

Lexington, Ky.

January 1, 1912.

Miss Mary Winsor,

Haverford, Pa.

My dear Miss Winsor: -

I think I can furnish you with a copy of the Louisville address. I don't consider it particularly valuable, but the time may come when it has value as a political move to give us the strength of the Democratic party.

I should prefer that the ballot be given to women in this way. I think it would be within the truth to say that the Kentucky Equal Rights Association would also prefer it, but I do not think it has ever as an organization stood for this form of suffrage. We should be only too glad to get an unqualified suffrage if that were more easily obtainable than the other. Personally, I am less afraid of a sweepingly Democratic measure than I am of <sup>a</sup> borrowing half the natural adult electorate from the ballot.

We are making no effort to obtain restriction of suffrage for men. One war at a time is almost enough in Kentucky, <sup>b</sup> but one of the greatest advantages undoubtedly of granting woman's suffrage with an educational qualification would be that it made possible a future similar alteration of the male suffrage. Personally, I do not believe there is any good way of getting an education qualification except by means of a thorough Australian ballot with no party emblems used, neces-

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sitating that a voter be able to read and write in order to vote. Inserting the clause "able to read and write" or "able to read the Constitution" opens of course an opportunity to the corrupt election officer to manipulate the more or less helpless class of voters. We have such a clause in our school suffrage bill which will go before the Legislature again this session, but it was put in more because it was demanded by certain Democratic members of a former Legislature than as a matter of principle.

Any such qualification would be and should be but a temporary measure. Personally, I think it advisable simply as a temporary measure and to furnish incentive to voters to avail themselves of at least so much of the education offered them, free by the State. When the mass of voters are able to read and write as I said before I believe in pure Democracy. I believe the only way we can really get rid of the undesirable element is by making them desirable. Raising the whole population is like other educational measures, a slow means but probably the quickest in the long run.

Miss Laura Clay has <sup>personally educational</sup> urged the ~~reading and writing~~ qualification <sup>from the South,</sup> and Miss Kate Gordon of New Orleans is particularly interested in it. She is openly, however, for a constitutional amendment that would eliminate the colored race by making "white" one of the qualifications of women voters. I think I have one extra copy of the leaflet issued by the Memphis gathering of Southern suffragists which I will inclose.

I have been hearing <sup>you</sup> about/since the meeting from Anne Steele Wilson.

Thanking you for your letter and hoping to have the pleasure of meeting you soon again, I am

Sincerely yours,

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P. S.

Suppose you send me a little of the literature of your organization . You might bring me to a more militant belief in limited suffrage.

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A N ACT to amend sub-section 15 of Section 4636c of Chapter 120a of Carroll's Kentucky Statutes, entitled State University.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

That paragraph 2 of sub-section 15 of Section 4636c of Chapter 120a of Carroll's Kentucky Statutes be amended as follows:-

By adding after the word "men" in the first line of said paragraph, the words "and three women."

That the word "five" after the word "years", and also the word "five" after the word "and" in the third line thereof each be stricken out and there be inserted in the place of each the word "six."

That there be added after the word "one" in line seven thereof the word "man."

That the word "remainder" after the word "the" in line eight thereof be stricken out and there be inserted instead thereof the words "remaining men and one woman."

That the word "three" in line nine thereof be stricken out and there be inserted instead thereof the words "four, one of whom shall be a woman."

That there be added after the word "Fayette" in line ten thereof the words "~~six~~ the remaining two women shall be appointed from the state at large."

That there be added after the word "expired" in line twelve thereof the clause "The three women who shall first serve as members of the Board shall be selected by the Board of Trustees

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at the next regular meeting after the passage of this Act, and such persons will serve until January 1st, 1914.

So that said sub-section, when amended, will read as follows:

(15) Trustees--appointment and term of office--districts from which selected. That the government, administration and control of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, now State University, of Kentucky be and is hereby vested in a board of trustees, constituted and appointed as follows:-

1. His Excellency, the Governor of Kentucky, who shall be ex officio Chairman thereof.

2. Fifteen men and three women, discreet, intelligent and prudent, who shall be nominated by the Governor of Kentucky, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. They shall hold office for six years, six retiring and six being appointed at each regular session of the General Assembly. Said nominations shall be made within fifteen days after the Legislature convenes. Said trustees shall be appointed and distributed as follows; namely: One man from each Congressional district in which Lexington is situated, and the remaining men and one woman from the latter district; but no more than four trustees, one of whom shall be a woman, shall be appointed from the county of Fayette; the remaining two women shall be appointed from the State at large: Provided, That no trustee now serving under an appointment previously made shall be displaced by the operation of this act before his term of service shall have expired. The three women who shall first serve as members of the Board shall be selected by the Board of Trustees at the next regular meeting after the passage of this Act, and such persons will serve until January 1st, 1914.

