Lexington, Ky. Jan. 16, 1909.

My dear Mrs. Miller,

Since I saw you last June at the Federation of Woman's Club Convention I have been wishing to write to you and ask you to re-organize the Equal Rights Association in Paducah. The E. R. A. convention of 1907 and 1908 recommended to the locals to receive members on the basis of signing enrollment cords, of which I send you a sample and a description of how they are to be used. Several of our locals have tried them for a year and all which have tried them are delighted with them. The advantages are that when one has once found a member it is a life membership instead of being dependant upon the diligence of the treasurer in follecting dues from year to year. For it is perfectly certain that a man or woman who believes in equal suffragand signes the eard is not likely to change in belief and recall the card

The National American Toman Suffrage Association is circulating a Petition to Congress to submit a constitutional amendment to enable womer to vote. The Kentucky F. R. A. is going to do its share of the work. The International President, Mrs. C. C. Catt suggests that the suffragists invite the co-operation of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and other associations which have endorsed woman suffrage. The Ventucky E. R. A. is following this suggestion and expects to receive much valuable aid, especially from the W. C. T. U. We want the Petition circulated in every county and we prefer to have the leadership in the circulation take by our suffrage women, and let them invite the co-operation of the W. C.

Efan 16, 1909j 2. W. C. T. U. and other organizations in their county. I am therefore writing to you and asking you what you can do to have the Petition circulated in Paducah and McCrackon Co. I am enclosing a Petition with full instructions. I wish you would answer as promptly as possible and let me know what you can do both about the re-organizing of the Taducah T. R. A. and circulating the Petition. I am, Very cordially yours, President. My. E. R. A. Dict.

Lexington, Ky. Jan. 16, 1909. Miss Emma Hast, Louisville, Ky. Dear Miss Hast, I have now prepared an explanation of the card enrollment membership plan. I have not yet had it printed, but I have it type written and enclose a copy of it. It would require a vote of your local E. R. A. to adopt this plan; for the State H. R. A. has the right only to recommend it. From what Mrs. White and Mrs. Nield said at the convention Lunderstand that the Louisville E. R. A. had not adopted the plan. The Richmond and Lexington associations have adopted it and make no distinctions among its members but have all of them to sign the card. In the Covington and Newport associations I believe they combine their former basis of membership and the card enrollment membership. This might suit Louisville better than to adopt it exclusively. I enclose you now a few of the eards as samples. If your club should adopt it you can send for as many as you need either to me or Mrs. Roebuck. You will observe that I have cut out a passageon the sheet some extracts from the annual report of the Kentucky E. R. A. for 1903. Under another cover I send you the minutes of that year so that you may see the entire report. I should be glad to hear what your E. R. A. votes about this plan. Very truly yours, Dict.

Lexington, Ky. Jan. 16, 1909.

My dear Miss Avetall

Vention had no report of any sort from Frankfort. Last year we had the dues from General Fayette Hawett whose death I greatly regret. Miss Mary E. Harrison has just joined the Fayette E. R. A. and I know that you have lost the Burnam family by removal, of course you feel that the membership is very much weakened by these losses; but still I know there are many good suffragists in Frankfort who might be doing much to build up sentimen in Mentucky, if only they were organized. At the last two conventions of the State F. R. A. a plan of receiving members on the basis of signing an enrollment card was recommended. The advantage of it is its great simplicity and the fact that when a member has once signed the card it is really a life membership, and does not depend upon the diligence of a treasurer in collecting the dues from year to year. I make a very earnost request that you will use these cards at least to the extent of having all the members on your old list to sign them.

I am enclosing some samples of the card and a full description of its use. I will furnish all the cards you may need on application.

Please let me hear from you at your very earliest convenience,

Very cordially yours,

My dear him Clay: Your letter received yesterday. I am glad to get the explanation of the enrolled mumbers for the vainutes. I have been working at them and will soon have them finished! The Campbell lev. E. R. a. has not over es six or seven working members w I am afraid me could not get over 500 signatures, but me will do our best to get that many. Please

Shepard is ill, as I have written to her twice since New Year and present our answer. I am going over to see her in a kay or two if I do not hear.

I am pleased that his Fenfald is not coming until march, as that will give no time to work.

Adid you know that the men of the come of the range ascount of it we one of the papers the other day. A him Oliver Stewart,

a lawyer, was the organizer. They had 30 members the first night of expect to do very active work for municiple and full suffrage. They are auxilliary to the Illinois Equal Right asith. I think that is real good new and ought to encourage us all with send you the 1000 wordlment cards to day.

Very Sincerely, Equal of Robuck.

