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St Paul, Minn.  
November-1-1910.

My dear Miss Clay:

Many thanks for your prompt reply to my request for explanation of non dues for your state. This was presented to our convention and will be considered. At our convention Mrs Stockwell as president resigned and Miss Dobbin elected in her place. She is a woman that I cannot serve under - she is a teacher of ability, but so brusque in manner and dictatorial, always giving offense; having submitted to ill treatment from her I concluded with Mr Farmer's advice to resign. Seven years I have served. This does not shut me out of the work, I shall continue as a member of the St Paul club. How pleasant it would be to meet with you in convention but I am <sup>not</sup> well enough yet to go from home. It seems to take a long time to get rid of the soreness in my back and left side. I hope you will send me a program, for I shall always feel very kindly towards the organization which you and I and a few others formed. At our State Convention quite a change was made in the officers and Executive Committee - the resolution I told you

of censuring (Anna Shaw) the president of the National for with-holding the last minutes of the Convention. You will receive a copy, when our new Secretary gets around to it.

We are having a touch of winter, light snow which fell last night has disappeared, leaving a North West wind which is cold and disagreeable for "Fog Day," our annual Tuberculosis Day. Have you any idea where the National Convention will meet? Mrs. Stricknell will be the Executive member from Minnesota. Do you intend to spend the winter in Richmond or Lexington? I hear quite frequently from Mrs. Charles. She has recently built a new Bungalow for herself and the old one she rents. Laura has a good position in one of the City offices which she had before her father's death. The daughters attend the Christian Church, and Mrs. C. attends with them occasionally. They seem pleased with San Pedro, and I am glad that they are comfortably situated. I hope your sisters are well. Give them my love.

I hope you will have a successful Convention. An effort is being made here for a new St. Paul Charter, which will permit women to vote for members of the Board of Education in this City & women eligible as members. The Mayor appoints the members (or inspectors as they are called here). Minneapolis women can vote for members & serve as such.

Mr. Furner wishes to be remembered to you. He is not very well, and I am not so we can sympathize with each other.

Accept best love from me who cannot forget the love and kindness of the past from your dear mother, and yourself.

Lovingly your friend of many years.

Eugenia B. Furner.

November 5-1910.

Riker Place  
Harrodsburg, Kentucky.

Dear Miss Clay,

Your letter was welcome  
with its interesting information.  
I am not sure that the E. P. A.  
of Harrodsburg can have a  
delegate to represent it in  
Cincinnati but you certainly  
shall have a report. There  
has as yet been no application  
made for an admission into  
the State Organization. I

him or make it formally to  
you. and am willing to ask  
for a copy of the Constitution  
I think it was not left with  
me. as I can not find it among  
the papers in my possession.  
I simply wish to know what  
 dues to pay and to whom  
to send them. I shall also report  
be sent to you with list of  
members &c. I will send you  
a number of Card Signatures  
for filing with report. More anon.  
Most Cordially Yours  
Francis L. Pike

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Monday night -

My dear Miss Lamm -

Mrs Dickey tells me that you have consented to come down for the Outdoor Art League Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>.

I want you to stay with us if you will. I understand that you want to make some plans for the Suffrage meeting during this visit. Please make your self at home with me. Our reporters, go & come as you please, for I have various my engagements which will keep me busy - Don't hesitate if you want to stay a day longer than you anticipate.

There are various things I want to  
talk over with you.

You do not know how hard it is on me  
that your meeting comes while I am  
still in bonds, and will be too busy to  
do any work that will help -

If only you had waited until the last  
week in May how glad I would be -

Affectionately yours  
Cardinal A. Seesh.

Lexington, Ky.

Nov. 2nd, 1910.

My dear Mrs. Riker,

I returned from Richmond Monday, having come home to attend more particularly to the preliminaries of our State Equal Rights convention which is to be held in Covington Nov. 14-16th. I am doing most of the work of the Corresponding Secretary, because Mrs. Roark is so much occupied with her duties at the Normal School. Therefore I am writing to notify you and the Harrodsburg Association of the convention.

