

Lexington, Ky.

Nov. 23rd, 1910.

In reply to official letter of Nov. 21.

(1) I approve of Miss Penfield's being sent to Baltimore.

(2) I approve of Miss Greg's going to Kansas if there are no prospects of doing anything more in Arizona. If there is any hope, however, in Arizona, I vote that she shall remain there to the end. I think we lose a great deal of time and force by shifting our organizers; and I believe, in case of a campaign, she is more needed in Arizona than in Kansas. I have seen recently that the Kansas women are thinking of beginning a Constitutional Amendment campaign for themselves, and in that case I would be very cautious in finding out if they desired Miss Greg. All our experience seems to me to indicate that states are much better satisfied when they are left to their own direction.

I cannot give any opinion about Oklahoma until I know the circumstances there better. If the women want to continue their campaign, I think the National should do what it can to help them, leaving the leadership and direction of the campaign in their hands.

I shall wait to hear more about South Dakota.

Very cordially yours, and somewhat hurriedly,

P.S. I enclose vote about the English Sympathy fund.

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To his Excellency, Governor Augustus E. Willson,

Dear Sir,

A committee from the Kentucky Equal Rights Association desires to have a few minutes' hearing before the Conference of Governors to be convened in Frankfort November 29th. We desire to present the claims of women, through the ballot, to a voice in the government they obey; and, if possible, to obtain a resolution approving votes for women and recommending suitable action to the people of the United States.

An interview of ten or fifteen minutes would be sufficient for our purpose; and I am writing to petition that you will kindly obtain this interview for us. Any time in Frankfort which you may designate will be convenient to us. If you think you cannot get a hearing for us in Frankfort, but might do so in Louisville, we could have our committee hold the interview there.

I trust you will think it reasonable that the rights of women should have some consideration in this Conference on National interests, and that you will use your good offices to obtain this interview.

Very respectfully yours,

Chairman of Committee of Ky.

E.R.A.

[Nov. 24, 1910]

Governor's Mansion
Frankfort, Kentucky

Mrs Laura Clay
Lexington Ky.

My dear Miss Clay

I have the honor to acknowledge
the favor of your letter of November 23^d
asking that the Kentucky Equal Rights
Association have a hearing before the
Conference of Governors.

Quite recently I was compelled
to regret that I had no right to grant
a like hearing to the National Association
and consented to submit their written
report of what has been done on
this line, and shall be glad to do the
same for the Kentucky Association.

I feel compelled to give the same
answer to our home Association,
Only Governments are given hearing
except on requests supported by
a number of Governments and the
only outside address will be by
Mr Bradford of Boston on the
subject most desired of all at
this kind of a meeting, in the
office of Government.

The last Conference indicated
the prevailing view of the Governments
in refusing a similar request from
the same New York officials of the
National Society who applied this
year.

With perfect respect
Your obt. Servant
Inquirer E. W. Carter

This is not a legislative body
and your subject is for legislation on which
no executive action will be had until
the legislature adopts a measure.

Lexington, Ky.

Nov. 25th, 1910.

Dear Miss Robinson,

I have received your letters,- both the one which crossed mine and the one after you had received mine.

I thank you for accepting the place on the National Program Committee, for I certainly feel that you will be very useful there. I can wait till I see you for your decision about accepting the chairmanship of the Prize Contest committee.

Now about my stay in Louisville; I shall come to Louisville for the meeting of the Outdoor Art League on Dec. 2nd, and can easily stay till the night train which returns to Lexington. But unless my time could be occupied each day in something which would help the Suffrage membership or preparations for the Convention, I think I had better return to Louisville at some later time rather than stay over a week then. If you could have your business meeting either Friday night or sometime, either morning or afternoon on Saturday, it seems to me it would be better/. Perhaps you might have your regular meeting on Nov. 29th, and then have a called meeting for Friday or Saturday in which you could perfect your plans. I think it a very hard time, just before Christmas, to have an unusual number of meetings; but it is so important to increase the membership in Louisville before Jan. 1st, as I explained in my former letter, that I would be willing to make any exertion which you may think could be profitable.

In regard to the prize to be offered in the University;-Yes,

it was a vote of the convention that ten dollars should be the maximum offered in any one prize. In many of the locals we hope the clubs will raise the prize for itself, as the Madison E.R.A. did last year. But even this feature has not yet been generally considered by the clubs, because we never undertook anything along this line till Mrs. Roark proposed it in a letter to the convention in Louisville, and it was afterwards considered by the Ex. Committee.