[Jau 18, 1909] SUPERINTENDENTS OFFICERS LEGISLATIVE
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MRS. AGNES RICHMOND SULLIVAN, GALESBURG TRADES LAND COUNCIL 127 The high duty which you and I owe to a great cause, requires me to write this letter, and will, I am sure, impel you to a careful reading of it. Nothing less than the right and the justice of equal suffrage for women would have kept this cause alive despite the opposition and indifference which it has encountered. Happily the dawn of a better day is at hand. Enlightenment is dispelling prejudice. Indifference is yielding to knowledge. Advances are being made all along the line. I have not space to relate how in ours and other lands this movement is sweeping forward. My great desire, which I trust you share, is that Illinois may be in the forefront of this advance. So it becomes my duty, as the President of the Illinois Equal Suffrage Association, to ask - even to urge - that the claims of this organization and the merits of its cause be not overlooked at this season when people are deciding what philanthropies and good movements they will assist. It is scarcely conceivable that once having had his attention directed to a question of human rights, justice and liberty, one could turn a deaf ear or be unwilling to help to the greatest extent possible. That is why I ask you to examine carefully the little book herewith enclosed. Having done this, please to indicate the extent to which you are willing to help in our great struggle, and return the book to me. Give as generously as you can, but do not withhold the small contribution if you cannot make one as large as you desire. If by any unhappy chance you feel that you can give nothing, I am sure that you will at least promptly return the book in order that I may send it out again. If for the moment, there comes to you any suggestion of hardship or sacrifice in receiving such letters, think what it must mean to us whom duty calls to send them. Everything worth having comes by way of self denial, labor and sacrifice. Believing that you will do the best you can and do it promptly, I am, Most cordially yours, Ella S. Stewart O.S. It is but fair to say that the officers of this organization serve without Jay.

Chicago, Jan. 18, 1809. Mrs. Laura Clay, 189 North Mill Street, Lexington, Kentucky, My dear Mrs. Clay: -I believe it is a part of neighborly ethics for the Royal hiffrage Association to send on any suggestions or mothods which we lave found specessful, so I am taking the liberty of enclosing to you a solv of the little book and letter which I sent out as my annual appeal for funds to support the Illinois Equal Suffrage Association.

When I started this four years ago, there were only a half I dozen or so resular contributors who could be counted upon to give anything to the association, consequently they had almost nothing towork with. I have gradually increased my list until new I have quite a espectable number and each year brings in more, I sent out a thousand of these the 6th of January. The first tailed brought back far more than enough in each to cover the entire expense of printing and postage; so you say that it pays from the first dante. Every day since has brought in each and pladees.

February 1st I expect to send the books which have been esturned out again to another list, I use lists of teachers, would be a supplied to a supplied of miscallengers lists to the first that he toctors, club lists, and all sorts of miscellaneous lists that I think light contain some suffragists. I am constantly reaching people I have lever heard of before in this way. I believe that it could be successfully worked in any state which does not have a better plan. Let me know if you have something imilar or something better. Cella S. Stewart

OFFICE OF C. H. HUBBARD, Hickman, Ky., Jan 18 1909 HICKMAN, KY. Mil Farra Elay Tescington R My Dear Friesd I received your favour Sureal-days a go to hisita ted in my riply. Then laid it be fore my son, who decided I had but not under take any thing this winter I had Merrous prastation following Mamas death last fall was in the infumary all winter to a bad case of dagrip in March time par a setura, It Sprin t may thele do it will do my list then . I you can send me Some leaflets. I am de anxious h- take up my work luil

[Jau 18, 1909] have to be patient Fish I could have bun with you last consention But it was impassible your Sonergly S. Mr. Hubbard

Lexington Ky. Jan. 18, 1909.

Marlow, Okla. My.dear Mrs. Biggers,

Mrs. Hate H. Biggers,

I received your letter this morning of Jan. the 14th just is I had finished answering one from Mrs. Boyer of the same date. I wrote to her that it would be impossible for me to come to Oklahoma, and I urged her at some length to try to show the Democrats that they could gain a partizan advantage by championing equal suffrage.

I asked her to say to you how much I admired your firm stand in holding bravely the position Oklahoma women are taking in this campaign before the Legislature. It is such an officer as you that we need in every state. I shall await with deep interest the result of your hearing.

Whichever way it may turn out I shall feel that the work has been placed in good hands and that they have done all that could be accomplished. I am deep in work in Kentucky's share in circulating the big Petition.

I notice that the Remonstrants are busy in Oklahoma, but I really think their little paper will do us no harm if you take a little pains to answer it with tact. I imagine it would be well to use it as an argument that others besides the suffragists see that woman suffrage sentiment is advancing rapidly. I do not think any sensible man will really believe that such a state of argument as they bring forward will stay the tide which is sweeping over all the countries which have a constitutional government.

When the fate of your hearing is decided do write me one little line to let me know what has happened. I shall await it with anxiety.

