

Buck Creek, Ky. Dec. 2, 1912,

Miss Laura Clay,

Lexington Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:-

Would you please send me
some points for debate on Woman's Suffrage?
I am to debate on it next Friday night
week, and I would like to have as many
new and strong points as I can possibly
get.

Trusting to receive some good
points in time to win in the debate.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Scoville,

Illinois Equal Suffrage Association

President: GRACE WILBUR TROUT, Oak Park, Ill.

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5464 Jefferson Ave.,
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 5th, '12.

Mrs. Desha Breckenridge,
Lexington, Ky.
Dear Friend:-

Copy

I have decided to offer my services for a limited number of engagements this winter along a new line. As one who has had much to do with securing lecturers to address suffrage clubs or the public, I have many times felt that the time and money devoted to an hour of such entertainment and instruction fell short of doing the most good. Follow up work of a practical nature is what many places need.

I have always been particularly interested in the work of organization and have had good opportunities to study and apply many plans. Having spoken several places lately where new suffrage interest had just sprung up, I felt a great longing to stay over and instruct local workers in the practical matters of organization and making local sentiment. So I have decided to offer to conduct conferences or schools of method in addition to public addresses. If properly arranged for in advance, I believe such series of meetings would result in a great revival of suffrage interest and be of lasting benefit.

My idea would be to have a place where from 9:30 or 10 A.M. to 5 P.M., I could meet the workers and present various plans. During the day I would also make short addresses at High Schools, factories or clubs wherever such opportunities could be found. I would suggest one well worked up evening public meeting in connection with the three day conferences and two such meetings for the six day conference. The other evenings might be spent at churches, lodges or clubs where time for short addresses might be secured.

As to terms, I will make them very reasonable; something like this, with modifications if necessary:

One address	425.00 and expenses.
Three day conference and addresses	60.00 " "
Six " " " "	100.00 " "

Wherever engagements can be made in cities near each other, the expenses will be divided equally among those visited. If the suffragists of any city decide upon this plan, I will furnish minute suggestions for arranging for the use of the time and will furnish advertising matter.

Please tell me what you think of the plan and whether some cities in your state might possibly be interested. I will appreciate any names and addresses of interested persons which you may send me.

Yours cordially,

Ellen S. Stewart

SUPREME COURT
CHAMBERS OF
WILLIAM A. JOHNSTON, CHIEF JUSTICE.
TOPEKA, KANSAS.

12 - 6 - 1912

My Dear Miss Clay,

You would hear from
me often if I wrote each
time I thought of you
but this is a busy world
and I rarely find time
for the old time friendly
ship letters ^{like} which our
mothers enjoyed.

I was asked to get the
Coastline of the Pan
handle Equal rights as
society. I think you

You for President
but can not leave
home without great
inconvenience

I am not much
pleas'd with the new
workers who are
pushing to the front
for first honors

Our women are
wearing their "Laurels"
most graciously.

My Margaret is ser-
ving as Rec. Sec. of
the Ohio State Suffrage

told me it was without
doubt and I believed
that we might see
the same place in our
Gay Citizenship League
Please send me a
copy of your consti-
tution by mail by
return mail

You are probably
getting ready for
the National meeting
I would love to be
there and vote for

Association and Billy
is an enthusiastic work-
er. He often talks of
"Miss Clay" - we are go-
ing there for the holi-
days. - (Oxford Ohio)

I hope you are well
and that it will not

be too much trouble for
you to send me the
copy of your Constitution
and By-laws

With love yours

Lura B Johnson
1900 W. C. Ave. Zupeta

December 12, 1912.

Miss Laura Clay,
Lexington,
Kentucky.

My dear Miss Clay:-

It was recommended at the Convention in Philadelphia that the Special Committee be appointed to help raise money for the payment of the remaining indebtedness of the National Association for the "Woman's Journal" bills. At the first meeting of the Board the following committee was appointed.

Miss Laura Clay, Chairman; Lexington, Ky.

Mrs. Veloria Parker, Greenwich, Conn.

Mrs. Maud Wood Park, 5585 Boylston St., Boston, Mass.

This to ask if you will serve as a member of this committee. The unpaid bills of the Journal on November 1st, were \$4,777.39. The pledges made at the Convention, were sufficient to support the work of the National Association during January and no further. There is every reason to wish that the Journal bills may be paid as quickly as possible, and it will be a great help if you will give your services to this committee.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Ware Dennett

Corresponding Sect.