Miss Shaw is to be the evening speaker for Monday and Tuesday; and the business of the convention will be transacted Tuesday and Wednesday. All the delegates will be entertained by the friends in Covington, and the delegates desiring entertainment should write to the chairman of the Entertainment Committee, Mrs. Mary E. Giltner, 1554 Madison Avenue, Covington, stating the day and train on which they will arrive. The delegates are invited to come on Monday, so as to hear Miss Shaw's first address, but if they cannot come that day it is hoped they will arrive the first train on Tuesday, so as to be ready for the business. In some respects the business of this convention will be of greater importance than usual. How we shall proceed to work for a Constitutional Amendment to the Constitution of Kentucky will require careful consideration. Also, some of the suggestions of the National Association.

I trust you will attend. The basis of representation is one delegate at large and one for every ten paid-up members. I am our local treasurer, and I am sending out letters to our members, a sample of which I enclose to you, as it may explain our financial plan.

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I believe I left with you the state minutes containing the constitution; if I did not, write to me and I will send one. I would like to hear that your E.R.A. will be represented, as I shall be proud to introduce a representative from the new Association of Mercer County. Whether delegates come or not a written report will be expected. I am glad to say that I think Louisville and Lexington will have a large number of delegates, though neither is likely to have as many as they are entitled to.

I shall be glad to hear from you before the convention ; and in case I hope soon to see you at the convention.

Very sincerely yours,



Lexington, Kentucky.

Nov. 3rd, 1910.

Dear Mrs. Dennett,

Today I received from Headquarters the enclosed reminder of a bill. It refers to some literature which I ordered and expected to be sent to Richmond, Ky., where I was at the time. It was expressed to Lexington, however, which caused some delay and trouble before I got it. After receiving it, on Oct. 10th I wrote you a letter in which I enclosed a New York draft for three dollars in payment, the draft being made to you. Perhaps this was not the correct way of making out the draft; but I supposed I should make it payable to some officer at Headquarters. Did you receive the letter and draft? If so, will you kindly see that this bill is straightened out? If you did not receive it please let me know immediately, so that I may try to have the letter traced.

The Kentucky Equal Rights Association holds its annual convention in Covington the 14-16 of November. Any communication you may like to send too late to reach me in Lexington you can send to Mrs. Mary E. Giltner, 1554 Madison Avenue, Covington, Ky. We shall be glad to present to the convention any business you like of the National. I shall have the official letters to the state presidents read and discussed.

Very cordially yours,

November 10th - 1910

Riker Place  
Harrodsburg, Kentucky

My dear Miss Clay.

Thank you for all your trouble - I hope some thing good will result in some compensation to you - if should. I had hoped to have had a formal meeting of our E.P.A. to have been able to send you a report of a perfectly organized association before this date. As it is I am still

Chairman of an informal Circle.

A very serious illness during the summer - and the necessity which for once atleast forced my giving up almost all my work in every direction for not weeks but months is the reason why the formal organization has been delayed. The idea, is gaining - and I believe is gaining strength constantly - I believe I said to you last spring that the idea of taking Equal Rights Associations in to the Federation of Womens Clubs was to me like pulling the cart before the horse - The Suffrage

movement is too big for the Federation  
of Clubs - which to me is but the school  
from which ideas and ideals of  
bigger things develop - I see no reason  
for the Suffrage movement to be "hobbled"  
as it must be in any direction - as it is  
in Conservative Clubs - I believe that as  
individual women we can do much  
inside and through clubs - but you are  
right the E. P. A. should be a party -  
not a club. I send you my personal  
cheque for ten paid up members. I am  
sure when we can have our full  
organization all will be paid up.

I wish I might be with you in  
Covington - my old home and people -  
- but I am still under strict orders  
and am obeying that I may serve better  
- with renewed strength of body and mind.

I am sending you some new cards  
to add to the eight of the last  
instalment. Count us - are in heart  
in spirit - and believe me very sincerely  
and cordially yours.

Frances Small Pike.

Lexington, Ky.

Nov. 8th, 1910.