Lexington Ky. Jan. 18, 1909. Mrs. Mary B. McConnell, Arlington, Ky., My dear Mrs. McConnell, It has been a very long time since we exchanged letters, but I feel confident in your permanent interest in equal suffrage, so I am writing to ask you to help in the big Petition which the Mational Suffrage Association has started and in which the Kentucky E. R. A. is doing its share to help. I am enclosing amenof the Petitions and full instructions withe relation to them on a printed slip, and I would like to hear from you if you can do anything in helping to circulate it. We want to keep the signatures from each county separate. Perhaps you can send the blanks to some other places in Carlisle Co. besides Arlington. Of course if you can I will be very glad to have you do so. Very sincerely yours, Dict.

Lexington, Ky, Jan. 18, 1909. Mrs. Sarah A. Corrington. Nicholasville. Ky. My dear Mrs. Corrington. It has been a long time since I heard from you, but I am counting upon your still being interested in the equal suffrage cause. The National American Woman Suffrage Association is undertaking to get a million signatures to a Petition to Congress for an amendment to the National Constitution which will enable women to vote. The Kentucky E. R. A. has undertaken to do its share of the work and we are inviting the co-operation of the W. C. T. U. and other associations which have endorsed equal suffrage. I expect a great deal of help from the W. C. T. . since it has always worked fraternally with the Kentucky E. R. A., and Mrs. Frances B. Beauchamp heartily endorses the Detition. I am writing to ask if you will undertake to circulate the Petition in Nicholasville and Jessamine Co. with the assistance of our suffragists and the W. C. T. U. Mrs. C. C. Catt, President of the International Woman Suffrage Association has this Petition in charge; and she thinks we might get the signatures of about ten per cent of the adult people of the county. In that case the quota of Jessavine Co. would be about 500 names. While it may not be possible to obtain so many signatures we yet hope to obtain an encouraging number from Jessamine Co. I enclose a letition which you observe is printed on particularly strong paper. Mrs. Catt desires that this paper shall be used altogether; and therefore the blanks will be supplied by me free of cost in any desired number. In order that the best results possible shall be obtained from

My dear Miss Hauser:-

I am under obligations to you for an opportunity of reading the brief you sent me. It shows a great deal of industry and careful research among the archives. As to how many copies of it yours could use, you will of course have to consider that.

The nature of the brief is such that not laymen but lawyers would be the ones most likely to care to read it, and of those lawyers, those who are specially interested in suffrage, as to this particular phase of the question.

I think your estimate of one thousand copies would be sufficient to meet the demand. Yes, the expense of printing the document would be a great deal, and doubtless you are equally aghast at the thought of the proof reading. The author herself should read the proof. Slight changes of punctuation or wording, which entirely alter the sense, might easily escape the layman's eye. The author herself can only be sure of absolute accuracy, as to each book and page, when she is responsible for the proof reading. The stenographer has evidently made seme errors of spelling and wording in the copy you sent me. In a few cases one word is substituted for another much similar in sound, but different in meaning, and in some citations the name of the case is omitted, and in others the book and page. These inaccuracies you would want attended to of course.

As to the length of the brief, - perhaps the expense might be lessened somewhat, if the author instead of quoting so largely from certain pages, would give only the essential points involved. For example, under the heading "Women are Eligit -ble to all the professions", on pages 34 and 35, are quotations which might be covered by some statement as brief as this: In the case of Bradwell v State of Illinois, 16 Well U.S.141, Mrs.

Bradwell appealed from the decision of the Illinois court refusing her admission to the bar, and Justice Bradley, in his
opinion sustaining the Illinois court, held that a woman's
United States Citizenship did not confer on her the right to
practice a prefession; that this was not one of the "fundamental
privileges and immunities." Later a statute was passed admitting women on the same terms as men. The same Justice, however,
in the same month in a Slaughter House case, 16 Wall., held concerming the case of a man, that "for the preservation, exercise
and enjoyment of these rights relating to labor and property the
individual citizen must be left free to adopt such calling, profession or trade as may seem to him most conducive to that end,
and that without these rights he could not be a free man."
This covers about one-tenth the space devoted to it in the paper.

If in all the long quotations, - a single paragraph only, or the salient point, should be quoted, the readers could more easily understand the point to be made. Even in a brief prepared for the reading of learned judges in an intricate law case, such long quotations are not generally desirable.

care for, but I must not omit to call your attention to one other point. The brief should carefully discriminate in its wording between "legal rights" and "moral rights", as for example on page 33, "Women are eligible to any office under the Government", "Women are eligible as Jurors", "Women are entitled to be tried by a Jury of their Peers". These statements are doubtless morally right, but the courts have not decided that women have these rightsx legal rights.

The closing recommendations of the brief could probably be emitted, as they are not properly a part of it, and be100 C 5 00 00

cause the National body, itself, would not approve every one of them.