[with letter of Jan. 7, 1913]

618 Floral Terrace
Louisville, Ky.
Dec. 13, 1912.

Dear Mrs. Koebuck,

Up to this time I have been unable to answer either of your letters because of illness in my family. I regret this delay very much and I am sorry that I am so late in declining the place to which I was elected. It is absolutely impossible for me to serve.

Most sincerely,

Eleanor F. Little

618 Floral Terrace,
Louisville, Ky.
Dec. 13, 1912.

Dear Miss Clay,

I heard from Mrs. Roebuck as to my election, but it is impossible for me to serve, so I had to write her to that effect.

Your letter came to me while Mr. Little was quite ill and I could not answer then. I am enclosing the list you sent me for fear you may need it in future work in the State.

Mr. Emil Tachau attended the Convention in Philadelphia and I suppose saw you many times.
Most sincerely,
Eleanor F. Little.

Ans. Dec. 19.

Wyooming Hill.

Dec 15 - 1912

My dear Miss Clay,

I have been so long & so often promising myself to write to you that my thoughts run not to the contrary - Since the day I saw you I have been quite as busy as ever in my life, though accomplishing almost nothing -

We left Louisville - Miss Briggs Miss McDougal & I. on the last day of May & spent a few hours at Mt. Daniel Kiefers at Cincinnati. They invited quite a large number of women Suffragists - to meet us in the afternoon & at night we came on to Wyooming - which we

reached about noon next day.

We have had a delightful
summer with many interesting
guests.

My eyes have given me much
trouble & for the last two
months have not seen any
thing - To-morrow I am going
to the oculist in Rochester who
in the meantime has paid me
two visits here - We hope that
something may be done to en-
able me to read & write.

Mr Board had a large part of
her numerous family children
& grandchildren - here for
Thanksgiving which we all

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enjoyed exceedingly. I should
be very proud to have you
my numerous descendants.

I have been intending to go
with Mr. Board to Chicago for
the winter, but everything is
so quiet & agreeable here that
we have decided to stay until
after the holidays at least.

I had a very interesting
letter several weeks ago from
Mrs. Jarman - You have doubtless
heard of the death of her husband
She is still a very efficient
worker in the W. S. cause but
you correspond with her & know

it all.

I was full of regret for the
lost cause in Ohio, which after
all is not lost, its ultimate
result only assured.

What good progress our good
cause has made every where!
I receive many letters re-
porting progress in Virginia
& elsewhere in the South.

Were you entirely satisfied
with the result of the Bazaar
in San Francisco? I was not.
I ~~have~~ think we have compro-
mised our principles for
numbers quite long enough

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That we have taboed the discussion of religion & politics - the very things that need to be discussed and are quite ready to ban the W. S. Census taken to which the anti's so strongly object.

I become daily more and more radical on many subjects:

Just before leaving Louisville I ~~discovered~~ I met Mr. Bryan for the first time & had a charming tho' short visit - we had a good W. S. talk & he said he would gladly

print any article I might write
on the subject & I might make it
as strong as I pleased. I sent
it off last week, as it was
thought better to wait till after
the election. I appreciate &
revere Mr. Bryan more highly
than ever before.

I hope the result of the election
was satisfactory to you but
I have a kind of feeling that
you would favor Mr. Roosevelt.
& Mrs. Macdonald says she
thinks you would favor any
candidate who pronounced
W.S.

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I am appalled by the man-
 cations of Mr. Roosevelt's attitude
 towards nearly all the questions
 at issue in our country &
 just now Panama, Colombia,
 etc etc —

I hope & believe Mr. Wilson
 will prove the honest man.

My daughter - Mrs. Shanklin -
 whom I doubt if you have ever
 met came home early in Augth
 & I have just received her
 first letter after her return to
 London. She has two daughters
 the elder my namesake is studying
 painting. The younger one is

Singing. & is thoroughly en-
joying her studies in the Opera
School. Until recently I have
supposed that singing was
an exercise of the throat
but I find it is one much
more of the abdomen.

~~I am exercised over the~~
~~fact~~ I am just awakening
to the fact that Mormonism
wields a great influence over
this country & discover that
it is the balance of power
^{several of}
in the U. S. States. We women
must look to it.