My dear Mrs. Riker,

I have just received your letter of Nov. 5th, and send under another cover a copy of our state constitution. On account of the expense we do not print the constitution every year, so this copy is in the minutes of 1908. No application in particular is required for the admission of a local branch into the State Association, only an acceptance of the constitution and a payment of dues.

I suppose you have or will adopt a local constitution or by-laws. I recommend that you make the basis of membership what has been recommended by our recent state conventions, and described in the minutes I send and also the clipping from one of our newsletters. The "argument of numbers" is what you know the politicians demand before giving attention to our claims; and we are learning more and more that our organization should be on the lines of that of the political parties rather than of clubs or philanthropic societies; and therefore we will have to disassociate membership from necessary payment of dues, since we cannot afford to lose the influence of many valuable persons, who for reasons satisfactory to themselves do not care to obligate themselves to pay annual dues. After all, the collection of the same amount from the rich and poor, the interested and the indifferent, is about the most laborious and unsatisfactory manner of raising the needful funds that we could try.

I have the signed cards of eight members which you sent me in March. I hope you have others by this time. If your branch pays any dues at all it will be entitled to the delegate at large; and then one additional del-

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egate for every ten paid-up members. Whether the dues of all are paid or not, it is earnestly desired that a full list of the signed members, shall be sent in with the report; as it is important that we shall have a complete list of every bona fide enrolled member, with the post-office addresses. If you can get your report to me by Saturday I shall be glad to take it with me; but if the time is too short, then write to one of the Newport or Covington officers whose address is at the head of this paper.

I wish very much that you could attend the convention. The consideration of the best manner to proceed to get the submission of a Constitutional Amendment granting suffrage to women is very important; and as we have now obtained almost all the important legislation we have been petitioning for, this is our next logical step. Your knowledge of the state at large and methods of reaching the people would be of great value to us at this point. If you or any delegates from Harrodsburg can go, write to the Chairman of Entertainment Committee, Mrs. Mary E. Giltner, 1554 Madison Avenue, Covington, and mention the train and day on which they will arrive. The delegates will be entertained by the friends; and are invited to arrive on Monday, so as to hear Miss Shaw's first address; though the business meetings do not commence till Tuesday morning.

Hoping to see you soon, I am

Very sincerely yours,

P.S. Though I have not received a program, I understand that Miss Shaw will give her Monday evening address in the Auditorium of the Covington Library.

# THE WOMAN'S JOURNAL

585 BOYLSTON STREET  
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Editor: Alice Stone Blackwell

Business Manager: Agnes E. Ryan

November 9, 1910.

Dear Friend:-

The National American Woman Suffrage Association through The Woman's Journal is selling shares of stock in The Woman's Journal. As you doubtless know, this fact has been stated in the columns of The Woman's Journal where it has been announced that the shares would sell for \$100 each.

Previous to this date we have not written to any one, asking him or her to buy shares of stock in The Journal. We have, however, answered many inquiries in regard to the shares and have already sold \$1200 worth of stock.

Exactly half of the shares which we have sold have been ordered by suffragists who were not known to us as staunch supporters of The Woman's Journal and the suffrage cause. It seems logical to suppose that, of those women who for years have been identified with the suffrage cause and who are its staunchest supporters, many may wish to purchase at least one of these shares. It seemed, therefore, only fair to call this sale of stock to the attention of the life members of The National American Woman Suffrage Association and give them an opportunity to have a voice in the management of The Woman's Journal by being shareholders and having a vote. The reason we have not written to you before in regard to this is that we were dependent on The National Association for the names and addresses of the life members. The National Association furnished us with this list only last week.

We realize, of course, that for years the staunch supporters of the suffrage movement have given liberally of their money as well as their time, energy and influence. In writing this letter to you, therefore, we do not feel that we should too strongly urge you to buy. Our purpose is rather to give you an opportunity to buy, if you can, and thereby help The Woman's Journal very effectively through what must inevitably be a crucial year. We shall appreciate anything you can say to interest other suffragists in these shares of stock.

Trusting to hear from you in regard to this matter, I am

Yours for the Cause,

*Agnes E. Ryan*  
Business Manager.