3. The president of the college shall be, ex officio, a member of the Board of Trustees.

Lexington, Ky.

Jan. 11th, 1912.

Mrs. H. C. Bunker.

West Point, Ky.

Dear Madam,

Yours of the 9th inst. is at hand. I should be pleased to read the manuscript of which you speak; but I doubt if my criticism would be of any practical service to you, as I am not in the habit of reviewing articles for the press, and I feel my incompetency to make suggestions which would improve the chances of acceptance by publishers. I would advise you to consult instead of me some person who is in the habit of writing for the newspapers.

Very truly yours,

[Jan 12, 1912]

Miss Laura Clay  
Lexington Ky.

Dear Madam.

Your letter at hand and I am sending you in this mail the M.S.S. referred to. My object in desiring your opinion of same is this, The author of said book a Kentucky woman was living in the West when this work was written and did not know of the K. E. R. A. or of what was done in 1892-93-94 as you will see her "copy right" was secured in 1894. The book was written under

the old laws. which I think is best the people should know in order to further the interests of Woman's Cause. I should like to have an expression from you on this point. Also do you think the characters teach properly the conditions under which they are drawn?

And if I should have this book published would it be of any benefit to us by way of enlightening the people along those lines. Now I think you are the best authority I could possibly obtain in regard to this matter, and desire your candid opinion which I shall appreciate even though you should emphatically denounce this work, as unworthy of any consideration from your view point. as President of our State work.

Respectfully

Mr. H. G. Pranger,  
West Point Ky.

1/12/1912

P.S. I am anxious to have a lecture on W. suffrage in our town can you suggest someone that will come for expenses.



Thurston & Van Kirk,  
Room 34, Crawford Building.

Topeka, Kansas, June 3 1912

Miss Anna Blay,  
Leapington, Mo.

My dear Miss Blay,

I don't suppose you have any idea of my existence, but I remember you very vividly from the Mo. Valley Conference, at Des Moines, many years ago. It was my good fortune there to be entertained with yourself and Mrs. Batt.

This letter is a call to come over and help us! We need workers, strong women who can impress people with the dignity and righteousness of our cause. If we are to win, there must be efficient work done, and a half dozen workers are needed, in my judgment. Why the impression is out that Kansas is safe, I am at a loss to understand.

All the elements that are arrayed against progress in other States are here. The liquor interest outside the State will not fail to get busy. The foreign population in some sections is large and formidable. The old conservatism is here in con-

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Siderable number, tho' not as numerous I think, as  
in some states. The colored vote is also considerable,  
and the indiffiant Orman is a perpetual  
menace.

Can't you see you may clear to  
put some time into the Kansas Campaign?

Cordially Yrs,  
S. A. Thuntow.

June 9<sup>th</sup> Wrote I would donate any  
time desired between Sept. 1 and Oct. 15.  
Did not mention expenses.

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Grand Rapids - Michigan.  
January 17<sup>th</sup>, 1912.

My dear Miss Clay -

Enclosed please find the material which came to me last month. I have given it due consideration and had hoped to have it copied so I wouldn't forget it, but haven't had time for we have had so much doing in the suffrage line locally. I send it on for I feel it must not stay here any longer: you will want it.

You will be sorry to learn that our State Pres. Mrs. Arthur, has met with a terrible loss in the death of her husband, Mr. James Arthur, on Friday last. He was one of the finest men in Michigan and this will be a sad blow to this ideal family - all of whom we love.

Hoping sometime, Miss Clay, to see you on our own "reservation" and that you will let me know if you come up into this neighborhood at any time. I am -

Cordially Yours -

Mrs. Huntley Russell.

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P.S. I know it doesn't look like a dyed in  
the wool suffragist to use my husband's  
name, but I always do because it is so  
confusing to use both - and I like it written  
the way it is on this heading (carries more  
weight politically).