I was delighted to hear that

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the women of Louisville saved
our schools to the citizens -

I wish I might meet you & talk
over many subjects which in-
terest me deeply for I find that
as time goes on there is more
to talk about than ever -

Our weather is delightful
the sun shines clear & strong -
my room is flooded with it
now.

I hope you are well & that
you will have a happy Christmas

Sincerely & affectionately

Susan Look Avery
Orlando



THE SOCIALIST PARTY

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT
WINNIE E. BRANSTETTER, GEN. COR.



JOHN M. WORK
NATIONAL SECRETARY



111 NORTH MARKET STREET, CHICAGO

Dec. 16, 1912.

To the Members of the Official Board
of the National American Woman's
Suffrage Association.

Dear Friends:

Enclosed find copy of my report rendered to the convention in Philadelphia. This copy should have been mailed to you several days ago. Delay was caused by an accumulation of important work during my absence from the office.

It was my intention to bring this matter before the meeting of the board on November 27 but it was not possible for me to attend that meeting.

Trusting that the requests made by the Oklahoma Suffrage Association will meet with favorable consideration I am,

Yours most fraternally,

Winnie E. Branstetter
General Correspondent,
Woman's National Committee.

Temporary Address,
111 North Market Street,
Chicago, Ill.

Dec 16, 1912

REPORT OF THE OKLAHOMA WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION
TO THE NATIONAL SUFFRAGE CONVENTION.

The peculiar psychology of Oklahoma makes suffrage propaganda particularly easy. Since 1907 this question has been almost continually before the voters with the result that organization after organization has endorsed it.

Because of the following facts, the campaign for 1913 which we anticipate initiating bids fair to make Oklahoma the next suffrage state:

Such vexatious questions as the infamous Grandfather Clause, the state capitol, corporation laws and the prohibition question have all been settled, so that now the organizations standing for suffrage may give us their undivided support and co-operation:

A campaign initiated by the Oklahoma Suffrage Association as a non-political, non-sectarian organization will secure the financial and moral backing of the Federated Woman's Clubs, The American Federation of Labor, the Farmers Union, the Western Federation of Miners, and the Prohibition, Progressive, and Socialist political parties.

Believing that such a campaign would be more advantageous than one initiated by either of these organizations, we are anxious to comply with the request made to us by the Woman's Federated Clubs that we take charge of the campaign, accepting their assistance in the establishment and maintenance of a campaign headquarters, but owing to the crop failures of the past three years and the general poverty of the membership, it is impossible for the Oklahoma Suffrage Association to take up this work without the assistance of the national organization.

We therefore request that you furnish us with an experienced woman, preferably one who understands the conditions in Oklahoma, to act as campaign manager, the railroad expenses and salary for from six to nine months of this campaign manager to be paid from the national treasury. We also request that you send us organizers and campaign speakers for as long a period as you deem advisable.

I believe that we are for the first time in a position to bring this question in an unbiased manner before the voter. With the endorsement and backing of these various social, industrial and political organizations we will be able to reach every school house, chapel and theater in Oklahoma.

Fraternally submitted,

Dec 16, 1920

REPORT OF THE 44TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF
THE AMERICAN WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

By Winnie E. Eranstetter, Fraternal Delegate.

Having assembled at 11:30 November 21st the delegates and visitors in automobiles decorated with yellow chrisanthemums and "Votes for Woman" pennants proceeded to Liberty Square. There, thousands of men and women were waiting to hear the reading of the historical "Declaration of Woman's Rights". The inspiration of the moment was intense as that vast throng stood there under the very shadow of Liberty Bell, listening to this newer appeal for liberty.

At 2:50 addresses were heard from fraternal delegates from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the Canada Suffrage Association, the Woman's National Committee of the Socialist Party and the Woman's Trade Union League.

When I pledged the association the active support of the Woman's National Committee, the thousands of party members and the 900,000 Socialist voters, the applause was instantaneous and so general that the fact was given headline space in several capitalist papers. The amount of space given and the accuracy with which every statement made by Comrades Jessie Ashley, Inez Mulholland and myself, were reported indicates that the Socialists have some very good friends among the reporters of Philadelphia.

Credentials having been forwarded me by the Oklahoma Suffrage Association with request that I represent them, I became a regular delegate with full privileges of the convention. But having been introduced upon the first day as a Socialist I was known throughout the convention as "The Socialist".