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November 9<sup>th</sup> 1910

My dear Miss Clay:

I have received notices that we are to have a Board Meeting at 1:30. - Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. Shall I bring all my books and letters? I do not know whether you are to audit the books then or not.

I am a little troubled about the Forestry account and would like to have your advice before the meeting. I will go to Lex. on an early morning train and can go to your home at any time during the morning, or if you could come to our place of meeting at one o'clock, it would suit me just as well, if that is more convenient to you. I think ten minutes will be sufficient time.

Sincerely yours  
Dorcas A. Hutchcraft.

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November 9th 1910

Dear Miss Clay

Miss Stannard finds that the check of \$3.00 was received on October 13th, and we regret the mistake in sending the bill.

Last spring I wrote asking the states to send an up-to-date list of all the local leagues and clubs. Very few states responded. It is a great disadvantage to have our list incomplete and inaccurate, and will you kindly bring it to the attention of the Secretary again and ask her to see that we have the Kentucky list?

The returns on Miss Shaw's letter to the states on the subject of the work and organization of the National are very interesting. Most of them are favorably progressive. I hope the discussion at your Convention will be a helpful one.

Sincerely yours

*Mary Ware Dennett*

Corresponding Secretary

MWD/MMB

Miss Laura Clay  
189 North Mill Street  
Lexington Ky



Nov. 10, 1910

My dear Miss Clay:-

The Educational Equal  
Suffrage League of Louisville is  
considering the feasibility of organ-  
izing a chapter in the University  
of Louisville. We would like to  
know if the thirty dollar prize for  
the best essay on Suffrage may  
be offered this year.

Sincerely yours,

Willowdean Chatterton,  
Secretary.

1128 Garvie Place, Louisville, Ky.

Lexington, Ky.

Nov. 10th, 1910.

My dear Miss Chatterson,

I am pleased to get your letter and to hear that the Educational Equal Suffrage League is going to do active work along the line of prizes for Suffrage Debates.

We have never had this line of work distinctly recognized and with a state chairman till the Convention in Louisville last fall; and the question you ask will have to be answered without precedent to guide me. I have come to think it a line of work of great importance and intend to recommend that it be fostered in my recommendations to the convention to meet in Covington next week. And I would not like to say any thing decisive till the convention has expressed its wishes. In the present state of the finances of that department, however, I do not think we can afford to offer thirty dollars in one prize, even in as important an institution as the University of Louisville. I think ten dollars must be our maximum at the present time, for any one contest. If there are prizes to be offered to different classes, then more than one ten dollars would be available. If your League feels that ten dollars is not enough, then I suggest that it add to the ten dollars given from the State E.R.A. fund by its own local efforts. In Richmond, the Madison E.R.A. offered a ten dollar prize in the Eastern Normal School, and the results were very satisfactory. So far, I have not heard of other contests under this Committee.

Shall you be at the State E.R.A. convention in Covington? I would like

this subject to be discussed and brought prominently to the attention of  
or Convention; and I shall hope to have a report and suggestions from the  
Chairman, Miss Virginia Robinson, at that time.

I shall hope to hear again from you about this; and after the Con-  
vention there ought to be a basis definitely understood, so that the Asso-  
ciations can know what to count upon from the State in such contests by  
way of assistance.

Very sincerely yours,

Lexington, Ky.

Nov. 10th, 1910.

My dear Mrs. Hutchcraft,

I do not think it necessary that you should bring your letters, vouchers, ect. to the Board meeting, as the books are audited only once a year; and that just previous to the Convention. But I should think it would be useful to bring your book, for reference only; as in the course of the business the Board would certainly want to know the exact state of the finances, what expenses have been paid, what are still to be paid, and so forth; and what funds there are to meet any calls that might be made.

The state convention of the Ky. Mutual Rights Association meets in Covington the 14-16 of Nov; and my duties there will keep me all day Wednesday, and probably during the evening. If they do not, I shall come home Wednesday night; and I could see you at my house on Thursday morning any time it would be convenient to you to call. If I cannot leave Covington till Thursday morning, I cannot be at home till about eleven o'clock on Thursday. I shall be glad to give you any assistance I can with your accounts; and I shall hope to see you for this purpose at some time before the regular meeting of the Board.