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Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 20, 1912

Miss Laura Clay,

Lexington, Ky.

My dear Laura:-

Mr. Allen G. Hall, President of the Monteagle Summer Assembly, has written me with regard to your delivering a lecture at that Assembly next summer during the months of July or August. Can you- or rather will you- do this? I suppose he would be willing to pay your traveling expenses and probably something more; this I do not know, however, but if you can fix one or more dates and let me know, he will take up the matter with you. I believe this is a real opportunity for advancing the suffrage work in the South, my dear Laura, and I sincerely hope you can make it possible to let Mr. Hall put you on the program.

I shall be in Nashville for some days yet and if you will write me in care of Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, Tenn., I will get the letter.

With very much love, *Belle H. Bennett*

Lexington, Ky.

Jan. 20th, 1912.

My dear Mrs. Weaver,

I am sure you will be interested to know the outcome of the Federation's committee's interview with Mr. Hamlett yesterday. Mrs. Breckinridge and I went from Lexington; we found that Elise had received a telegram from Mrs. Roark saying she found it impossible to come. The three saw Mr. Hamlett, and laid before him the Club's desire that the State should take over the work they had been doing, specifically putting a woman in the field to arouse public interest in schools, by organizing Improvement Leagues, etc. Mr. Hamlett expressed himself as greatly pleased with your work, and in full sympathy with the Federation's ~~position~~. We asked him what sort of a bill it would be possible for us to bring in to enlarge the scope of the bills he had brought in, so as to include this particular feature? He said that if the bills he had prepared were passed the Department would be in a financial and legal position to do this without any additional legislation. That even now he believed that some step could be taken in that direction. And he pointed out a danger that if we brought in a bill and the Legislature should by defeating it express its disapproval of our position, it would make it difficult, if not impossible, for the Educational Department to go forward, in the face of this expressed disapproval, and do what it might otherwise effect under its present powers. In short, his advice was not to try to have any legislation on this point, but to await developments of the bills he had had presented. He assured us that if his bills were passed, and ability supplied him to put a woman in this responsible position or a similar one,

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it would be his policy to do so, as he was fully persuaded that it was conducive to the efficiency of his Department to do so. His views were convincing to us; and we were agreed that as we were already in a position to carry on our <sup>work</sup> the greater part of the interval till the next Legislature that we had better await further developments before we took any legislative steps, as we saw a danger of really throwing an obstacle in the way of our work taking a firm hold upon popular opinion; and we were also aware that it is very late to begin to prepare a bill which would meet all the difficulties which are bound to be in the way of such an advance step. We were pleased with our reception by Mr. Hamlett, and glad that we had had the interview and the opportunity in an official manner to explain to him the attitude of the Federation toward the work it had done and what it expected in the future from the educational department and the Legislature.

Elise tells me she expects you in Frankfort very soon, and she will be able to give you further particulars about our interview.

Very sincerely yours,

Lexington, Ky.

Jan. 22nd, 1912.

My dear Belle,

I received your letter of the 20th this morning, and was very glad to hear from you. For I saw Elise in Frankfort last Friday, and she told me you had been sick in Nashville. I hope the fact that you are dictating letters indicates that you are fairly recovered.

In reply to your question about giving a lecture at the Monteagle Summer Assembly next July or August I will say that I feel with you the importance of taking every opportunity to spread the Suffrage gospel in our Southern states; and therefore I would be willing to make a suffrage address there on condition that my travelling expenses are paid. I make suffrage addresses in my own state sometimes without even the expenses paid. But I have a fund from our B.R.A. for that purpose; and I do not think other states have the same claim upon me.

I also make an address on Civil Service Reform; but I prefer giving one on Suffrage.

As to date, - I have no preference between the two months mentioned; and at present I do not know of anything to make me prefer any particular dates.

When you get back to Ky. do try to come to stay with me a few days. It is wonderful and sad how little we seem to see of each other.

Always affectionately your friend,



Lexington, Ky.

Jan. 22nd, 1912.

My dear Mrs. Castleman,

I enclose a notice from National Headquarters of the National Child Labor Conference to be held in Louisville Jan 25-28. It is our desire to secure endorsement of Woman Suffrage by resolution from all such bodies, when possible; and I am writing to you to ask that you will undertake to do so for the State Asso. in conjunction with the Louisville Suffrage Asso., and our Auditor, Mrs. Field. You will find Miss Jean Gordon, of New Orleans, an able helper, if she is at the conference.