Probably there has been a page omitted from the end, as it seems to close abruptly.

If the Society has ordered you to print this, I suppose you must do it, but it occurs to me that the main contention of this brief is so much in line with the chief policy of the Pederal Woman Suffrage Association that perhaps that society would be more anxious to publish and distribute it than are you. However, no twithstanding the Pederal Society's chief interest in this, our own organization always is glad to have anyone work for the cause along any helpful line, and the careful research made by this lawyer ought in some way to be utilized for our good.

When the paper is printed, I should be glad to see a copy.

Yours truly

(Signed)

Catharine Waugh McCulloch





Dear Comrades :-

The Socialist Party stands unequivocally for woman's suffrage. The last national convention, as well as the recent state convention, adopted resolutions clear and emphatic on the subject.

At the last meeting of the National Executive Committee, held at Chicago on Dec. 18, 19, and 20, 1908, they

passed the following:

"That we recommend to all locals of the Socialist Party, to set aside the last Sunday in February, 1909, for the purpose of a demonstration in favor of woman's suffrage." Adopted. MOTION.

"Whereas, the first day of May has been set apart by the International Socialist and Labor movement as a day for demonstration and agitation in favor of a shorter work day, and

"Whereas, in the course of time this day has come to stand as a general International holiday of the Socialist Labor movement, and particularly as a day against restricted suffrage, therefore be it

"RESOLVED, that we recommend that all locals of the Socialist Party make the subject of woman's suffrage and restricted suffrage a part of the program for the May Day celebration." Adopted.

MOTION. "That the National Secretary be instructed to send a circular letter to all locals in due time calling attention

to these resolutions." Adopted.

The legislature of Oklahoma is now in session and a bill has been introduced to submit for referendum to the voters of the state an amendment to the State Constitution which shall enable women to vote on equal terms with men. The Woman's Suffrage Association is making a valiant fight against heavy odds for the passage of this bill and are circulating petitions to the legislature in support of the measure.

Every additional sheet of signatures to the petition will increase the chances for favorable consideration of the measure by the Legislature. I am enclosing several blank petitions and trust that you will be able to secure a

large number of signers in your vicinity.

Our state organization has declared against the organization officially petitioning an old party legislature but with the understanding that the individual members are at liberty to sign and circulate petitions for anything they desire, not in conflict with our party principles.

Considering the action of our last convention I feel that it is proper and very desirable for our members, as individuals, to circulate these petitions and do all in their power to assist the Woman's Suffrage Association in

securing the passage of this measure.

Remember that this is a non-partisan measure and that the signatures secured should be without regard to party affiliations. In fact the more democratic and republican signatures you can secure, the more weight the petition will have. Also do not fail to secure the signatures of as many women as possible, a house to house canvass will result in securing as many women signers as men, and make a more impressive petition.

The committee to which this bill has been referred has set Feb. 2nd, as a day for hearing argument in its

favor and the Woman's Suffrage Association desires to present this petition at that time.

Please secure all the signatures, of both sexes and all political parties that you can to these petitions before the 30th of this month and forward them to Mrs. Ida Porter Boyer, Ione Hotel, Guthrie, Okla. If the legislature can be prevailed upon to submit this measure to the people it will have a great deal better chance of being adopted them if it is initiated as a parties.

ed than if it is initiated as a partisan measure by our organization.

If it is initiated by the Legislature it will come, to a certain extent, as a non-partisan measure and will accordingly receive more support from members of the old parties than if it was initiated directly by us. Also the number of votes required to adopt a measure initiated by the Legislature is a majority of all votes cast for and against the measure, while the number required to adopt a measure initiated by the people is a majority of all the votes cast in the general election. This is a rank discrimination and injustice on the part of the Constitutional Convention which makes the initiative by the people practically useless and makes the initiation of amendments by the Legislature the only method by which they have a reasonable chance of being adopted. Do not send these petitions to me but send direct to Mrs. Boyer at Guthrie. Wishing you success in your efforts to assist the passage of this bill and thereby approach more nearly the socialist ideal of a full and unrestricted suffrage, I am,

Fraternally yours,

O. F. BRANSTETTER.

N. B.—To be of the most benefit these petitions must reach Guthrie not later than the first of February, although they will be of use if received after that date. In soliciting signatures from old party members call their attention to the fact that all that is asked of the Legislature is that they will submit the question to a vote of the people. "Let the people Rule."



Lexington, Ky. Jan. 19, 1909.

Mrs. Hmma M. Roebuck,

Newport, Ky.

My dear Mrs. Roebuck,

I was glad to get your letter of Jan. 17, and I am sending at once twenty five of the Petition blanks.

