8th of January, because they will be organizing the classes during the first of the week. I greatly regret that your visit to Ky. falls during the holidays, because the students and college work are so much deranged by them. However, these things cannot be controlled.

I am glad you can come to speak at Transylvania on Tuesday, Dec.22nd. Dean Myers asks me to invite whomever I wish to attend; and as there is a large chapel, centrally located, I hope to have a good audience, though the townspeople, as well as the students, are absurdly preoccupied during Christmas week. President Crossfield has been so cordial that I hope Dean Myers' fears about trying to organize will not be realized. I am very desirous to organize at Transylvania; for that college has a large theological school, of the denomination of Christians, or Campbellites, as outsiders ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ call them, probably the most powerful denomination in Kentucky, Missouri and some other states, and already inclined to be favorable to our movement. I know few classes of persons more desirable to indoctrinate than the young preachers of that denomination.

I believe it will be better to speak at State University even later than the 8th; and so I will not engage that day until I hear from you again/.

I shall look for you next Monday morning; and as you are uncertain as to yout train, I will not attempt to meet you at the station. My resi-

dence is central and easily found, so you will have no difficulty.

I am very much pleased that you can come. I trust you will have better luck in many ways in Louisville than in Lexington; but I am sure you visit will not be more appreciated.

Very cordially yours,

Laura Clay

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DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION
MRS. ROBERT LEE STOUT, DIRECTOR
PROFESSOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION,
DEAN OF WOMEN

December 16th, 1908.

Miss Laura Clay,

Lexington, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay:-

President Patterson agreed promptly and cordially with the idea of having Mrs. Park address the student body of the State University, saying that it was the duty of all men and women to face the subject of equal suffrage squarely and fairly andwhether for or against, to know why and be intelligent in their stand. I am delighted to write you this, as one of my pet schemes for the advancement of our young women is being realized sooner than I had

expected, for I believe that the mere presentation of the subject before them is a decided step toward their final conviction.

We regret exceedingly that it will not be possible to offer any day before the fourth Friday in January for Mrs. Park. I had overlooked the fact while talking with you yesterday that I had made arrangements to have my girls addressed along special physiological lines on the second and third Fridays in January.

Please inform me of any definite information coming from Mrs. Park, so that I can announce the lecture officially and thereby assure a full attendance.

Cordially yours,

Florence Offutt Stout.

Park

THE BURNET HOUSE,
CINCINNATI, OHIO.

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PUBLIC STENOGRAPHER.

Dec. 16, 1908.

My dear Miss Clay:

Your first letter, frowarded from Grand Rapids, and the one sent Special Delivery, were received almost at the same moment.

I shall be glad to speak to the Students at Tranaylvania on the 22nd. (or 23rd. if necessary), though I much prefer 22nd.) and to accpet your very kind invitation to spend that day and Monday, the 21st. with you. I shall arrive some time Monday morning. I cannot tell yet whether I shall go to Louisville on Saturday and come up from there or whether I shall go directly from here, so I cannot be sure of the hour of my arrival; but I will drive from the station to your house.

It happens that I have to speak in Columbus on the 6th of January - the date this week had to be given up on account of examinations there - and as my only chance for a Cincinnati Alumnae meeting is either Monday the 4th of January or Tuesday the 5th, I ought to know immediately which day to give them here. Will you therefore kindly communicate with the University at Lexington

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and telegraph reply at my expense as to whether I can speak there on the 4th or not. If the 4th is out of the question, I suppose I could manage to be there on the 5th; but it will be much easier for me to give that day here and the 4th in Lexington, inasmuch as I have to go on to Columbus the evening of the 5th.

With regard to other Colleges and meetings, Miss Thomas is anxious that we should bend all our energies at present to starting strong organizations in the well-known Colleges rather than to spending time on the less well-known ones. For that reason, I regret less the difficulty about organization at Transylvania, and though I should personally like to speak at the Normal Schools and the Club, perhaps it will be more in accord with our general plan if I do not make engagements of that kind.

Cordially and gratefully yours,

Hamilton Wood Park.

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Laura Clay,

189 N. Mill St.,

Lexington, Ky.