The main points of controversy were upon the plural, or delegation method in convention, the Woman's Journal, and upon political affiliations of officers.

The struggle upon the plural voting method was the most important issue, for upon this decision rested every other point which may develop in the organization, as well as the election of officers. It is through the plural voting system that the wealthy organizations of the east are able to vote the entire strength of a large, non-dues paying, inactive, and even a padded, membership. A small minority voting for absent delegates is able upon every occasion to defeat the will of a large majority of delegates present, thus controlling the policies and the elections.

Upon every question the insurgents insisted upon the plural vote, as this necessitated a roll call vote by states. In two days we had ridden their hobby to death and so disgusted even some of its advocates that upon the final vote it was defeated by an overwhelming majority. This was indeed a victory for the south and west and for democratic and twentieth century convention methods.

The question upon political affiliations was a heated but decidedly one sided debate, the majority being in favor of officers and members retaining their individual right to affiliate with political organizations, but emphasizing the non-political attitude of the organization in constitutional amendment, in resolutions and in official statements to the press.

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The delegates were women of keen intelligence and a knowledge of civic and political issues. They were honestly aligned with every political party but any attempt to swing their organization from its non-political attitude, or to submerge in any way the sole purpose of the organization, "The securing of unrestricted and unqualified universal suffrage", was unanimously denounced.

Through the entire convention there was that spirit of friendliness which characterizes gatherings of people inspired with one purpose. Like our own conventions, the suffrage convention had one purpose and one only. Their differences were of methods and tactics rather than of purpose. There was nothing of personal jealousies or snobbishness.

Naturally so long as the organization is financed by contribution rather than by a dues paying system, that long will its policies be in the hands of a board, and thus be controlled to a large extent by the "Power behind the throne".

The insurgent element is quite socialistic, revolutionary forces fermenting our union and fraternal organizations are also at work in the Suffrage Assdⁿation. There were at least ten red card members, and about thirty delegates came to me for information regarding Socialist work.

Near the literature booth I kept a supply of the November issue of The Progressive Woman and Comrade Simons' Address to Women.

The Philadelphia comrades and Woman's Committee held two large meetings upon Progressive Woman Day. The speakers at these meetings were Frances Squire Potter, former member of the Suffrage Executive Board, now a Socialist lecturer, Carrie Allen, Mrs. Borjman of New York, Comrade Irwin, Jessie Ashley and Winnie E. Branstetter, Comrade Anna Cohen acting as chairman.

Delegates from the Suffrage states almost without exception expressed their appreciation of the assistance rendered them by the Socialist Party. The president of the Suffrage Association of Kansas, attributes the large majorities for suffrage in the Third District in Kansas and the three southern tiers of counties to the Socialist campaign. Ohio really considers their defeat a victory and will initiate the question again this year.

Wisconsin delegates attribute their defeat to the campaign made against the amendment by the brewing industries. Upon the grounds of several breweries notices were posted which read "DANGER! votes for Women will break up the home, will close down the industries, will take the bread from the mouths of your children." The amendment was printed upon pink paper. Many foreign workers would ask for the pink ballot and vote against the "accursed red evil which would take the bread from the mouths of their babies."

All of which comes to one conclusion: we have an immense work before us, comrades, not alone to bring the great body of indifferent and ignorant women to an understanding of Socialism, but to educate these foreign workers and even some of our own comrades within the Socialist Party to a better understanding of the political and industrial injustices heaped upon their sisters of the working class.

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December 17, 1912.

Mrs. Mary Ware Dennett,
505 Fifth Ave.,
New York City,

My dear Mrs. Dennett:-

Your letter of December 12th, asking me to serve on a special committee to help raise money for the payment of the remaining indebtedness of the National Association for the "Woman's Journal" bills, is duly received.

I feel that I must decline to serve on this committee, and in doing so I wish to state my reasons; not because I desire to seem unpleasantly critical, but because I think that if I do not explain my position, it may be misunderstood.

I tried to make clear at the Convention that I regard the indebtedness to the "Woman's Journal" as the first liability of the National Association. It therefore seems to me that payment should not be left to the hazard of a special committee, but should be provided for by the National Executive Board before any further expenses are incurred. Perhaps you will remember that I did my best to bring this point before the Convention at one of the first business sessions, in the hope that provision for the indebtedness to the "Journal" might be made before any plans for the coming year were adopted.

