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NO. 9 COAL

R. F. D. No. 4

Owensboro, Ky., 5-1 1913

Miss Laura Clay,
Lexington Ky.

Dear Miss Clay

Our membership
cards have not come. Please
let us have some at once,
also some samples of literature,

Respectfully
Mrs. Geo. H. Rudy Pres.
Heavess Co. E. R. A.

Dear Miss Clay

[May 1-6, 1913]

A few
moments ago I picked
up a box that some
one had over-looked on
the hall floor. It was full
of letters and as I put them
back in the box a shower
of nickels pennies & dimes
rolled out. It was the con-
tribution made at our last -

Amuse nothing!
I enclose check. The dollar
I gave you when you were
in the act of leaving was
my little contribution to the
\$100 worth of stock in the Woman's
Journal, Hushly L. C. Oberchain

Mrs. Desha Breckinridge,

Miss Laura Clay,

Lexington, Ky.

May 2nd, 1913.

Mrs. Geo. H. Rudy,

Owensboro.

Dear Mrs. Rudy,

Under another cover I am mailing you 100 membership cards. I found our supply was exhausted when I reached home; and we have had to wait till a new supply could be printed.

I sent on your subscription to the Woman's Journal several days ago, with instruction to begin with the first Saturday in May. If you do not receive your paper some time next week please notify me.

I was greatly gratified at the success of our organization in Owensboro, and so was Mrs. Breckinridge. She has now gone to Virginia, partly to fulfill some engagements she made some months ago to speak in several Virginia cities, and partly to accompany her mother to a visit to her son, Judge Henry C. McDowell, of Lynchburg. Mrs. Breckinridge says when she comes back she proposes to make a tour through the southern and western part of the state, and I hope the Owensboro E. R. A. will make an engagement with her then.

When you need more cards, or in any way to communicate with headquarters you can address Ky. E. R. A. Headquarters, McClelland Building, Lexington, Ky.

With my sincere thanks for all your helpfulness and wishing you great success as president of the Owensboro County E. R. A., I am

Very sincerely yours,

Cor. Sec. Ky. E. R. A.

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May 5, 1913

Miss Laura Clay
Lexington
Kentucky

Dear Miss Clay:

Since it is now established beyond question that the greatest foe of equal suffrage in this country is the liquor interest, and since the most effective weapon against liquor is the ballot in the hands of women, we believe the time has come for especially effective work in the Franchise Department of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

The Woman's Journal has so much matter almost every week that is of vital interest to W.C.T.U. workers and the anti-suffragists are so clearly in league with the liquor interests that we hope your department will want to strengthen your work and ours by putting the Woman's Journal into the hands of hundreds of new readers.

We know this will count for W.C.T.U. propaganda. We can make it count also from a financial point of view. To this end we make the same offer to your department that we make to suffrage organizations; namely, a good commission on subscriptions and sales of The Woman's Journal. The details are given on the enclosed printed folder.

Under separate cover we send you a marked copy of the Journal which shows the inevitable connection between temperance and suffrage work.

Will you please consider the matter and let us know if you can use sample copies of The Woman's Journal and subscription blanks? May we send you one hundred of each?

Yours sincerely,

Agnes E. Ryan

AER/EBM
Encs.

*P. S. I am writing to all superintendents
of franchise. Of course I know you
do not need this urging on. AER*

189 N. MILL st. Lexington, Ky.

May. 6th, 1913.

My dear Mrs. Obenchain,

I have received your letter enclosing \$2.50, for which I thank you. My travelling expenses are paid by the Ky. E. F. A., and I am glad to have them as light as possible. Also, I received the newspaper clipping, for which I thank you.

I consider that my little tour was quite successful. I got members at Russellville, Hopkinsville, organized at Owensborough, Henderson and Lawrenceville and Shelbyville, as well as speaking at Bowling Green, Louisville, Adairville, and organizing, also, at Cave City.

I wish I might have a few more of those pretty circulars advertising your new book. I showed them at a recent address to our Woman's Club; and the ladies were so interested that I did not get them back again, as I intended to do.

I enjoyed my trip, too, and none of it more than my delightful visit to your hospitable home and your charming home. However, I have been feeling tired after my trip. My hearseness has not quite left me, and the attacking cough has kept me feeling tired. I intend now to rest awhile, as indeed my busy time on the farm is approaching, and I cannot neglect it. Mrs. Breckinridge has gone to Virginia for a few weeks; and promises on her return to go over the places I visited and complete the organizations which I left undone for lack of time. I hope you can save her in Bowling Green.