Dear Madam:-

Dr. Joseph Krauskopf, of this City, recently delivered a lecture on "The Ascendency of Womanhood", which has been appreciated by all the women, who have read abstracts of it, published in the newspapers. The Doctor has received many kind letters, one, especially, from Rachel Foster Avery, of Swarthmore, Pa., and I am sure that many women throughout the country will be interested to have this lecture in pamphlet form.

It was this that suggested to the Ways and Means Committee, of The National Farm School, of which Dr. Krauskopf is President, to publish the lecture in pamphlet form, to be sold at ten cents a copy, for the benefit of the finances of the School. The financial and industrial depression of the past year has caused a large falling off in the contributions to the School and a considerable increase in the number of its students. There is a large deficit in the treasury of the institution at present.

I am, therefore, taking the liberty of sending you, under separate cover, twenty-five copies, hoping that you will not alone dispose of them for the sake of the discourse itself and for The National Farm School, but that you will interest many, many women, who will desire to read and possess the pamphlet.

I believe that this is a great opportunity for propaganda work for your cause. Dr. Krauskopf is a man of national reputation and his word will be listened to. Perhaps we can make an arrangement with your society, by which all members should receive not alone one or more copies for their own use, but also circulate them among others with whom they wish to make propaganda.

Kindly send check or postal order for the money realized from the pamphlets sent you and greatly oblige,

Yours very respectfully,

Isaac Landman

Ass't Rabbi Reform Cong. Keneseth Israel,
Sec'y The National Farm School.

Mr. Charles R. Jones, 92 La Salle Street, Prohibition National Committee.

Chicago, Illinois.

189 N.Mill Street, Lexington, Ky.

Dec. 18th, 1908.

Mr.Charles R.Jones,

Prohibition Nat.Committee, Chicago.

Dear Sir,

I have been told by my friend, Mrs.Frances E.Beauchamp, that probably you could supply me with some information that I desire:namely, At the convention of the United States Brewers' Association, held in Milwaukee, June 9th, 1908, the newspapers say,"President Liebman, chairman of the board of trustees, presented the annual report. In part he said: 'Points now agreed on: 1st, That the saloon should not be used to foster the social evil,and should be utterly divorced from it;2nd, That the saloon should nothe used for gambling purposes; 3rd, That the saloon should not be open to minors, and that the sale of intoxicants to children should be proscribed."

I have an important use for this report; and I am not willing to use a mere newspaper account for the purpose, unless I was assured that it was a correct copy of the report, admitted to be so by the Association. Can you tell me if this is an officially acknowledged copy; or can you put me in the way of getting an official copy, which would be better?

Any assistance you can give me in this matter will be gratefully appreciated.

Very respectfully yours,

Give my regards to Mrs Bowman, and believe me

Very cordially yours,

Dict.

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Swarthmore, Pa.,
December 18, 1908.

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

Dear Miss Clay:-

There is one thing which I failed to say in my letter written to you and Miss Gordon lately in re the Washington Headquarters, and it is a very important point:

Having these headquarters we are in a position to invite other organizations to have desk room in them and make use of them for meeting committee members, etc. while pushing their own bills in Congress; and it is by taking this position now as hostess that we will gradually be able to "mother" the other organizations of women in their various lines of work. The idea would be to offer them desk room free for a certain limited time, and if they decided to keep it either for a longer time or permanently, then they should pay a reasonable rental for it. They should also pay a small rental for the use of the reception rooms in case they wished to have any small meetings.

Cordially yours,

R. F. Avery.

Lexington, Ky.

Dec.19th, 1908.

Reah Whitehead,

Seattle, Washington.

Your letter of the 14th inst. is just at hand; and I take pleasure in giving such information on the laws of Ky. as I have at hand, without attempting to give all the minutia, since I understand that you expect only to learn the main features of the several laws.

WOMEN'S PROPERTY RIGHTS. The leaflet I enclose gives the main features of our present laws correctly. I understand by rulings of the courts the full application of the benefits of these amended laws is given only where the marriage has been made since 1894. The wife cannot convey real estate without the signature of the husband. If the husband conveys real estate without the signature of the wife the property is still subject to her dower right.

A woman has full control of her wages.

CUSTORY OF MINOR CHILDREN. The leaflet I enclose gives the law accurately as it now stands. A father even under 21 years of age may make a will appointing a guardian for his child. The Ky. Equal Rights Association has for years unsuccessfully tried to have these laws amended. They are the most disgraceful now on Kentucky's statute books.