I have not written to our state Executive Board in relation to legislative, as you may have expected to hear from me. As you know, we decided that to ask for the submission of a Constitutional Amendment should be the bill we would bend our efforts to secure. However, on consulting with individual members as I had opportunity to do, various considerations have been presented which make it seem undesirable to press that bill this year. (1) Gov. McCreary has proposed two amendments himself, which are receiving Legislative attention, and the constitution does not permit more than two to be presented at any one election. (2) The Federation of Clubs is in great hopes that it may succeed with the School Suffrage bill, and they desire that we shall not bring in a bill for full suffrage lest it work to their disadvantage in securing their bill. (3) Many feel that we are not yet organized sufficiently well to secure adequate respect for our demand just yet. To all these objections to action this winter I suppose all of us would attach weight; therefore I have not asked

our Legislative Committee (which is composed of the Executive Committee) to take any steps yet. However, for educational purposes only I, as well as others, think it would be good policy to have such a bill up for discussion this winter, if we find a member in either house who would advocate it with enough earnestness to give it dignity. I feel that for political reasons we should ask only a Democrat to do so. I think also that we should wait till later in the session till the School Suffrage question is practically settled; for we ought not to disregard the wishes of our allies in the Federation. Therefore, I am taking this opportunity to request you, Mrs. Field and the other Louisville suffragists to bear this subject in mind; and if you see any hopeful opportunity, to advise the Executive Committee of it at once.

I believe I have not yet had occasion to write to you that Mrs. Susan E. Avery donated \$100 for our state work; and I have also received a donation of twenty dollars from Mrs. Obenchain. These sums, together with what is in the hands of our treasurer, Mrs. Shepard, make it possible for us to use some money in organizing, if only we could find the right woman to undertake the work. I have been in hopes that Miss Robinson would find some leisure from her other duties to do some organizing in the counties near Louisville. I wish you would take this matter into consideration, also. Of course, our Lecture Bureau gives us certain facilities for making lecture engagements; but that will not supply the place of regular organizing workers.

Hoping to hear from you on all these points, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Jan. 23<sup>d</sup>, 1912.

Dear Miss Clay: -

I do genealogical work, and am now trying to trace her Clay lineage for a descendant, who thinks she belongs to the Green Clay branch of the family. She is under the impression that her great grandfather was a Mr. Woodward Clay, whose wife was Dorothy ... surname unknown.

The following facts are recorded: her grandmother, Adeline Clay, had 2 brothers, and 2 sisters; 1. Green Clay.  
2. Albert...

3. Maria Clay. (Jan 23, 1912)

4. Ann Clay.

Adeline Clay married John  
Nyers of Nashville.

Now, I am so anxious  
to learn about the ancestry of  
Adeline Clay, and hope you can  
give me the desired information  
as you are a descendant of Gen.

Green Clay. If Woodward Clay  
<sup>was</sup> not the father of Adeline Clay, then  
who was her father? And who  
was his father? & so on. Please  
let me have all the data you  
possess relative to this Adeline  
Clay, & her "forebears." - How  
nearly are you related to

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Brenton Clay & Cassius M.  
Clay. &

Trusting for an early  
reply, and thanking you in  
advance for any information  
you will kindly furnish  
me, believe me.

Truly Yours,  
Miss Harriet Talbot,  
49 Carroll St.,  
Nashville, Tennessee.

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HEADQUARTERS, 505 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

Jan. 24, 1912.

My dear Miss Clay:

I am enclosing a copy of the vote by which the Woman Suffrage Party decided to affiliate with the National Association, and was asked to forward the same to the Membership Committee of our Association. The understanding on the part of the Woman Suffrage Party is that it affiliates on the basis of its dues-paying members, i.e., the members of the district clubs with a minimum annual fee of \$30.

The Party intends, so Mrs. Laidlaw says, to increase its fee as much as is can. As you know, the Headquarters of the Party is at 1 Madison Avenue, New York City, and the officers are as follows:

Honorary Chairman, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt.  
Chairman, Mrs. W.W. Penfield, 730 East 242 St.  
Vice-Ch'm., Mrs. Martha Wentworth Suffren, 68 Buckingham Rd., Brooklyn.  
Secretary, Mrs. Thomas Wells, 46 West 9th St.,  
Asst. Treasurer, Miss Mary G. Hay, Martha Washington Hotel.