Please remember me to all your family, and believe me

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Desha Breckinridge,

Miss Laura Clay,

Mrs. W. C. Bennett, Richmond, Ky
189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

May 7th, 1913.

Dear Mrs. Maston,

I have had to delay sending you the membership cards because I had to have a new supply printed on my return home. Under another cover I am sending one hundred. When you need more, write to Ky. Equal Rights Headquarters, McClelland Building, Lexington. I am also sending some to Mrs. Blackford, and telling her that you, as County Chairman, have appointed her as chairman of the Lewisport precinct.

I am enclosing a little local constitution, as a help when you care to organize with a full staff of officers. Until that time, you will be the chairman; and I hope also you would be elected president, if there should be an election of officers.

I want to thank you again for assuming the ~~chairmanship~~ chairmanship at the critical time. I trust you will not find the duties too onerous; and that our efforts will be crowned with success next winter.

Hoping to hear from you from time to time, and assuring you that I shall be glad to render any help I can, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Corresponding Secretary of Ky. E. R. A.

P.S. Mrs. Breckinridge hopes to make a lecture tour in the near future; and I hope the Hancock E. R. A. will secure a lecture from her.

Mrs. Desha Breckinridge, Lexington.

Miss Laura Clay.

Mrs. W. C. Bennett, Richmond, Ky.

189 N. Mill St. Lexington, Ky.
May 7th, 1913.

Mrs. Luella H. Blackford,

Lewisport, Ky.

Dear Mrs. Blackford,

I thank you very much for your letter of Apr. 28th, which I received in Hawesville.

I had a good meeting in Hawesville, secured 35 names as believing in suffrage for women; and while I did not have time to organize a regular association, I succeeded in getting Mrs. Margaret Maston to act as chairman for Hancock County. She tells me she is acquainted with you. Mrs. M. H. Hennen thinks she is a very capable woman, and I feel the work is left in good hands.

It will be her office to get the membership cards as widely circulated and signed over the county as possible. She desired me to say to you, when I wrote to you, that she wished you to be sub-chairman for the Lewisport precinct. I trust you will accept this position, for I am confident you will fill it well. It will be your duty principally to get signatures to the membership cards, and from time to time to let Mrs. Maston hear of your success. She will no doubt let you hear from her from time to time as she needs co-operation in her plans from the different precincts of the county.

I am enclosing a few membership cards filled out for the county, and I am sending others under another cover in which the county is not written in. This is because the postage is greater when there is type-writing on the cards. When you need more cards, please write to the Kentucky Equal Rights Asso. Headquarters, McClelland Building, Lexington. They are supplied without postage or other expense, as we want to keep them uniform for the whole state.

In addition to getting signatures to the cards, I strongly recommend that you should get subscriptions to the Woman's Journal, 585 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts. It is the suffrage paper endorsed by the Ky. E. R. A., which owns a share of the stock. We consider it the best suffrage paper published. I enclose a subscription blank. Good rates are given by the editor for those who get up clubs for the paper. If you feel that you can do anything like that, please write a postal card to the Woman's Journal, asking for a sample copy and rates.

I hope very much you will continue to help in the work as you have begun; and particularly that you will accept the chairmanship for Lewisport, as Mrs. Maston desires.

Looking to hear from you from time to time, and thanking you for the assistance you have given, I am

Very sincerely yours,

1 Rights Association.

Corresponding Secretary of Ky.



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MINERS AND DEALERS

NO. 9 COAL

R. F. D. No. 4

Owensboro, Ky., 5-8-1913

Miss Laura Clay,
Lexington Ky.

Dear Miss Clay,

Please send me some literature to distribute at our meetings. The ladies desire to know about the representation what it amounts to and how obtained it seems that none of us understand exactly. Please let me have the literature and information at once.

Resptfully
Katharine F. Rudy.

Please send some literature for our meeting next Thursday.

Hawesville Ky. - May 10 -
1913

Miss Laura Clay.

Lexington Ky. -

Dear Miss Clay: -

Your letter with cards
and constitution received.

Am sorry to change your plans
for this County, and I should have
been more positive in my
declining to take these responsi-
bilities or rather allowing them
to be put on me.