AGE OF CONSENT. The age of consent was raised from 12 years to sixteen years by the Legislature of 1906. The amendment was made by the single change of the word "sixteen" for "twelve"; the law is strong and well-enforced.

PROVISION FOR SUPPORT OF WIFE AND FAMILY. The law is the same old common

law provision that the wife is entitled to necessaries in accordance with the means and station in life of the husband. As far as I know, no changes have been made in the old Common Law. In one case which came under my observation the judge pronounced it impossible to forcethe husband to provide for his wife when he had no property except his wages. The difficulty was probably in the execution of the law,- not in its intent and meaning.

The laws the women think most need now to be changed in Ky. are the laws relating to the custody of minor children, the appointment of women on Boards of state punitive, educational and charitable institutions ; and the Woman's Federation of Clubs women , as well as those of the Equal Rights Association,are working for School Suffrage for women, in hopes of improving the schools, particularly by increasing the popular interest in them.

Next Legislature the W.S.A. expects to ask for the amendment of these laws, and for the submission of a Constitutional Amendment granting full suffrage to women.

Hoping these items may be of use to you, I am

Very respectfully yours, Laura Clay

P.S. Women's small scrap of School suffrage was repealed incidentally by the Legislature in the repeal of the law in which the school district was unit, and making the county the unit. Women are eligible as County School Sup't, which office carries a salary, as notaries public, and in general for any office which is not mentioned in the Constitution. The two I have enumerated are the most important. Louisville and Lexington have Police matrons, by city ordinance. There are women guards of the women's wards in the penitentiary, by appointment of the prison managers, withouth any compulsion of law.

(COPY)

Prescott, Ariz.
Dec. 20,1908.

My dear Miss Shaw:-

I am just recovering from a terrible automobile accident, in which I was knocked down and run over by both wheels. The accident occurred on the 12th of Nov., soon after I wrote you first.

My correspondence was considerably neglected during the time of convalescence, and I am only now beginning to see my way out.

I am afraid I can give you but unsatisfactory answers to your questions. In the first place, my accident has prevented my going on with this matter as I intended to, for while I am a Christain Scientist, I am not a fool and I have no intention of"putting my hand into the fire for the value of demonstrating over it", hence I am not able to tell you anything about the present legislature except that we have four strong suffrage men in the Council or upper House, which consists of 12 men. In the lower House of 24 there are two from this country that I think we can depend upon. I should say there is no hope of having it passed over the Governor's veto, but I do not believe he would veto it.

The Republicans have succeeded in electing a delegate to Congress for the first time in 12 years and this man is favorable to our measure, and I believe he aspires to become our first State Governor; hence, there is great hope that we could get the measure inserted into the Enabling Act. I do not believe we will get statehood the short session, although I thought so once. At this time I cannot promise any assistance or offer any suggestions as to a plan.

Sincerely,

(Signed) (Mrs. J.L.) Frances W. Munds.

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TELEPHONE MAIN 4975

December 23, 1908.

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

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Fred D. L. Squires.
Editor.

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[Dec 24, 1908]

(COPY OF LETTER TO MRS. BLATCH)

..... The proposed amendment gives Congress the power to go outside the present constitution so that when the amendment is adopted and Congress comes to legislate upon the qualifications of voters woman suffrage may be secured as well as that of man and the distinction of sex be disregarded.

I have thought much upon it and have rather concluded that as any amendment will be hard to secure it would be better to obtain first this broad grant of power and then when the fight is reached upon qualifications in Congress, insist upon the suffrage regardless of sex. This is a case, and the only one likely to arise, which gives woman the opportunity to agitate for national suffrage, and thus reach the whole country via Washington, which is by far the most central and advantageous for the development of sentiment for state suffrage in the several states themselves.

Your mother and Miss Anthony were always turned down here with the objection that it is better to leave suffrage to the states. Go back home.

Will you not hunt up my speech of September 17, 1890, in the Congressional Record of that date, and see what a cause you would have in itself.

I wish that you would go over this matter with Mrs. Catt, and the others who have the great cause now specially in charge.