The Fayette E. R. A. appointed a committee to perfect our arrangement for canvassing the city. Dr. Mary C. McClellan has districted the city, assigning certain streets to certain canvassers and also assigning certain large business houses with many offices to one person. We have not yet acceptance of those whom we wish to be canvassers and it may be some of them will decline. We intend to ask those who will do some work, but all we ask to circulate the Petition only among the persons who live in their disignated territory, for we think it is important to take this precausion in order to prevent the same person from being asked more than once to sig the Petition. I mention this because it may not have occurred to you that this case might arise and be disagreeable to the person asked to sign and discouraging to the canvassers. We are going to try to get the proffessor and teachers in each of our colleges and seminaries to sign, placing the signatures of each institution on a separate sheet.

I met a printer yesterday, the husband of one of our members, and he promised me to have a resolution passed in his Typographical Union. I am much gratified at this and I intend to investigate to see if there are not more Unions in the city which I can get to do the same thing. It occurs t me here is an opportunity for even larger work in Newport than we have in

Botton Dan 20. 1909 Vear Mus Clay I enclose what you may Convider a very wild and quite unpractical scheme, which has been impressed upon me by the apparent need of some new method their share in the government of have mailed a similar letter to

Miss Gordon. I Should be glad to have you try an appeal to the Ry legislature for a frint resolution enabling women to ook for Prendental Electors. But you know better than I I can mail circulars de to any or all your legislators of you want them

## The Woman's Journal

No. 3 Park Street, Room 16 6 Beacon St., Room 1018.

Boston, Mass., Jan 20 190 9 (Dear Mess Colay There is one consideration which, in my mind, has great weight in urging a concerted effort to secure authorizing female cutisens to Lake part in the "appoint"ment" of the Presidential Electors "on the Same terms, qualifications, limitations, and restrictions as are imposed on male citizens, under power expressly conferred upon each State Legeslature by art 2 feation 1. Par 2, of the Of O Constitution, as defined by Chief Justice Huller, ( himself a Southerner in the Michigan case The effect practically of such a resolution would be Utal white coomen would very generally vote, while coloned women ulmost ineversally would not. The Caryely in creased votes thereby brought out, both male and flemale, would greatly encourage and strongthen The Dimerate party throughout the North, especially in the West, where the voting of women has a strong field on the active and progressive elements of the populations The Democratic party, still holding the sold Soults, would thus regain national power by a practical union of the South and West\_the very same union which governed the country from the days of Jefferson to those of Lincolno Now as to the method of bringing this about. I would have two or three level- headed Southern women make their home in Washington during the coming Spring and early summer, avoiding all unnecessary Southern Servator and Representative, asking him to tart a movement for Prendental woman suffreye

in his own state from passege of a jornet resolutions using the urgument that this would result in putting the South, for the first time since the war on the line of political progress and larger popular Ciberty, and would thereby, aided by the overwhelming Sympalty and votes of the women of the South and of the Country, relieve ses from the present control of the hydra- headed manufacturing and commercial morrepoles which are of the ting offressing the pesses In order to carry out this program, it would be absolutely neces sary to refrain from limiting the Presidented outfrage by the tese of the word "so hite; white you would accomplish your object by adding the word " limitations" or hestrictions, or both, attached to the words terms und qualifications. In other words for would forego the shadow, but retain the Substance of white supremary. Day yerreself, Kato Gordon, and clers Tomerville of Missesseppi, or Misselladox, attorney at Ever of Maryland, working quelty, first at Washington, later in such States as offer the most encouraging openings, would checkmate the conservative antis, brook down our present modern federalism, and restore the States rights de mocray or a new party to national control. It is an audaciones soheme, but not necessarily a chimerical one. It is only udopting Meraboans maxim! L'audure, L'andace, toujours l'andace!" yours for equal nights, By arging the National Suffrage ove what somer or later get a National party for W.S.

## Office Presidential Woman Suffrage Committee

6 Beacon Street, Room 1018

Boston, Mass., Dec. 3/, 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.

(Copy Telegrams)

Ljan 27,19097 Pierre, S. D., Jan. 21, 1909.

Tax paying suffrage passed Senate overwhelming majority. Shall work for it in House?

(Signed) Laura Gregg.

Swarthmore, Pa., Jan. 21, 1909.

Miss Laura Gregg, Care Woman Suffrage Society, Pierre, S. D.

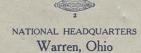
National cannot touch tax paying suffrage, but of course State perfectly free.

(Signed) Rachel Foster Avery.

## National American Woman Suffrage Association

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January 21, 1909.

My dear Miss clay: -

Read the enclosed note-head and reconcile yourself, if you can, to the fact of Mrs. Avery and Miss Shaw allowing their names to appear with Miss Hay's as an official representative of the National Association. I thought that we had virtually agreed that we would rebuke Miss Hay and all of her lying propensities by officially ignoring her.