The membership of the Party is something over 45,000 I believe. We keep hearing pleasant echoes of the Louisville Convention from the Kentucky women and were glad a few weeks ago of a call from Miss Hast.

Sincerely yours,

*Mary Ware Dennett*  
Corresponding Secretary.

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199 N. Mill Street, Lexington, Ky.  
Jan. 24th, 1912.

Dear Member of the N.A.W.S.A. Membership Committee:-

On Jan. 17th there was mailed back to me the material I submitted for your votes on November 6th, 1911. The result of the votes is as follows:

(1) To admit the Washington Suffrage League: Yes. Laura Clay; Harriet May Mills; Susan W. Fitzgerald; Caroline Katzenstein; Mrs. Huntley Russell.

(2) To admit the State Equal Franchise League of Maryland: Yes: Clay; Mills; Fitzgerald; Russell. Miss Katzenstein did not vote, but she writes to me that she would vote Yes if the correctness of the statement presented to us is admitted. I will mention that this Association presented its claims at the Convention in Louisville before the Board; and an amicable settlement was made of its claims to representation there. So I consider Miss Katzenstein's doubt is answered and shall count her vote in the affirmative.

(3) To admit the Just Government League of Maryland: Yes: Clay; Mills; Fitzgerald; Russell. Miss Katzenstein did not vote. She writes that as this League was refused admission to the state association because it was itself a state association, which seems to her a reasonable ground for refusal, that such refusal ought not to be made a ground for complaint and a cause for acceptance into direct membership with the National. As I understand the action of our convention at Louisville, it is not necessary for this Committee to go back into the records, as the new constitution simply says "Societies now auxiliary to our State Associations shall not be eligible to direct membership in the National unless they have been refused auxiliaryship in their states". (See new constitution printed in Woman's Journal of Dec. 2nd, 1911). I do not know whether or not Miss Katzenstein will accept this view; but as four have voted in the affirmative, this issue also is accepted.

(4) To admit the Indiana Equal Restricted Suffrage Association. No: Clay; Russell. Mrs. Russell remarks, "I don't believe in working for restricted suffrage". Miss Mills does not vote. She says, "data of Indiana Assoc. too limited; cannot vote intelligently". Mrs. Fitzgerald does not vote for the same reasons. Miss Katzenstein has doubt to of its rights to become auxiliary on account of the fact that it stands for restricted suffrage, while in Mrs. Bennett's letter the state recent is made that the National has always stood unreservedly for complete suffrage. Your chairman voted No because the status of this society

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seems to be very indefinite. It is not mentioned whether or not it wishes to work as a state society or merely as a local or one county society. It does not say if it has been refused auxiliaryship to the State Assn. already existing. It has not the required number of three hundred members. In my opinion there are no evidences of eligibility in any line shown by what has been presented to our Committee. My letter to its president having miscarried, as I informed you I have heard nothing from them clearing up any of these objections; as I purposely did not write again, waiting to hear from the Committee. I shall now write and try to have their application put upon a sounder basis, so that we can vote on it again.

I doubt if the objection that the National stands for unrestricted suffrage will hold good as a reason why restricted suffrage societies shall not be admitted to auxiliaryship. In states where there is an educational qualification already established for voters there has never been an attempt by the National to change it in the demand for woman suffrage. In fact, some of the auxiliaries ask for woman suffrage with an educational qualification where it is not now required in the suffrage for men. I will also mention the fact that such associations were not excluded by the rules adopted at the convention, though such a society was quite prominent through its president, Miss Winsor, and such a case was probably not unthought of. As this question will very likely come up again, I am going to ask a vote upon it. With the facts I have mentioned in mind, I shall vote in favor of a rule admitting them, if other requirements are fulfilled. I do not think they are, in the instance of the Indiana N.R.A.A.

It was agreed between Mrs. Bennett and your chairman that when applications for membership were received at National Headquarters, she would make and send copies to each member of our Committee. I received a notification from Mrs. Bennett, dated Dec. 18th, of an application from the Political Equality League of Wisconsin. If she sent each of you a copy of this application I ought to have received your votes upon it ere this. So far, I have not received any vote; and I am inclined to think that Mrs. Bennett has overlooked this part of our arrangement. So in order to prevent further delay I am myself sending you a copy of the application, with the request that you will at once send your vote upon it and the other matter.