Very sincerely yours,

Lexington, Ky.

Nov. 12th, 1910.

My dear Mrs. Riker,

I was much gratified to get your prompt answer to my letter, and to receive the seven new names, the check for three dollars and a half, and the nice report, with its pledge of loyal service to our great cause. I greatly regret that you cannot be in Covington. The splendid victory for Woman Suffrage in Washington state marks a new era in the progress of our cause, and makes a determined effort to go forward to a Constitutional Amendment in Kentucky both logical and hopeful. I wish we might have had your advice and help in formulating plans for the work of the ensuing year. I shall write more fully when I return from Covington, and at least invoke your help when the plans are formed.

Very sincerely yours,

Lexington, Ky.

Nov. 19th, 1910.

My dear Mrs. Hield,

On my return from Covington I found your letter, with the enclosed check of \$17.00 for National dues of 170 enrolled members of the Louisville E.R.A., for which I thank you. I have sent the check with my endorsement to Mrs. Shepard, who will duly enter it into her books.

Of course you have heard that the convention extended an invitation to the National American Woman Suffrage Association to hold its next annual convention in Louisville in April. Miss Shaw was requested to convey the invitation and she assured us that the Official Board would accept it. As soon as it was known that the National convention was to be in Louisville it became evident that a great many more persons would like to be delegates than we would be entitled to, on the basis of one hundred paid-up members to a delegate, which is the requirement of the National. Therefore, so as to be impartial, the state convention made a ruling that each association having paid dues should have the privilege of electing one delegate; and that those who had two hundred should elect two, and so on, we depending upon the fractions of a hundred to fill out the number of those who had not the one hundred which requisite for one delegate. Now Louisville as present is entitled to only one delegate; but as it has the large fraction of seventy, and as the National books do not close till January 1st, I am very confident that it can still gain at least thirty members and entitle itself to two members. Indeed, I am in hopes that with the incentive of the coming National convention, it may even gain enough to have more than two delegates. We are depending upon the suffra-

gists of Louisville to do a very large share of the preparatory work for the convention; but much of that can be done after Jan. 1st; so I hope a strenuous effort will be made from now till the 27th of December simply to get additional enrolled members, as the dues must reach the National Treasurer, Miss Jessie Ashley, 505 Fifth Avenue, New York, before Jan. 1st. To speak more correctly, we must have the enrolled names before that time, because through your generosity, and by the gifts of others, there is money in the State treasury to pay the National dues of a considerably larger number of members than we yet have enrolled. Our numbers are at present over one thousand, which is a considerable gain over last year. But I am ambitious to have an increase between now and Dec. 27th; for we must have a bona fide enrolled member to entitle us to pay dues, even though we have the money ready. I am going to make an effort to get more members in Fayette, and all the locals represented in Covington promised to do the same.

We took another advanced step in the convention, in deciding to create a Lecture Bureau. We have so far failed to find a suitable woman to give her whole time to our field work; but we know we have speakers who can acceptably fill any platform, and who, if they would, might respond to the single calls for a speaker which come to us, and which hitherto we have not been able to supply, because we can bring in an organizer from a distance only when we can make out a long route. As president of the Association, I told the convention that I would go for my expenses; and that I would speak on Suffrage, School Suffrage and for woman's clubs or others on Civil Service Reform. I mention this, because I wish to state that we do not expect other speakers to offer the same terms; we only desire them to let us have their names for our Bureau, so that we may give as much publicity as we can to the fact that we have speakers who will give suffrage addresses when desired. Our Executive Board voted to

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request you, Mrs. Mary C. Roark, Mrs. Desha Breckinridge, Mrs. Eleanor Tarrant Little, Miss Belle H. Bennett, and Mrs. A. M. Harrison and Mrs. Chas. P. Weaver to give their names. We may add to these later. We ask each speaker to decide on her own terms, which she can either state to us, so that we can make them public along with other information about the Bureau, or which she can give when written to. Now will not you kindly give us your name? In years when I used to hear you I loved your speaking. It seems a great loss that you do not now speak as often in public as you did then. I would be glad to hear from you soon accepting, and saying on what subjects you wish to speak; but our minutes are not printed till the treasurer's books are closed, which is at the same time as that of the National treasurer, or the first of January. So that I can wait for your decision, if you do not see your way clear to allow the E. R. A. the privilege of using your name now. Mrs. Roark and Mrs. Weaver have consented. I have not yet had an opportunity to ask the others, but will do so as soon as possible.