I have just expressed my opinion to Miss Shaw, and in no ummeasured terms. I had a letter from her last week declaring for the necessity of the State, the National, and Mrs. Blatch's work co-operating, to show this woman in her true light, and then to come out with a National note-head bearing the National officers' names seems such a direct contradiction.

When I think of the pettiness of Mrs. Avery- not being willing to give some literature to the Interurban beacuse Miss Hay was the secretary or something else in the Association and figured in their headquarters, and then for her to allow her name to appear on the same paper with Miss way's passes my ken. I am going to write my opinion of it in am letter to the Business Committee, for I do not believe in recognizing Miss way officially at all. We have had enough of that

woman to last us for all time and eternity.

You will be glad to know that I am going to Oklahoma. They have postponed the date for the 2nd. I do not know whether any good will result from the long and fatiguing trip, which I dread in a way beyond words can express. But I am not going to allow a lot of ignorant politicians to be the sole judges of whether Southern women want the ballot or not. If I were there this morning and had gotten this note-head, I could be magnificently eloquent. I am so mad I am willing to say anything. Cordially,

Lexington, Ky. Jan. 21, 1909

Mrs. Lida C. Obenchain,

Bowling Green, Ky.,

My dear Mrs. Obenchain,

and this morning I sent you some more blank Petitions. In this letter I am enclosing some of our membership cards and an outline of how we use them. Thile you are feeling so worn out I do not think you ought to exert yourself to try to get any new members, however I would ask all the members who now belong to sign the cards. You see the great advantage is that a signer is a life member and we have the influence of numbers all the time whether the dues are collected or not. Richmond, Fayette and Newport have made a great success with these cards.

I wotenat you say about the press work burdening you at this time. If I can help you by taking the press work for the winter and early spring I shall be glad to do so, as I now have some one to help me with the clerical work and expect to have while this retition is on hand. If you feel that it would be a relief just let me know and with a little advice about your lists and how you proceed.

At one time my state of health was very much what yours seems to be now so I can sympathize with you very understandingly. You must not imagine that you are worn out by any means; your best years for brain work are still before you; but I certainly would advise you to get what mechanical help you can in doing your writing. I have found my type-writer a great relief from writing by hand; yet even with that assistance

2. I find I am not able to use it myself constantly. You ought to have someone to do your writing for you. It is very disagreeable to find oneself unable to do what one could when one was younger, but that is a vast deal better than to feel discouraged about working at all. I should like very much to meet your son and I hope I shall do so. I shall look at your new book with great interest, you have never told me what the title is, when the Always expanily yours, s, Dict.

Lexington, Ky. Jan. 21, 1909. Mrs. Mary L. C. Chism, Tompkinsville, My. Dear Hadam, Your postal of the 19nth is just at hand, and I take pleasure in sending a number of blank petitions under one cover and a selection of leaflets under another. I thank you very much for undertaking to circulate the Petition for T believe a large number of signatures to it will be beneficial to both the causes that we are interested in. There is nothing the liquor interest, so much dreads as the ballot in the hand: of women. I shall be very glad to supply just as much literature as you can distribute to adventage. Ittle with the difficult to decide what is best sampted for our readers, therefore in what, I send under another cover, I have made a choice of four, but I am sonding you some samples of other leaflets which I think are good and I shall be pleased if you will drop me a line and let me know which ones you like and then I can supply them in the quanity you wish. I am, Very sincerely yours, Dict. 45 each of Why Women cto Dr. Thomas Woman Enderselo

Burling Guew Sty Jew 22 nd 1909 Deevo Mrs Obenchain as for know we held our W. C. J. M. meeting Jesterdez afternoon. He few ladies from were not in sympathy with the movement: and as the myself. I am not fully ferrueeled the. him is rife in the Lanth land fue this impartant movement. Aher J'mo redisfiele it is Coming rooner, ar later. but believe the question will have, first the be agitated, then the feafle educa led a long this line. Da, as itis imparrial far me the de cay thing with the felilion, cet juir request return it the Jour Sincerely yours mary. Mr. miletell.

Lexington, Ky. Jan. 22, 1909. Mrs. Ella S. Stewart. Chicago, Ill., My dear Mrs. Stewart. I have received your letter of Jan. 18th with inclosures for which I thank you very much. Your plan impresses me very favorably indeed. I re-inclose your little book with signatures in it and would be very glad if you could send me a blank one for future reference. I have never used any systematic method of asking for larger contributions that the annual dues. Except by an appeal for free will offerings at the annual conventions. For many years my attention has more especially been turned to an increase of membership, because we are met so constantly with the objection that few women want suffrage and because until our friends are organized their influence cannot be used effectively to forward our cause. You heard what I said, in the Increase of Membership Conference at Buffalo, about Kentucky's new plan, the card enrollment membership. After a years experience at least three of our local associations believe it to be a great success. We have materially increased our membership though as dues are not obligatory. I am not in a possition to say that we have increased our annual income. At first sight it might appear that we are even in danger of losing some of the annual dues by the fact of members contenting themselves with merely signing the cards. I do not think this will be the case because if we once get a person to sign a card he or she will all ways be more interested in the cause than before. I enclose a newsletter which fully explains the plan and in the

paragraph marked "5" I see where your plan can be worked in very effectively; for a little Call like yours might be sent to each of the enrolled members. I am so pleased with this experiment of ours that I recommend you to give it attention. I would not advise you to adopt it for the State without experimenting awhile yourself. You might try it in the local club. to which you belong and if you like it you could then recommend it to your State convention.