My health is not good at present,
and I am entirely dependent on
my own efforts for a support.
besides have serious responsi-
bilities beyond this.

Do not think I would be just
to myself to undertake any
thing more. for I would not

undertake it without trying
to see something accomplished.
Mrs. Hemmen is in independent
circumstances and cannot
understand the purposes I have,
besides I do not think she
could be of any assistance
whatever.

I shall return the enrollment
cards - also the Constitution
as you may want to send
them to some one else!

The literature you left, will
try to distribute.

Aw sorry I did not tell Mrs.
Hemmen that I positively could
not take any responsibilities, but
I did not know what were
your plans.

Possibly Mrs. Blackford, dau

undertake this - but I cannot.
We would like to hear Mrs. Breckenridge.

Truly Yours

Margaret T. Maston.

189 N.MILL St., Lexington, Ky.

May 10th, 1913.

My dear Miss Ryan,

Your letter of May 5th addressed to Franchise Sup'ts of the W.C.T.U. was duly received. I wish very much to help the Journal; and I shall be glad to receive 100 of the printed folders for getting up clubs. I can use them, but I do not care to have at one time 100 sample copies, as they may grow old before I use them, and I feel the importance of recent news in samples of the Journal.

In Lexington, the Equal R. Asso. is considering the best way of presenting the Journal to the news stands. We do not know of any one who would undertake selling them out of interest to the cause. It must be a business undertaking. I find I need copies frequently for samples; and it has occurred to me that our headquarters might take five or ten annual subscriptions, or short subscriptions, get some one to sell what could be sold, and return the others to the office, for samples when they are needed.

Mrs. Breckinridge is out of the city for a few weeks; and I promised to write to you for terms to news stands, etc. Have you any suggestions to make more than what are contained in the little folder? If so, please write fully to me at once.

In writing letters to my correspondents, may I say that a sample copy of the Journal will be sent from your office by writing a postal card asking one? I frequently do not like to give up my own copy to send out thus.

Very sincerely yours,

189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

May 12, 1913.

Postmaster,

Lewisport, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose 6 ¢ in stamps for the little package directed to Mrs. Louella Blackford. I would like the package to be delivered to her with the postage paid. If it is not delivered please return it to me.

Respectfully,

Corresponding Secretary E.P.A.

189 N. Mill St. Lexington, Ky.

May 12, 1913.

Mrs. George Long,
Hopkinsville, Ky.

My Dear Mrs. Long:-

I had a rather tedious trip to Owensboro after I left Hopkinsville, because I had to wait so long at Henderson for my train. However I was met at the train at Owensboro by the friends and went immediately to the Woman's Club room where I addressed some of the Club women. I made an address at the Court House that night and got a good many signatures to our cards. The next day I went to Henderson, where I also found many suffragettes and left Mrs. R.H. Cunningham as Chairman of the Henderson E.R.A. On Monday I returned to Owensboro for the day and organized the Owensboro E.R.A. with Mrs. George Rudy as President. I went thence to Hawesville, thence to Shelbyville and then home where I arrived at 9.00 at night very tired, but feeling that I had done a good two weeks' work for the Cause!

I found an accumulation of mail and I have been busy with that. Mrs. Breckinridge has gone to Virginia for a few weeks on a lecture tour and on a visit to her brother, Judge Henry C. McDowell of Lynchburg. When she comes back she hopes to go on a lecture tour through Kentucky, and I wish very much that Hopkinsville would

May 12, 1933

secure her for an address and that a complete organization should be made there.

We are having a cold spell, though not cold enough to injure vegetation. I trust Mr. Long's corn and other vegetables are thriving. I still suspect that he is not working that corn enough. I would like to know how it is coming on. I enjoyed my little visit in your hospitable home very much, and I shall hope, that my work there will produce some good fruit both for the W.C.T.U. and for Woman's Suffrage.

Please remember me to Mr. Long and to Miss McDaniels and believe me,

Very sincerely yours.

189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

May 12, 1913.

Mrs. George H. Rudy.

Owensboro, Ky.

My Dear Mrs. Rudy:-

Your letter of May 5 did not reach me until Saturday, because I do not receive mail at the Kentucky E.R.A. headquarters. Mrs. Breckinridge is in charge of the headquarters and she is absent from home. I had, however sent you a hundred membership cards, which I suppose you have received. We do not keep in stock literature for sale, but only a little for samples. You should send a dime to the national headquarters 505 5th Avenue New York for samples. On Saturday I sent you a few samples and catalog by which you can order from the national headquarters; and I reenclosed your stamps to you.