You were re-elected to the Chairmanship of the Committee on Industrial Problems Affecting Women and Children.

I regret you were not at the convention. We feel we have done excellent work, and we missed you.

Hoping you will let us have your name for our Bureau, I am

Very cordially yours,



1710 Rosewood

Louisville Ky.

Nov. 19, 1910.

My dear Miss Clay,

I think the National  
Convention will be the <sup>most</sup> wonderful  
thing that could happen to Louisville.

It had never occurred to me that  
the National would consider coming  
to us or that we could venture to  
invite them. I confess → am

some what appalled at the responsibility  
and work it implies for our Little  
Association if we are to make the  
Convention a success. But if we do  
succeed, we will be infinitely repaid.

Will you let me know just  
how much is expected of us and  
what is to be done. I have only  
been to one National Convention and

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Am very ignorant so I will need  
all the details you can give me.

Both Mrs. Castleman and Mrs.  
Heaver were delighted with the State  
Convention. I am so glad it was  
such a success.

We have a business meeting of  
our Association, November 29. If  
you can give me some information  
by then to put before the members,  
I shall be very grateful.

Sincerely yours,

Virginia P. Robinson.

Lexington, Ky.

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Miss Virginia P. Robinson,

Louisville, Ky.

Dear Miss Robinson,

No doubt Mrs. Castleman has already told you that after inviting the National to have its next annual convention in Louisville in April you were nominated for the local member of the Program Committee. I trust that you will accept this position. The State E.R.A. will help you in every way possible; but without strong local help and good management the convention is bound to suffer in many ways. Mrs. Weaver and Mrs. Castleman promise help; and after sufficient time for looking over some of the local resources in halls, hotels, etc., I expect to come to Louisville on the part of the State E.R.A. to consult with the Louisville suffragists. I expect to be there on or before the 2nd of December, when I am to address the Outdoor Club on School Suffrage, and I shall remain as long as you think I can be useful at this time.

I was sorry you were not at the convention in Covington, as I would have liked your advice particularly on a new chairmanship the Convention voted to establish, - on Prize Contests. Whilst in the Executive Committee at Louisville we decided on action on this line, and asked you to take charge of it, we had not had time to bring it before the convention and engage the interest of all in it, as it had just been suggested by Mrs. Roark. This year, however, we had had time to reflect upon its promise of helpfulness, and to advise the convention to make of it a permanent

2. committee, and you were elected the chairman. The Executive Committee was glad to find that our funds justified it in adding seventy dollars to the thirty dollars which you were told last year was at the disposal of the committee, so that there will be 100 dollars for this purpose. I received a letter a short time before the convention from Miss Willowdean Chatterson, asking if the \$30 prize money would be available for offering a prize in the University of Louisville. I referred her to you, saying I had no precedent for saying anything about it; but thought our resources would not allow a prize as large as \$30. The Convention voted that \$10 should be the maximum. The prizes are to be offered, not for a debate, in which the affirmative and negative are both supported, but in contests in which all the speakers are on the affirmative side of Woman Suffrage and the prize is given on the award of judges for the best presentation. These two requirements are the only limitations the convention put upon the Chairman's rules for the contests. However, as our resources are so limited I am writing some suggestions which may help you in deciding where to use these prizes.

(1) Our great need is education, and particularly in remote districts, where we have few advocates to arrange meetings, etc. If we attempt to send a speaker there we have to provide the salary, the travelling expenses, and find friends who will provide entertainment for the speaker, a hall for the address and then work up an audience. It is apparent that all this could hardly be done for an average expense of ten dollars. Yet by correspondence we may obtain all this by offering a prize of ten dollars or less in a high-school, academy or college. Our arguments are so plain and easily applied that a school boy or girl can give them as convincingly as the best speakers on the platform; and in their families and friends we can always find an interested audience. In short, we may hope to penetrate even into the most difficult districts by this method.