I have probably ten or fifteen years of hard work still left in me and if the way opened so that I could, I would put these years into the ripening up and glorious consummation of the ideals of a lifetime and have good news to carry to your Mother and Aunt Susan, later on. I shall get there before you do.

Sincerely and respectfully yours,

(Signed) Henry W. Blair.

National American Woman Suffrage Association.

HEADQUARTERS, WARREN, OHIO

December 24,1908.

Dear Member of the Business Committee;-

We have finally gotten from Mrs. Harriet M. Johnston Wood, M.S. of the paper which she read at Buffalo revised for the printer. You will remember that it was voted to print this paper for reference. Now Mrs. Wood says that she would like to have 1000 copies for the Woman's Press Club, the Portia Law Club, Business Woman's League, &c. We do not feel that we can decide here how many copies of this paper to publish. Please let us have your opinion. There are 38 typewritten pages, and the composition will cost a good deal.

I will immediately proceed to get estimates on 1000 copies and on 5000. In the meantime, please advise us as to the number you think we should print. She heads the paper, Woman,- Her Legal Status in the United States, 1620- 1908.

Yours very truly,

EMH-A

Elizabeth J Hauser

[Enclosure dated Dec 20, 1908]

National American Woman Suffrage Association

(MEMBER OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN AND OF INTERNATIONAL WOMAN SUFFRAGE ALLIANCE)

National Headquarters, Warren, Ohio

Moylan, Pa., Dec 26, 1908.

Dear Member of the Official Board:-

I have just received a telegram from Laura Gregg from Garnet, Kansas, stating that her mother passed away on Christmas Day. Just what effect this will have upon her ability to go to Arizona at once I do not know, but I rather conclude that as soon as they get straightened round a little she will be able to get away from home. Her mother's sickness and death must have come very suddenly, because I had a letter from her last night from Denver posted the 22d of the month. Evidently she had had no news of any serious illness of her mother because she does not mention it. I am writing her this morning and will let you know exactly what effect her mother's death will have upon her going to Arizona. From what I know of Laura, however, I judge it will not in any way interfere with her going.

A sufficient number of replies have come in from members of the Official Board to warrant sending both Miss Gregg and Miss Chase to Arizona and New Mexico, and last night's mail brought a letter from Mrs. Munds, a copy of which I enclose, explaining her delay in answering my letters. You see she has no conception of the work, even though she was able to do it, and I think the only thing for us to do is to go ahead and send Miss Gregg and Miss Chase into the field and let them do the best they can.

From the tone of the letters which have come, I think most of the members of the Official Board feel as I do that there is practically

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little hope of securing any direct results in either Arizona or New Mexico, but I feel just as I did about Oklahoma when they were preparing for statehood, that it is our duty to do the very best we can to secure recognition in the new State and if we fail then to drop it until a sufficient number of women in the State are willing to band themselves together to be at least a nucleous from which work can radiate; and so, while I frankly confess I do not expect immediate results from this effort in Arizona and New Mexico, and I hate to use the money for the purpose, I nevertheless feel that it is our duty to attempt it, because if we do not we might forever feel that if we had something might have been accomplished. I will therefore write Miss Chase to proceed at once to Phoenix and Miss Gregg to go just as soon as she can leave home.

It seems to be the opinion of the majority of the members who have voted that both of these organizers should go to these two Territories, as the time is short and it is very hard and an exceedingly difficult task for one person to enter a new field like this without any backing and with no one who knows anything about the work with whom to consult. You will observe what Mrs. Munds says in her letter that there are 12 men in the upper House and 24 in the lower. In the list sent to me by a gentleman to whom I wrote, as I did not hear from Mrs. Munds, there are but 21 members in the lower House. It may be that when he sent the list it was not complete, but he sent no message with it so I supposed it was all right. When I wrote the other day that there were 62 Republicans and 63 Democrats in the Legislature, a mistake was made in counting all the officers from certain counties instead of the Council and Assembly. I wondered at the time at there being such a large number in a Territory.

If the Governor vetoes our measure, of course there will

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have to be a sufficient number of Republicans with the Democrats to carry it over his veto, but there is no use in our speculating, because we can know absolutely nothing until our workers get there and our hopes will have to depend upon what they discover.