Please let me hear what you think can be done about my meeting with your club. This has been a very strenuous week, as the Executive Committee of the Federation met in Lexington immediately after our convention in Covington, then the Kings' Daughters, with a campaign for money for the Model School; and yesterday I received a request from the Official Board of the N.Y. Women Suffrage Association to try to obtain a hearing before the Conference of Governors, to present our suffrage cause in behalf of the National Assn. I had already written to Governor Fillson, asking for a hearing in behalf of the Ky. E.R.A. I have not yet had time to get an answer. In case we may have the hearing, but cannot get it in Frankfort, where I asked for it, and where the second vice-president of the Ky. E.R.A. and I would have been the committee, it may be we shall have one in Louisville. In that case I shall go to Louisville at the time designated, and shall ask the assistance of the Louisville E.R.A. in forming the committee. For that reason I hope you will let me know when you can have your club meeting, for it might be that I shall be in Louisville earlier than I now expect to be.

Very sincerely yours,

Lexington, Ky.

Nov. 25th, 1910.

My dear Mrs. Leech,

I received your letter containing your kind invitation to stop with you when I come to speak for the Outdoor Art League on Dec. 2nd. I accept the invitation with pleasure and will arrive on the morning train on Dec. 2nd, of the C. & O., and will remain, if convenient to you, till the late return train Saturday, as perhaps Miss Robinson will wish me to address a meeting of the Woman Suffrage club.

I am trying to get a hearing before the Conference of Governors; and though there does not seem much chance now, I feel it is of so much importance that I shall make all the effort I know how to secure it. Planning for this has made me feel that I could not tell exactly when I would arrive in Louisville, or I would have answered your very kind letter sooner. But I have now decided that I will be in Louisville the morning of Dec. 2nd.

Mrs. Breckinridge has been so engrossed with the campaign for raising the fund for the Model School that I have not yet talked to her about her objection to the appointment of Mrs. Weaver; but I shall certainly try to see her before I come to Louisville, and know definitely what her objection is. The School Fund was raised last night.

Every body was delighted with the Board meeting here, and I think it has given an impetus to the Club undertakings.

Hoping to see you soon, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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November 26th, 1910.

To his Excellency Governor Augustus E. Willson.

Dear Sir,

After writing to you and before receiving your answer I had a communication from the secretary of the National-American Woman Suffrage Association requesting me to be its representative in seeking a hearing before the Conference of Governors, and sending to me letters addressed to a number of the gentlemen who are members of it. This is not the national association of which you spoke in your letter, which has been organized comparatively recently and whose influence so far has been felt mainly in New York, but the one which has labored for more than forty years all over the country and to which the Ky. Equal Rights Association is auxiliary. The letters ask the Conference to give the subject of Woman Suffrage consideration and to accord me a hearing as delegate from the National Association.

As I desire that the letters reach the gentlemen promptly I shall be in Frankfort Tuesday morning and see that they are delivered. Perhaps of the Governors addressed enough may wish to comply with the request contained in the letters to induce the Conference to give my committee the hearing desired. I trust that you individually will be one willing to do so.

As I said in my former letter, we should ask but a few minutes of time and ~~would conform to the convenience of the Conference by appearing before it either in Frankfort or Louisville.~~

~~Earnestly hope~~

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Earnestly hoping that you and other Governors may consent
to comply with the request of the National Association, I am

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November 27, 1910.
Speed Lane, Jefferson Co.

Dear Miss Clay.

For more than a year rumors have been coming to me that the Federation work is crippled because of the demands ^{made} upon the treasury by the Executive Committee. It seems unfair to every member of this hard working committee that these statements should not be corrected. As Auditor you have access to the books and may I in the name of my Committee, ask you to look over the accounts. The Executive Committee has not had any money from the general fund since the meeting at Bowling Green in 1901 when Ten Dollars (\$10) were allowed. Since then all expenses have been met by the

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money solicited at the Federation meetings at Paris and Lexington, from private donations and from the chairman's own purse. The postage bill submitted last week at the Board meeting was not this year's account but the amount spent for distributing the new books to clubs, club members, the Legos Calmés and the Frankfort Federation meeting by order of the President: there will be no accounts submitted this year's expenditures for the state of Kentucky must have a forestry law and the funds can or must be provided outside of the Federation. We do not wish to interfere with the work of their committees although in our opinion the two vital issues before the Federation are suffrage for women and forestry and upon these two points both the labor and