(2) As our means are limited and large towns, especially those where we

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have suffrage clubs, may be supposed to have other facilities for having our subject discussed. I think our prizes ought to be pretty closely confined to the more remote and rural districts. I am more particularly of the opinion that the State prize money should be expended in such places; for I feel very confident that if you press this method upon the attention of our local clubs they will raise prize money for their own institutions, under the rules you suggest. This was done last year by the Madison E.R.A., which offered a prize of ten dollars in the State Normal School in Richmond. The contest proved a great success; the speeches were good, and the hall was packed to suffocation with a delighted audience. I forgot to say that our convention desires the prizes should be offered in money, and not in medals of any sort. By speaking of it as a silver or a gold prize, as the case may be, it will have just as attractive a name as that of a medal contest, and the prize will be of more practical use.

Since Miss Chatterton speaks of a contest already being arranged for the University of Louisville, and as the National Convention is to be held there so shortly, making it desirable to work up a strong local interest, I think my suggestion to offer the prizes in more remote places should be held in abeyance for this winter, and that you should arrange contests in Louisville. This would also give you opportunity to study the operation of the contests, and you might receive useful hints for conducting them elsewhere.

Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience. I earnestly hope that you will accept the place on the National Program Committee; and that you may feel disposed to take up the Prize Contest work on the larger scale which the state is now able to do.

Very sincerely yours,

Lexington, Ky.

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My dear Mrs. Shepard,

On my return I found the enclosed letter and check from Mrs. Lucy A. Field. Though she does not say so, I suppose the check represents the ten dollars she pledged for state dues. You will know more about that than I do.

As I remember, the Louisville F.R.A. paid for only sixty members. This will now bring them up to 170; and I hope they will have more than two hundred before the 27th of December, at which time I shall beg them to send all they have more directly to Miss Jessie Ashley, our new National treasurer at Headquarters. I am going to Louisville either the 2nd of December to help to look after the local arrangements; and also to speak on School Suffrage for the Out of Door Art League.

I have secured Mrs. Roark's consent to give her name for our Lecture Bureau. I have not yet had opportunity to speak to the others whom we voted for.

I wish you would send to the National Treasurer, Miss Jessie Ashley, at the National Headquarters whose address is at the head of this paper, the National dues as far as you have now received them. With this check of Mrs. <sup>Field</sup> Field's they come to more than one hundred dollars. I know the National is in pressing need of money; and it will be also a relief to my mind and to the minds of others of the National Board to know that no

accident will prevent Kentucky from being represented by a large number of delegates. I shall be anxious to hear of every thing which may come to you about our membership; please get some postal cards and just send me an informal line when you send the dues, when you get in more, and anything else which may occur. You will have to be careful not to send duplicates of the National dues from Louisville.

I shall possibly go to Nicholasville before the closing of the books; so when you send the National dues this time you had better make a careful note from what clubs the dues are paid from. The three hundred and one dues paid by the Fayette E.R.A. includes six from Paris and six from Versailles, who have joined the Fayette E.R.A. until they form branches in their own counties. If they should form such before the books are closed, then you would have to revise this list. I did not pay for the Nicholasville E.R.A., as I think it may yet pay for itself. But I think you had better send the National dues for their 17 members at once, out of the five dollars I donated for National dues, and make a note of it, so you can correct the list, if it should send National dues later. The same way with the five additional cards I have from Harrodsburg. I should not be surprised if Harrodsburg sends more dues, and money for the whole fifteen whose cards I now have. So you may have to revise that list also. I saw Mrs. Letcher Riker here at the Board meeting of the State Woman's Clubs; and she was gratified at the action of the Madison Co. Assn. in insuring them a delegate, and she expects to get more members at once.

Rebecca

I also saw Miss Averill, from Frankfort, and she promises to revive the local at Frankfort, so we may expect something from them.

Mrs. Breckinridge was pleased at the sale of so many of the School Suffrage leaflets. She says she does not wish those left over to be sent back to her; but asks that the Covington people either sell them or give them away where they will be read. Will you dispose of as many as

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you can profitably?