The Central Committee for Woman Suffrage in New York City is trying to arrange with a bill board firm to keep up certain posters for six months and we are asked by the Chairman of this Committee, Mrs. J. Wells Wentworth, if we will not take some of the posters to put up in Washington during Congress. The firm agrees to put them up as fast as they are mutilated and keep them in good shape for six months at a cost of $7.50 a poster. They are very large, much larger than those we got out in Buffalo. Personally I do not think they would be of advantage in Washington unless we had a campaign there, in which case they might be very helpful to keep the subject before the minds of the people. Mrs. Wentworth wishes to know immediately whether we would like to have them or not. If I do not hear to the contrary from a sufficient number of the Committee, I shall tell her we would not care to be at the expense in Washington until we learn further in regard to what was going to be done there.

Faithfully,

Anna H. Shaw

Dic.

Enc.

Lexington, Ky. Dec. 28, 1908.

Mr. John Young,

Louisville, Ky. Box 926.

Dear Sir:

I observe that the State Federation of Labor will hold its convention in Owensboro on the 4th of January. On behalf of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association I very earnestly request that you will ask the State Federation to pass a resolution endorsing equal suffrage for women.

The suffragists of the United States are very grateful for the fact that the American Federation of Labor has for several years annually passed a resolution endorsing votes for women on equal terms with men.

In the little leaflet which I enclose you will observe the form in which it passed the resolution at the Denver convention in 1908. I trust that the Kentucky State Federation is in sympathy with this attitude of the American Federation, and will be willing to pass a resolution embodying the same principle. We will be grateful for any effort you may make to get such an endorsement of woman suffrage passed. For your convenienc I enclose a form in which you can make such changes as you desire.

Hoping to receive favorable action from your convention, and that in my request I will have your hearty co-operation, I am,

Very respectfully yours,

Dict.

Lexington, Ky. Dec. 28, 1908.

Miss Elizabeth J. Hauser,

Warren, Ohio.

My dear Miss Hauser:-

In replying to your letter concerning Mrs. H. M. Johnst Johnstone Wood's paper, it is my opinion that the thousand copies Mrs. Wood asks for should be printed and supplied to her gratis. I think that is little enough recogniton of her labor in preparing so elaborate an article.

I do not know how many additional copies should be printed. There is not likely to be much demand for a ~~local~~ legal paper of that length. I am willing to vote as Mrs. Upton does on that point.

I am going to ask a favor of you. You remember when I was in Warren we went to Youngstown to have some photographs taken, and that one of mine was finished in the best style and sent to Mrs. Upton. She sent it to me with the request that I return it, which I have not yet done. My friends all like that photograph and I have promised a number of them if I can get them. What I want to ask you, is, Can you ask the photographer if he still has that negative, and if he can finish up a dozen for me. My recollection is he asked ten dollars a dozen. If he can do it now please order a dozen for me, have one sent to Mrs. Upton and the rest forwarded to me here. I will be much obliged if you can do this.

Cordially yours,

Dict/

Miss Lena Yankey.
Mrs. Matt Walton
Miss Sallie Adams
Mrs Mary M Hodges
Mrs M C Robinson
Mrs C W Hanson
Mrs Catherine Harrison

Miss Sallie E Haley
Miss Mattie Anderson
Miss M H Anderson
Miss Annie Knoble
Mrs. John Morgan
Mrs. Jennie Withers Smith

Lexington, Ky. Dec. 28, 1908.

Mrs. W. S. Barns.

Miss Sallie E. Adams,

Lexington, Ky.

Dear Miss Adams,

I enclose a membership card of the Fayette Equal Rights Association, which I hope you will sign. Our local E. R. A. has adopted the recommendation of the State Association to receive members on the basis of signing the enrollment cards; for the Association desires to strengthen our movement by the influence of every believer in our principles, and that can be given effectually only by membership.

The card does not commit the signer to anything except what is stated on it,- that is, an ~~honest~~ assured belief in woman suffrage and a willingness to ~~stad~~ stand publicly for that principle. The signer may pay dues or not as he chooses; a free will offering is desired, but is not obligatory.

The cards should be returned to me when signed and they will be carefully filed. I have been appointed treasurer in place of Mrs. H. H. Gratz, who has resigned, to collect the dues for 1908. ~~I should be pleased~~ If you desire to pay the dues this year, I should be pleased to have you send them to me ~~before the earliest~~ at your convenience ~~New Year.~~ with the signed card.