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The money of the Federation ought to be concentrated. Owing to serious illness of a protracted and measurable type in my family, and the moving of my family to an unfinished country home, I could not attend the Lexington Board meeting but we had many things to report - One thing - we are planning to have a film made of forest fires, forest waste by improper lumbering etc for the moving pictures theatres of Ky. This idea is forcibly endorsed by Forest Service. The Governor will offer a scholarship for the best essay on "An Appeal for the Sapling". Many popular devices have been used for interesting the laymen in the trees, such as tree labeling, tree guards, tree wardens. We had a large and creditable exhibit at

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The State Fair, Articles are being prepared for the newspapers over the state etc etc. The work did not stop one moment during the summer and will be resumed with increased vigor as soon as my family is once more comfortable.

I have written you at length because we are all doing too much valuable work to be lightly criticized. I have written a few statements to Mrs Hutchcraft and it is in my mind to write the same statements to our President and offer to withdraw from the Federation and work independently if she thinks best. I consider you the main pillar of this Federation Board and am advising with you before taking any decided steps.

With the deepest feeling of security in your interest in our work I am
Sincerely,
Sarah Webb Maury

Lexington, Ky.

Nov. 28th, 1910.

My dear Mrs. Roehuck,

I have learned that Dr. Poage has resigned her position at the Eastern Insane Asylum in Lexington, to resume private practice. I remembered there was a woman physician of whom you spoke who would like the place, so I am writing at once so you may inform her of the vacancy. The Board of Control meets in Lexington Dec. 5th.

You know the Ky. P. R. A. stands for principles only, and does not seek places for individuals. Therefore please let your friend know that it will be impossible for the P. R. A., either state or local, to recommend her or any one. All we can do is to try to find women who want the place, and leave them to find their own recommendations. I may mention that there is another woman who will be an applicant for the position. I have no personal knowledge of her qualifications, and even if I am asked I shall take the same position of non-interference. I am now stating to you.

and I

Mrs. Cramer go to Frankfort tomorrow to try to obtain an interview with the Conference of Governors. If we have any success I will let you hear. I am overwhelmed with all sorts of business in some way related to our cause. Hope you are increasing your membership.

Always cordially yours,

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 505 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK

November 29, 1910.

Dear President of State Federation
of Women's Clubs.

There is a constant demand at our National Headquarters for some authoritative and accurate statement from the various States concerning the laws affecting women and children.

The National Convention and Board have authorized the sending out of letters to State Presidents, asking each in her own State to secure the preparation of this exact statement for her own State.

I am enclosing a list of questions giving the principal matters which should be covered by such a statement. If each State President has all these points included in the document which is returned to Headquarters, we will be able to make a valuable compilation. When your own State's document is prepared, you may probably desire to publish it for circulation in your own State.

A lawyer well versed in the practice in his own State can best prepare this correct statement. If, to secure accuracy, it will be necessary for you to pay the lawyer to prepare this statement, the money will be well spent.

May I hear from you by January 1st, as to what preparation you have made towards securing this statement for your State, the name of the person who has the matter in charge, and how soon it will be compiled? If I can help you or your lawyer at any time, please command me.

Cordially yours,

Catharine Waugh McCulloch

Legal Advisor National American

Woman Suffrage Association.

Evanston, Ill.

Newport, Nov. 30. 1910

My dear Miss Clay: -

Your letter received yesterday; I find that Mrs. Ruth Gotlieb who made the application and was anxious for the position in the Insane Asylum, has accepted a position in the state of Washington. From what her relatives tell me, I think it is only a temporary arrangement, and that she would prefer to return here. Of course I could not get a letter to and a reply from, her by Dec. 5. but she might make application at the other asylums.

If I remember correctly, and I think I do, Dr. Gotlieb told me she made application ^{for the position} at the other asylums at the time Dr. Poage received her appointment and was informed that there was no vacancy. Do you think that we could force the appointment of a female physician? The law is mandatory and it seems to me should be enforced. Here again we feel the need of a field secretary who could attend to such things. Another thing I wish to ask, is the appointment for any stipulated time? I am going to write to Dr. Gotlieb and would like to know all the particulars. Also to whom

should the application be made. I am afraid from what the papers said yesterday that you & Mrs. Cramer will not obtain an interview with the Conference of Governors, as they say they intend to cut out all politics and I suppose they would say our cause came under that head.

I have ordered the stationery and enrollment cards from the printer, but ^{not} the leaflets as I wished to consult you as to just what changes should be made. Please let me hear from you about them.

Very sincerely,
Emma M. Roebuck.