The application and votes are enclosed on another sheet.

Very truly yours,

Laura Clay.

Chairman N.A.R.A.A. Com. on Membership.

P.S. I will now inform the applying association of their acceptance upon the fulfillment of sending in affidavits, etc., prescribed by the rules.



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Jan. 27. 1912.

Miss Laura Clay  
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay.

The Church Congress is to meet, this year, in St. Louis, April 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>. The topic appointed for discussion on Wednesday evening, the 17<sup>th</sup>, is "The Sanctity of Marriage; and I am directed by the Executive Committee to express to you the

earnest hope that you will  
favor the Congress with a pa-  
per on this subject.

We expect to have another pa-  
per from the Rev. Dr. Williams  
of Omaha and the appoint-  
ed speakers are the Rev.

Samuel Tyler of Cincinnati  
and Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett  
of Alexandria, Va.

Should you accept this invita-  
tion you will be the guest of  
the Church people of St. Louis  
during the Congress.

Hoping for a favorable reply  
I am

Yours sincerely

G. A. Barstensen  
Gen'l. Sec'y.

[Jan. 27, 1912]

## Rules of the Church Congress

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I. The Bishop of the Diocese in which the Congress is held is *ex-officio* presiding officer. In his absence one of the Vice-Presidents shall act as Chairman.

II. None but members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, or of Churches in communion with the same, shall address the Congress; and no person shall be permitted to speak twice on the same subject.

III. All questions of order shall be in the discretion of the Chairman, and his decision shall be final.

IV. Any person desiring to speak on the subject before the Congress must send his card to the Secretary's table, and the Chairman shall call upon the speakers in the order in which their cards are received.

V. Every writer or speaker shall address the chair only, and from the platform, confining himself to the subject under discussion.

VI. No question arising out of any paper or subject shall be put to vote.

X VII. All papers must be handed to the Secretary appointed to receive them, immediately after reading. This rule is indispensable in order to secure the prompt issue of the Report of the Proceedings.

X VIII. Readers will limit their papers to twenty-five minutes; appointed speakers will be allowed twenty minutes, and voluntary speakers not more than ten minutes.

IX. No appointed paper will be read except by its writer. This rule is the condition under which any appointed paper will appear in the authorized report.

X. Appointed speakers will be expected to address the Congress without notes. This rule is absolute in order to distinguish between writers and speakers.

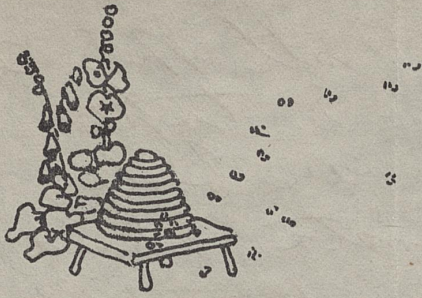
New York State Woman Suffrage Association

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My dear Miss Day, Jan'y 28-1912

Mrs Bennett has sent me no notification of an application from the Wisconsin League, so your letter was the first intimation I had of it.

I am voting yes with the proviso that the <sup>Wisconsin</sup> League fulfills the necessary qualifications as to franchises, membership, etc.

As to limited suffrage leagues, I know Mrs. Winsor was received & that the reason she could not vote was because she could not be admitted under the old rule. At the same time I consider her basis of membership on her object matter most



undemocratic & totally opposed  
to the spirit of the Natl W. S. C.  
If we once begin to take  
such societies into our body,  
even the anti-suffragists would  
be eligible - Many of them believe  
in a limited suffrage for women.

Yours cordially,  
Harriet May Mills.

Lexington, Ky.

Jan. 29th, 1912.

My dear Mrs. Smith,

I received your letter of Nov. 29th in due time, and was much gratified by your writing. I note with interest what you say about the attitude of the liquor interests to our question. Your view coincides with some things I heard while I was in Arizona; and I hope that these interests will not make as strong a fight against us in the West as they have done in states further east, where perhaps their manufacturing interests are greater.