My second reason for not accepting the appointment on the

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committee is that I feel a distinct obligation to do all that I can to lighten the heavy burden that Miss Blackwell will have to carry in the future. The credit of the "Journal" has been seriously impaired by the long delay in the payment of its debts, and it seems to me necessary that everybody who can do so should help to raise money for the coming year. The Boston Equal Suffrage Association for Good Government has a plan by which we hope to get funds for the "Journal" and I feel that all the time that I can spare from my regular work should be given for that purpose.

Sincerely yours,

(Maud Wood Park)

BOSTON EQUAL SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT

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Dec. 17, 1912.

Dear Miss Clay:

The enclosed is my reply to the request to serve on the special committee.

I am sending it because I want you to understand why I declined.

With much regret that I was not able to see more of you at the Convention and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Maud Wood Park.

Mrs. Desha Breckinridge,

Miss Laura Clay

Lexington, Ky.

Dec. 17th, 1912.

Dear Mrs. Dennett,

Your letter of Dec. 12th, asking if I can serve on the special committee for raising money for the debts due the Woman's Journal, is at hand.

I regret that I cannot take the place of chairman of this committee, which I observe is given me in your list of members. I do not think a resident of a small inland town is favorably situated for collecting money; and I do not feel that I have the requisite acquaintance in the large cities. If I can be of help in a place less responsible in the committee I shall be glad to serve; though I would prefer to do what I can without any place on a committee at all.

Very truly yours,

Lexington, Ky.

Dec. 19th, 1912.

Dear Mrs. Meredith,

I am enclosing a copy of my paper read before the Church Congress, as I promised you.

In my little address before the Suffrage League in Richmond, I drew certain conclusions from the subject matter of the paper, in favor of Equal Suffrage. It is the one gleam of light in the dreadful revelations of the social evil that it would not be possible for it to exist in its present flagrant form if it were not for the collusion of those whose duty it is to enforce law. Examples of such maladministration have been recently seen in New York. A natural inference is that women ought to insist upon their right to suffrage, so they can help in choosing officers who will put down vice instead of making profit out of it.

I believe it is also a necessary conclusion that as women have the same standard of duty assigned them by their Maker as men, they also have the same standard of rights, because this only is in accord with Divine justice.

But it is not necessary to follow this line of thought further. I am sure you will see it for yourself. I am only repeating a little of what I said at that meeting.

I am very sincerely yours,



THE SOCIALIST PARTY

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT
WINNIE E. BRANSTETTER, GEN. COR.



JOHN M. WORK
NATIONAL SECRETARY



111 NORTH MARKET STREET, CHICAGO

Dec. 19, 1912.

Laura Clay,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Friend:

Enclosed find my report of the National Convention rendered to the Socialist Party as fraternal delegate; also a copy of the Oklahoma official report to the National Convention.

I am sending these reports to you thinking they may be of interest to you in our mutual work.

With best wishes for continued success in your efforts for a true democracy I am,

Yours fraternally,

Winnie E. Branstetter

General Correspondent,
Woman's National Committee.

WEB/BHB

Sewanee, Tennessee

Dec. 27th 1912

My dear Miss Clay:

I am sure that you have every right
not to remember me, seeing that we have
met only in the stormy days of the
Philadelphia Convention, and that
it was during those hours of confusion
that I asked you to help me in a
movement that I am making
toward a unified South in the
matter of suffrage. You did not
commit yourself, but said
that you would try. I am asking
you to come to Nashville and
be with us the 8th, 9th & 10th of Jan.
1913. I am making an endeavor
to get the Southern leaders together

to discuss our problems - they are quite different to the North Eastern problems and we must discuss them among ourselves and, also, manage them for ourselves. Please come and help me? Please select your own subject and also, preside for one day.

~~Would~~ you let me hear as quickly as possible as there is so little time. The delay in my writing to you has been due to the fact that I was detained in New York by my physician - & second, that on reaching home I have had to change the place of meeting of the Conference from Chattanooga

to Nashville, necessitating an enormous
amount of letter writing and of other things
as well - in fact, a re-arrangement of every
thing - so that this short notice is due some-
what to my misfortunes and somewhat
to my health. But I think it important
that we meet - and most important
that you should come to lead us.
You know more about suffrage - have
suffered more for it, than all of us put
together - so I beg of you to come. Hoping
that you will have mercy -

I am -

Yours most sincerely -

Sarah Barnwell Elliott.