Your letter of May 5 has just reached me this morning, and I am reenclosing the stamps because we cannot supply the literature. Under another cover I am sending our last State minutes with a marked passage telling the basis of representation in the State Convention.

Very sincerely yours,

Corresponding Secretary E.R.A.

189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

May 12, 1913.

Mrs. L. C. Willis,
Shelbyville, Ky.

My Dear Mrs. Willis:-

I was delayed in sending you the membership card because we had to have a new supply printed. But I am now sending 100 under another cover. Also I am sending some suggestions for as a plan of work which may or may not be useful to you.

Mrs. Breckinridge is absent for a few weeks in Virginia on a lecture tour and on a visit to her brother, Judge Henry C. McDowell, of Lynchburg. When she returns she expects to make a tour in Kentucky and then I hope you will secure her for Shelbyville. Wishing you great success in your E.R.A., I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Corresponding Secretary E.R.A.

189 N. Mill St. Lexington, Ky.

May 12, 1913.

Mrs. Lizzie Tucker,

Cave City, Ky.

My Dear Mrs. Tucker:-

I have been wanting to write to you every since I returned home to tell you how much I enjoyed the visit to your home and the Convention at Adairville. I visited a number of places after leaving Adairville. I addressed the meeting at Hopkinsville under the auspices of the W.C.T.U., and I was amused to find that some of them were quite afraid of the question of Woman's Suffrage. However I was assured that I had treated the subject in a way did not ~~antagonize~~ ^{agonize} any one and which left friends for the cause.

I was invited to give an account of my trip to Adairville to our W.C.T.U. and they were much interested in what I had to tell about the Convention. I hope they are going to put into practice some points that I gave them about what the Adairville Convention propose to do in relation to "The Christian Citizenship League.

Please remember me to Mr. Tucker and to all your family, and to the teacher if she is still with you. Also to Mr. Davis

Thanking you for your hospitality and for your helpfulness all along in my work, I am

Very sincerely yours,

1134 Broadway
Indianapolis, Ind.
May 13 - 1913.

My dear fellow Suffragist, Miss Clay:

I am working up

Mrs. Masha Breckinridge's
lecture here next week. Will
you write me a personal
line or two about her for
the paper - an anecdote or
otherwise? Please have it
here as near Friday as you
can. Yours in the Cause

Charity Dye.

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Massachusetts Political Equality Union

ORGANIZED TO SECURE VOTES FOR WOMEN

184 BOYLSTON ST., BOSTON



Answered

MAY 19 1913

Supplies

Boston, Mass., May 16, 1913.

The Massachusetts Political Equality Union hereby applies for membership in the National American Woman Suffrage Association; it has at present five (500) hundred members and submits ^{a certified list} of the major portion thereof.

These members are distributed through thirty-five of the forty Senatorial Districts of the state.

The Political Equality Union was organized in December, 1912 and held its first meeting in January, 1913.

The enclosed printed circular was issued some months ago and is already somewhat out of date in regard to the committees, although the Executive Committee remains as printed.

As soon as we are notified of our acceptance, we will forward our check with statement of the ^{full} membership at that date.

(Signed) Susan W. Fitzgerald, Secretary

Susan W. Fitzgerald
Secretary

NATIONAL AMERICAN WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

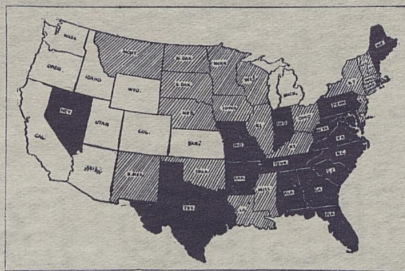
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May 19th, 1913.

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

Dear Miss Clay:-

I am sending to you the application just received of membership in the National Association from the Massachusetts Political Equality Union, together with the certified list of members. I am also sending a copy to the other members of the Membership Committee, as previously arranged.

May I trouble you to return to Headquarters the list of members after you have seen that it is a proper list. As you know, we are trying to get a sizeable list of individual members and this will help very much.

Faithfully yours,

Mary Ware Dennett

Corresponding Secretary.

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Lexington, Kentucky.