Very ~~truly~~ cordially
~~Cordially yours,~~

~~Knowing you want to keep up~~

Lexington, Ky.

Dec.30th, 1908.

Mr.I.Landman,

Sec.National Farm School,

Philadelphia.

Dear Sir,

I have received a package of 25 copies of the lecture of Dr. J:Krauskopffrom you, sent with the request that I should sell them for you at ten cents a copy.

I have no facilities for the sale of literature, but I will buy two copies myself, for which I enclose 20 cents in stamps. As for the remaining copies, though I appreciate the excellence of the lecture, I cannot undertake either to attempt to sell them or to buy them myself. While I frequently distribute literature gratuitously, this pamphlet is too long for general use. I will give them away as I have opportunity, if you wish me to do so; or I will take them to the post-office, so that you can send and have them returned to you.

I will await instructions for ten days; but after that time I can not undertake even to preserve them for you, as I am overburdened with literature for which I have little room to give.

Respectfully, Laura Clay

Kentucky Equal Rights Association

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

189 N. Mill Street, Lexington, Ky.

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Mrs. H. B. Chenault,

Versailles, Ky.

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I ~~am in hopes~~ expect ~~to~~ have~~ing~~ a young organizer of the National, with me about the middle of January, She is Miss Penfield, of Texas. I understand she is a very pleasant speaker; and I wish to take her into all the town surrounding Lexington, and have her hold parlor meetings, and organize E. R. A. clubs. I ~~want~~ hope you ~~and Mrs. Bowman to~~ will assist in ~~Versailles~~ Georgetown, when the time comes.

I am living in my little flat, and when you and Mrs Bowman come to Lexington, I shall be so glad to have you come to see me. G

Mrs Burnam says she agrees with me in thinking this an excellent idea.

Sunday 12/1/08

Dear Jennie

Jem hogs 4 or 30 t. mighty brought $107,77 to your credit in bank. Henary says your shoats might about 90 lbs or than 25. that your pigs will be too small to run after the cattle, but it seems to me that they will be large enough if any size never. I shall have more do so than are here now. They all crack corn now and have nearly grown 5 months to grow. Mr Hagues will buy your, and I think I'll sell my seven left over of the fattening pen as I now have 37 pigs that will weigh forty or fifty lbs. and will have a lot more in Feb. or march. Jem had deposited $107,77 to my credit for your shoats Nov. 30. Gen Tarlton sent $22,50 for your Sallie and Annie I'll enclose you a chk if your rent is sent over, said he expected to see something of you this month as his office is in the State House square or yard. I see Mr Gremmell is clerk of the Senate again and Mr Alderson formerly from here is a member of the House. I suggest that if they have the taxation amendement brought up that we ask that since women own property in a large proportion with the men of the state that therefore in any amendement to the laws that women owning taxable property of land or other properties shall have a right to vote on the raising of such taxes. Let that be one

I think it a good idea that each of the ladies write a short account of what we are doing

suffrage work rather than presidential. This is in a line of thought now in our state and there is a possibility of our attaining this, whereas a full suffrage on other lines with the Senatorial race will I think be a failure; let us put all our efforts together to get this in the Legislature's bill. I believe Gilchrist and Burnam both would help us on this line. Burnam might take it up in the Senate. Let me hear at once what you think; and I'll talk to Mrs B. and Miss Frances and get them to talk to the Senator, as Cor committee. I think could make this change in the work seeing there is an unsuspected opening for it, in lieu of the Pres. Suffrage. I'll speak to Mrs Roark. I have just presented my suggestion that we make an effort to have included in the Legislature's amendment a clause "conferring the ballot upon tax paying women" since the state has given married women their property, it has no longer the representation of the husband, so that all the property of married women is totally without representation under the present tax laws." Mrs Roark and Mrs Benson heartily agree with me in this idea; and I'll talk with Mrs Leander Burnam as to the probability of his introducing the amendment in the Senate, and ask him whom he thinks would be a good man in the House. I think Mr Cornell would help us in the Senate too, and is a Democrat. I was appointed by the temperance conference of the county to help draft the resolutions to the

that were passed, and asked to go with as one of the committee for