Write to me - Sewanee, Tennessee.

NATIONAL AMERICAN
WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION
505 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

December 27, 1912.

Miss Laura Clay,
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:-

I am asked to express to you the regret of the Board that you cannot serve as Chairman of the Special Committee for raising money to pay off the debt of the "Woman's Journal" and to urge that you will remain on the committee at any rate, if not as its Chairman.

With best wishes for a happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Ware Demmitt

Corresponding Sect.

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December 30th, 1912.

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

Dear Miss Clay:-

The National Board, at its recent meeting, voted to ask you to continue to serve as chairman of the membership Committee for the ensuing year.

Hoping you will be willing to render this service.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Ware Dennett

Corresponding Secretary.

P.S. In gathering together my material for the annual report, I do not find a copy of the report of the Membership Committee in my file. May I trouble you to send it to me at once, as I am making a special effort to get the minutes out early. I want to send the copy to the printer next week.

1912,

Dear Miss Laura. I notice that in Washington they sent letters containing strong suffrage arguments to all the women of the state. I am much impressed with the plan if the funds could be raised. I have seen in many instances how a thing of that sort reaches a remote woman and makes a life-time impression. Why can't we get a mailing list

through County Superintendents
perhaps, and by that plan?

I presided at the 7th an-
nual meeting of School Im-
provement women held here
at the Summer School in
Hoxville. Dr. Ayers is a bitter
anti- says it will disrupt
the home, cause marriages
to cease. The matter was
mentioned by another
party and even as presiding
officer, I could not help giving
a bit of a suffrage talk. Dr.
Ayers was pleased with the

argument, he said, but says he is not
open to conviction. I always put
a bit of it in and urge the women
to use the school ballot, in Ky. At

Pleasureville a few weeks ago, this
aroused the indignation of one
gentleman in the audience
that he grew quite nervous and
crossed and recrossed his legs many
times and gave snorts and grunts
of division. I paused for him to
speak, but he then desisted, and

would not speak. Dr. McKeuzie of
Lexington, is here. I believe he is
friendly to the cause as most edu-
cators seem to be. I think this
letter plan would reach our women.
What do you think?

Yours,

Anna Sewall Weaver,

Suggen W. FitzGerald ^{E1912}
The one admission
to N. A. W. S. A.

Pennsylvania Limited
Suffrage League Yes

Women's Political
Union - New York Yes

Minnesota Equal Suff.
League Yes

Everybody's Equal Suff.
League of Oregon.

As state assoc. if it so desires
& can qualify Yes

As members if can
qualify Yes. }

Portland Eq. Suffh.
if qualifies Yes.

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Woman's Franchise
League of Indiana Yes

Should the Yes on
the motion to recommend
to the Convention to receive
delegates from Indiana
& Oregon - altho'
technically they are
late in being admitted

Susan W. Fitzgerald

[1912]

Surrah for
the victories of
1912.

Kansas, Foremost in Freedom
fight,

Born to defend the Right.

Daring to set aside

old and dead Tradition

Kansas, Victorious, As in the South

Rise from our in defense of Truth,

Be Humanity by some Ambition!

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Official Board, --- #2.

We agree with Miss Shaw as to the wisdom of adopting the essential features of the Party method of organizing, but differ with her, in that we accept as significant the testimony of the Party leaders that the name "Party" is in itself one of the essential features of the method.

Faithfully yours

Jessie Ashley
Mary Wae Demmitt

MWD
JA

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with the admiration
of
Mary Johnston

PROGRESSIVE PARTY

NATIONAL COMMITTEE

name

..... Town or City District
..... Street Ward

Are you interested in social betterment work?

Are you a suffragist?

With which political party are you in sympathy?

Are you a member of the Progressive Party? If not, will you become a member?

Are you willing to work for the Progressive Party as:—

SPEAKER CANVASSER OFFICE WORKER CONTRIBUTOR

or general work among your friends?

Do you wish your reply to be considered confidential?

FRANCES A. KELLOR

National Committeeman



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MANHATTAN HOTEL

PROGRESSIVE
HEADQUARTERS

NEW YORK CITY

*Will you kindly answer the questions
on the appended card and return same to
me?*

Yours very truly

Frances A. Kellor

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