May 22, 1913

My dear Miss Clay:

I regret you can not
be with us on June 4th. Would
it suit you to come later in

the month, if so we can
arrange a date to suit you.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. W. H.) Ann Payne Coffman.

189 N. Mill Street, Lexington, Ky.

May 23rd, 1913.

The Woman's Journal,

Please find enclosed a postal order for one dollar, subscription to the Woman's Journal for one year. Please start the subscription with the issue for May 10th, if you can do so. Otherwise, with the issue of May 23rd. Address the paper to:

Miss Sara Gibson,

244 The Cortlandt,

Louisville,

Kentucky.

Respectfully,

189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

May 23rd, 1913.

My dear Miss Gibson,

I have received your note addressed to me at Richmond, and am writing at once to explain my misapprehension of your subscription to the Woman's Journal. When Mrs. Breckinridge and I were in St. Louis at the Mississippi Valley Suffrage Conference we decided to buy for the Ky. Equal Rights Association one of the shares of stock of the Woman's Journal; but as we were not instructed to do so, and there was no money in the State treasury for that purpose, we were obliged to depend upon donations for that purpose. The share was bought to aid the Woman's Journal, which we think is very fine suffrage work, and to give the endorsement of the Ky. E. R. A. to the paper. I had this subscription in my mind when I spoke to our Louisville friends, though I was also taking subscriptions for the Journal, as that is a most excellent way of helping, too. But I understood that you were making a donation towards the purchase of the share of stock; and I set down your check for one dollar to that purpose, though if I had not had that impression in my mind, I might have seen from the note in which you sent the check that you intended it for a subscription to the paper.

I am very glad you have written, and I shall immediately forward your subscription to the Woman's Journal. As the number of May 10th is particularly interesting, having as supplement the minutes of the Conference at St. Louis, I am going to ask the Journal to start your subscription with that number, if they still have them on hand. Otherwise, with the May 23rd number. You should receive your paper some time next week. If you do not, please drop me a line.

Very sincerely yours,

N/

Lexington, Ky.

May 24th, 1913.

My dear Mrs. Coffman,

I could come to address your Civic League later in June, if it does not make your meeting at an inconvenient time to yourselves. The week after the meeting in Middlesboro,- that is, about the 18th, if you want a Wednesday, would suit me very well.

If you wish this date, please let me know at your earliest convenience, as I am asked to Carlisle during June, and the date is indefinite till I hear from you.

Very sincerely yours,

Lexington, Ky.

May 26th, 1913.

My dear Elise,

I have just received the enclosed letter, which explains itself. I shall write at once to Mrs. Stansbury that I have sent the letter to you, and that the application will be considered. As the time before the convention is short, and as I see that the vote of the Ex. Committee must be taken, I send my vote now for admission. I have also obtained the vote of Mrs. Breckinridge for admission. She said she was not a member of the Ex. Committee, but I told her I thought she was, as the Member of the National Board. However that may be, if she has a vote, it has been given for admission.

You have not yet told me the time my address should occupy at the Convention. Please let me know the number of minutes, as I am preparing my address.

Affectionately yours,

P.S. I sent off Mrs. Stansbury's letter so hurriedly that I failed to enclose my own. But I hope you understood. Send her some circulars of the Convention.

L.C.

Lexington, Ky.

May 28th, 1913.

Dear Mrs. Dennett,

I return the list of members of the Mass. Political
S. League, which I find complies with the conditions of membership.

I give my vote for the admission of the League. I have not re-
ceived any replies to the letters you write that you sent out; so I
suppose the answers will be sent directly to you. I have not a list
of the Committee now, if any changes were made; so that I cannot send
reminders to vote.

Very truly yours,

Chairman of Membership Com. of N.

A. F. S. A.

EMay 1913
Henderson
314 S. Main St.

My dear Miss Clay,

I am writing to
ask you to be my guest while in
Henderson. I have arranged for you to
meet the Woman's Club and the W. C. T. U.
at our Club rooms at 4 o'clock Saturday aft.
and I believe we would like you to give

was a little talk and spend a social hour
afterwards. Your night engagement
is for half past seven at the Council
Chamber. Mr Estes tells me you will
come here from Owasbord, I will meet
you ^{at the Station} soon after noon, and bring you to
my house. Hoping that these arrange-
ments will be agreeable to you, I am
Cordially Yours -

Mrs P. H. C. Soper -

Amelia Smith Soper