I see some of the occurrences at our Convention displeased you. But I hope you will dismiss from your mind anything unpleasant in connection with it, and remember only those great things which made it one of the most successful and inspiring that we have ever had. We in Kentucky feel in many ways that it was the greatest impetus to our cause in this state we have ever had. Our membership has greatly increased and evidences that we have taken forward steps in public sentiment are abundant on every side. Our School Suffrage bill has passed the House of Representatives by a splendid majority, and with every prospect of becoming law. Of course, this seems a small victory to you in Washington; but I believe with the splendid examples of Washington and California before us, with the possible victories this year may bring us, in a few years Kentucky also may attain full suffrage.

The Political Equality League of Wisconsin, of which Miss Ada James is president, has applied for admission to auxiliaryship. I judge from all I have heard that Mrs. Crystal Eastman Benedict, their campaign manager, is a very competent woman. It seems hopeful now that they may conduct their campaign to a successful issue this fall.

Very sincerely yours,

189 N. Mill Street, Lexington, Ky.

Jan. 29th, 1912.

Mrs. George A. Smith, President Washington Suffrage League,

Seattle, Wash.

My dear Mrs. Smith,

I take pleasure in announcing that the Membership Committee of the N.A.W.S.A. has given a unanimous vote to admit to auxiliaryship to the National the Washington Suffrage League.

I must explain the apparent delay in sending this reply to your application by saying that the convention and afterwards other pressing business of some of the Committee preventing an early vote, though your application was submitted to a vote soon after the convention in Louisville.

The amended constitution as adopted (See Woman's Journal of Dec. 2nd, 1911) provides that the dues, -tencents per capita of membership, - shall be paid four weeks before the convention. It is probable that the annual convention will be in November, between election day and Thanksgiving; therefore it would be well for you to send your dues the first of October.

With a warm welcome for your League, I am

Very sincerely yours,

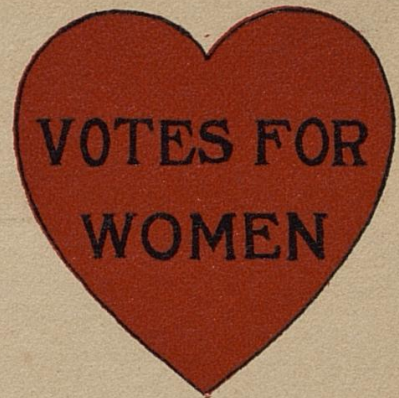
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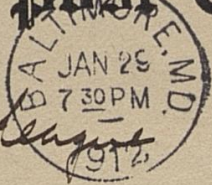
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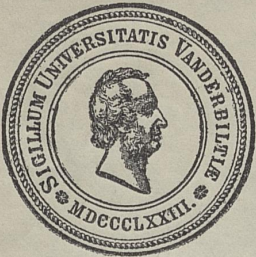
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January 30, 1912.

Miss Laura Clay,  
Lexington, Kentucky,  
My dear Miss Clay:-

Our mutual Friend, Miss Belle H. Bennett, I think has communicated with you with reference to a lecture at Monteagle during the Chautauqua season, July-August 1912. She phoned me you would be willing to come for one lecture for your expenses, which I assure you is generous and greatly appreciated.

I want a lecture on Woman's Suffrage, and would be pleased to have you at eleven o'clock on Friday, July 12th. If for any reason this date is not acceptable to you, will you be kind enough to write what other date in that week would be more agreeable. Or, I could give you some date in August, say Friday, August 16th at eleven o'clock.

Be kind enough to indicate your preference.

Hoping to have an early reply

I am yours truly

*Alvan Hall*  
Superintendent

Monteagle S.S. Assembly

*Chase Aug 16<sup>th</sup>*  
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Washington, D.C.

Mr. G. A. Carstensen, General Secretary, Jan. 31st, 1912.

Mr. G. A. Carstensen, General Secretary, New York.

Dear Sir, New York.

I am in receipt of your letter of Jan. 27th conveying the request that I contribute to the Church Congress a paper on the topic appointed for discussion on Wednesday evening, the 17th of April, "The Sanctity of Marriage", said paper to be limited in the reading to twenty-five minutes. I feel honored by the invitation; and I accept it with pleasure.

I will be in St. Louis at the time appointed to present the paper  
a person.

Very respectfully yours,

Jan. 1912

Mrs George Seaton Milligan

Friday

305 N. Broadway