Thanking you very much for your helpful suggestion, I am Very cordially yours,

Lexington, My. Jan. 23, 1909. Miss Marie Phillips. Lexington, My., . Dear Miss Phillips, Last evening I saw Professor Loos for a few minutes and he tells he that you are quite interested in the subject of equal suffrage for women. Of course I was very glad to hear it and I said to him that I would at once write to invite you to our equal rights meetings. He gave me your address and I take pleasure in saying that our next meeting will be on Friday Jan. 29th at three o'clock in the Woman's Club room in the Blk's Building on North Broadway. You are very cordially invited to come yourself and to bring friends with you. There will be a pleasant program which you will see next week in the newspapers I enclose some leaflets in which I think you may be interested. Hoping to see you next Friday afternoon, I am Very truly yours. Diet.

Ahland, Ty Jan 25th 1909 Dear Miss Clay The workenen are about through but it will take me probably a week longer to get my house in order, Carpets are not down pictures not hung, and many things in atwork confusions, and come where you letter has hedden itself away, as I write again for any auggestions which you can five about

getting segnatures to the petition. The had a meeting bednesday and all agreed to do what we could but did not promise to make a house to house canvass. I do not see how? Can do it; but I are no other way to get very many names. What are you doing? I know that there are a preat many who would segu The petition if asked, and I am physically strong enough to canvais The whole town if I really felt thatme ought to do it; I mean if the weather continues fairly good. I have not written on for the felitions but I can copy the one in Progress which I thuis is the same as the one in your letter, and I am going to do that today, and send one to each lady member of the Ashland association. and will also write to Mrs. batt, althe address there given for more if she has them for distribution, especially ifthey differ in any way from the

one- given there. He are to have a meeting Feb 15th and want to hand in our petitions there. I hope that you are not too busy to give us a few suggestions, I have the enrollment cards and leaflets & dutrebute as we go, but how to go is the question. Jours truly - Laurce R. White

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Chicago, Jan. 25, 1909.

Miss Laura Clay,

Lexington, Kentucky.

My dear Miss Clay: --

I have your letter of Jan. 22nd. I am glad that you like our little finance plan. I forgot to say in the note which I sent with the book that these three or four names were secured in advance and written in all of the books that were sent out, so I have no blank book. Only the one which I sent to you in the first place. I enclose a book herewith which you need not return, as, of course, these pledges have been copied into our books. I never send the book out entirely blank. I have these names written in so that no one is asked to start a book. It is much easier for people to follow another you know.

Our State conventions are not large enough to enable us to get subscriptions there. They are always very small and attended only by officers and a few delegates who always give all that they can.

I am interested in your enrollment membership also, and have thought quite a little along that line and have wondered if some plan could be devised for an associate membership which would be a 10¢ enrollment. A card might be prepared with a hole large enough for a dime and then when the name is secured the dime might be pasted in. Of course this would not permit our sending on dues for these members to the National, and for that reason it might

E Jan 25, 1909-OFFICERS SUPERINTENDENTS PRESIDENT LEGISLATIVE MRS. CATHARINE WAUGH MCCULLOCH EVANSTON MRS. ELLA S. STEWART, 5464 JEFFERSON AVE., CHICAGO **Illinois** 1ST VICE-PRESIDENT DR. ANNA E. BLOUNT, OAK PARK PRESS
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Lexington, My. Jan. 26, 1909.

My dear Mrs. White,

at once, hoping that the Petition blanks I send will have you the trouble of preparing others. The Petition committee of the Fayette E. R. A. districted the town pretty thoroughly, appointed certain streets of blocks for the workers, and certain buildings shere there are many employees for one person to visit. Some of those whom we hoped to canvass will probably not do the work thoroughly but we must accept what we can get. In order to avoid the same person being asked several times we request cenvassers, who think they can canvass thoroughly, not to go out of their appointed districts.

Except these one or two suggestions I do not know that I have any to make which are not contained in the white slips of which I send you some

think this Petition will entail a great deal of labor. I am urging our to Petition an opportunity for greatly enlarging our membership by the enrollment card system. We have really just begun to work on that in Lexington and we think we are going to greatly increase our numbers. The method by which I have found to found get in members, is at our meetings to ask all those who will agree to ask some wone to join to rise; the secretary takes down the names and at the next meeting an enquiry is made as to what success they had. Please notice that no one promises to secure a member, but merely to ask at least one person to become a member.