I enclose my check for five dollars, in payment of my free-will offering. I forgot it so long last year that I intend to be prompt this time.

I feel that we had a most excellent convention and I thank the Covington people for all their labor. Your reception was one of those which I heard the delegates enjoyed, as I did myself; and I feel it is a great thing that the Club women should show this fraternal feeling and interest in us. It was very delightful.

Hoping you are rested from the exertions of the Convention, and that I shall hear from you soon, I am

Very cordially yours,



1710 Rosewood

Louisville Ky.

Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, 1910.

Dear Miss Clay,

I was so glad to get your very helpful letter and to hear that you are coming to Louisville so soon.

I wonder if you can stay until December 9. That is the only day after December 8 when we can get the Library Hall for a meeting and I want very much to postpone our meeting for Nov. 29 to Dec. 9 if you can stay until then and speak to us. Before you come, Mrs. Weaver and I will collect information about hotels and halls and if you will meet with the Board at we will formulate plans at once. That we will need the interest and

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help of the entire Association and  
I know of no way to secure this  
so surely as by a talk from you.

If it is impossible for you to  
stay, let me know and I will try  
to see if a night meeting could be  
arranged.

I appreciate your asking me to  
serve on the National Program Committee  
and will be glad to do it if you  
will help me with suggestions.

The Plan for Prize Essay work seems  
to me excellent. I want to under-  
take it very much but may I  
wait and talk it over with you  
before deciding - Miss Chatterton  
seems to think, and I'm afraid  
she is right, that the University

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Could not well be offered less than  
\$25 as a prize. Was the ruling  
of \$10 for the prize & vote of the  
Convention and so absolute. or could  
an exception be made.

Very sincerely

Virginia Robinson

Lexington, Ky.

Nov. 21st, 1910.

My dear Miss Averill,

I enclose several of the leaflet "Why Women Should Vote", as that is the one you asked for, I believe. I also send a few other excellent ones.

I enclose a few membership cards, with a clipping from our Newsletter, which I wish you to read. You will see that the State now recommends that the branches shall organize on a different basis from what we did when I last spoke in Frankfort. Attendance at meetings and obligatory payment of dues are dispensed with, and the signing of the card is the title to membership, and donations are purely of free-will.

Most of the clubs are called by the name of the county; but you can fill in the first partly blank line of the card either with Frankfort, or Franklin, just as your members shall choose. Personally I recommend Franklin, as that is an invitation to suffragists in the county to join.

I shall be glad to come to Frankfort at any time you feel I can help the sentiment there, and address one or more parlor meetings. Of course, I could address a public meeting, but that is much more difficult to work up, and I do not advise it. I can come any day before December 2nd. On that date I am due in Louisville to address the Outdoor Art League on School Suffrage; and whilst I am in Louisville I may stay several days to look after the preliminaries on the National Convention in April. I am quite burning to have Frankfort represented by delegates on that great occasion; so do not be amused at my zeal, but help me all you can Verzättsännehlis ghyss! of laudable ambition!

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November 22nd 1910

Dear Miss Clay

Miss Shaw, Miss Gordon, Miss Ashley and I have been holding a conference today, and find an important piece of work to be done in the immediate future in Kentucky. As you have doubtless seen by the papers, "The House of Governors" is to hold its second annual session at Louisville on the 29th of this month. Last year Mrs. Blatch presented suffrage before them in a short speech, at Washington. We are told she is planning to do so again this year. We all feel that it would be wise to ask you, as a member of our Board, to present the question for the National Association, and we earnestly hope that you will be able to arrange to do so.

I am enclosing letters to the Governors of the Suffrage states, and to a few others who are known to be Suffragists, bespeaking their cooperation. We suggest that you see that these letters are carefully delivered to them as early as possible after their arrival, as there is

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not time to send them to their home addresses. Gov. Vessey of South Dakota was here at Headquarters yesterday. He presided at one of Miss Shaw's recent meetings, and is cordially interested.

Hoping you will secure a good hearing, and that the undertaking may be a success

Sincerely

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