Dexington, Ky. Jan. 28, 1909.

Irs. Ella S. Stewart,
Chicago, Ill.,
Dy dear Irs. Stevart.

I thank you for your letter of Jan. 25th with the little Call enchosed. I note what you say about an associate membership with a ten cent membership fee! By objection to an obligatory fee of any sort is that it is very hard in collecting, very few tresurers are willing to undergo the fattigee of yearly gathering the dues. The idea with our Tentucky card is that we will so greatly enlarge our membership that we are protty sure to inlist for the first time the interest of chough persons who will give free will offerings to make up for any loss of membership dues that we light incur. Your own finance plan indicates that you have found membership dues are not sufficient for the expenses of the association. Some of our locals make a difference between paying members and those who simply sign the card, but those which are most successful with the plan make he division at all, they have the dues shaving members sign the card as well as those who do not pay ones, and then when time for collecting dues comes we ask everybody to pay something those who choose pay only the dues, some pay something less than the dues, some pay nothing and some pay a good deal more than dues.

It is our hope and expectation that each local will see that it raises funds enough to pay state and National dues for every one of its members. It is made a club duty rather than an individual duty to pay the dues you see. That is the reason I suggested your experimenting one

2. year in one local before you recommend it to the state at large. Just at present I am the tresurer for my home club. We have paid Watterfait dues For one hundred and twenty Kive, members, hut wo shall not be able to pay State dues for more than eighty five. It is our idea that we will always pay to the National the due for every enrolled member. This will give to the Estional the benefit of the influence of numbers, and as we have always mise donations to the rational out of which we intend in the future to pay any accept National dues, neither the National now the State locses anueyoney. I had fully is not to work up this enrollment membership very thorough ly this winter; but as you probably lave roard from Miss Show she has asked me to go to Arizona; and as there seems to be an emergency there I am putting saide my own work and expect to short to norrow night, aturday n ·Vishing you all success, I am Werr sincerely yours,

Lexington, Ky.

Jan. 28th, 1909.

Dear Mrs. Munds,

I trust you received my telegram promptly; and have also received my postal card, which I wrote down street as soon as I had decided on the dayal should start and my route. As no doubt Miss Shaw has written to you. from various circumstances all the organizers our N.A. S.A. Board planned to send to your aid were prevented from going. Under these difficulties it seemed best to Hiss Shaw to ask me to go; and I assure you that while I may not be as useful as some others might have been, none would have had a more earnest desire to help, and a greater interest in the success of the Suffrage movement in Arizona. I shall throw myself heartily into any plans you have made for organizing and holding a convention. I shall go straight to Prescott and confer with you. I hope it will be possible for you to accompany me when it is necessary to go to Phoenix; for while I have had a long experience in working in legislatures they have usually been in my own state where I had acquaintances among them; and where I knew all the local circumstances. But all these things I hope we shall have opportunity to consider when I reach Prescott. I leave here on Saturday monning, going via St. Louis and Hensas City, whence I shall take the Santa Fe route, and am scheduled to arrive in Prescott on Tednesday morning, Febr. 3rd, at about 10.30 in the morning.

Trusting soon to see you, I am Very truly yours,

Lexington, My. Jan. 29, 1909.

Dear Tember of the Executive Committee.

You will be surprised to learn that I am going to-morrow to Arizona for several weeks. You know that Arizona and New Mexico probably will be admitted as states this winter or by the next Congress. The Legislature of Arizona is in session this winter, and the suffragists there think it is of great importance to get some legislative action on woman suffrage so that the territory will some in as a suffrage state. The N. A. W. S. A. Official Board has been making an effort to send them organizers over since we realized that Arizona would become a state. But Miss Chase fell sick, Dr. Yoods has ceased to organize, Mrs. Bradford is elected to an office, etc etc, with the result that there was no one to go.

A fre lunds, the leader there, we written to dise thew to send some one and in this emergency she begs me to go. I feel that there night be a chance of a great victory there and so I have resolved to go, and I expect to start early to-morrow morning. By stay will be a little indefinate as I prove that nothing can be done, and on the other hand I may have to stay until the logislative session is over, which will be in sixty days from Jan. 18th. I am glid to say that our first vice-President, are hary by Clay, is coming to texington for awhile to take charge of the Petition work, with the assistance of Miss Mario head, so that I trust that our retition work will go on without a break.

I have heard nothing more from Hiss Thaw about Hiss Penfield, except that she will not come to Ventucky before Harch. I received Hiss Thaw's

My Ven Dies Clay: E Jan 30, 19093
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