

Bowling Green Ky
Aug 1st 1913

Dear Miss Clay,

Can you
tell me why that
petition to the Senate
was not circulated
all over the state?
I supposed that every
section of the state
would be represented in
the petition, so I
made a point of getting
just prominent men,
doctors, lawyers, education
& the mayor of the
town. I have written
to Allie James thank-
ing him for presenting

the petition and assu-
ring him that it does
not represent the degree
of suffrage sentiment in
Kentucky! Major got
all the signatures to
the Bowling Green petition
for I have not been
able to do anything this
summer. I had certain

eye symptoms which
the doctor said indicated
an over-worked brain,
so I am trying to rest.
I hope you are standing
the weather better than
I. Cecil and Major
join me in regards

Sincerely yours.

Lisa Calvert Oberchain.

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August 9, 1913



Thanked Nov. 14, 1913.

Dear Friend:-

The object in publishing the Woman Voter's Edition was to raise funds for non-partisan educational work among our new voters. We have already sold enough papers to ensure success.

Now we want to assist other women's organizations, so in order to help your Treasury we are going to send you five hundred copies of the paper without charge.

These papers should be sold for five cents each or more. The paper contains valuable information which every woman ought to know, and will be kept for reference.

Women's clubs have been doing patient, untiring work for political and social reform, and with the aid of the franchise, should become a tremendous power for good.

Very sincerely,

Grace Wilbur Trout,

President.

Copy - need not return

August 23rd, 1913.

Miss Alice Paul,
1420 F Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Paul:

I received a letter from Miss Stevens just the mail before I received yours. I did not hardly think this was a breach of faith on your part. I did ask you not to try to get committeemen in the Congress ^{mail} Districts in Ohio and I think you had agreed to this provided I would do the work. All this was I believe after the petition ^{had been signed} but we understand it now, I have said repeatedly I am willing to circularize or do anything of that nature you want me to. I feel that we have machinery and can do ten times the work that novices could do. Therefore my doing this work will be of great benefit to you, your trying to get workers in Ohio will be of great disadvantage to our Campaign. I have not put it strong enough it will be positively ^{hurtful}.

I hope you will promise me not to try to get subscriptions for the Suffragist in Ohio. As I said in my other letter if the statement ~~me~~ which you made in regard to the Suffragist is true you do not need to circularize Ohio. You said that if you could not get the news to Ohio people you would have to seek subscribers.

Aug 23, 1913

Now I will take it on myself to see that any important communications are published in ~~Every~~ ^{the} Women. In this way your ~~means~~ ^{news} would get to the right people, would receive attention and would reach many times the people that you could reach circularising.

I wish you would answer me in regard to this as I said before if you are not willing to do this then of course your object in starting the Suffragist is something else than that which you state. It may be the building of another association or the building of another National paper. Please be frank about this.

Cordially yours,

Mrs Paul is trying to get a woman in every congressional district to be on her Cong. Com - I have begged & entreated her not to do it - We have just formed 50 new organizations & all this double work surprises. I promised her to circularize for her & I have done so - she wants me or says she ~~go~~ does to get subscriptions for the Suffragist - I have refused told her I did not want to, that I thought the Journal covered the field & we had an old paper of our own "Everyman" she replies if I would not

do it - she would send an agent -
in here - I asked her why when
I explained we were a camp argu
state, did not want any more
new people detracted why she
insisted - she said she had to
have a means of communication -
now I offer her a chance to put
her stuff in Emergency
she refuses we will know either
that she is trying for a new
organization or a new paper -
she promised me she would not
dip in but she did -
she is sharp - has Mrs. Pamberton's
methods but I fear is not straight -
still as Mrs. McCulloch says when
the hat-officers are in Europe all
summer ~~now~~ some are must -
work - Well as Mrs. Anthony used
to say, we will see what we will
see -

H. J. U. -

Lawrenceburg, Ky

Aug. 26th 1913.

Miss Laura Clay.

Dear Friend:-

As I am to be in
a debate, I have been
advised to send to you
for help. As the subject
is, "Why women should
vote".

I certainly will appreciate
your help as I know
nothing about that
subject.

Let me hear from you
at your earliest conven-
ience.

I am anxiously

Aug 26, 1913

a waiting.

Your reply.

Yours respectfully.

Katharine Crossfield.

Lawrenceburg.

P. O. # 1.

Ky.



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Owensboro, Ky., 8-26-1913

Miss Laura Clay
Richmond Ky.

Dear Miss Clay,

Today is the first day I have been able to be up. I am so sorry I was ill during your visit here really I do not know how you all got on, it does seem no one was much interested so far as I hear. I tried to have some one attend to your welfare but do not know just how you fared. This letter from Mr. Pettit I inclose you with check, how your expenses could be so little I do not know. Let me know please just what you were out. Hoping for success I remain

Yours truly
Katherine F. Rudy.

THOS. S. PETTIT

820 E. FOURTH STREET

OWENSBORO, KY.

Aug. 21, 1913.

My Dear Mrs. Rudy:

The Read House gives me bill
of \$5.69 for Miss Clay and Mrs.
Ladue reports her traveling expenses
\$9.24, which should be sent her
at home.

Hope you are almost well.

Very truly,
Yours truly,

Thos. S. Pettit

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Essex Co. N. J.
Aug. 27/1913

My dear Miss Egan
Please accept thanks for
copies of the Woman's Journal, and
for the letter admitting the Fla.
Equal Franchise League to National
membership.
I am enclosing an article
which I write, thinking you would
be interested. Also I am enclosing
a copy of my card case manual
on Parliamentary Law which please
accept from the author. If you find
it useful, kindly forward it to

Your friends.

Cordially yours

~~Thomas Murphy Copley~~

Mrs Powell & Copley
Essex Co.
U. S.

P.S.

I wish you could bring
Mrs Frank Jennings to support
suppage. J. W. C.

Detroit Mich

Sept. 3, 1913

Dear Miss Clay,

I thought possibly
the enclosed would interest
you, if you have not seen it.

I am here at the Lewis
School for Stammerers with
Virginia. We have as pastor a
negro from Richmond (Ky) named
Jacob Stone - says he belonged
to a family of Stones in
Richmond.

The Western girls and boys
call him "Mr." Stone, so Jacob
is highly elated and I am
sure Richmond will see him no
more. Respt.

Wm. W. F. Marshall

Near Richmond, Kentucky.

Sept. 3rd, 1913.

Miss Rosalie G. Jones,

Long Island.

Dear Madam,

The Kentucky method of non-dues paying membership in the Ky. Equal Rights Association was adopted about 1908, and simply took the place of dues paying. Funds are collected by free-will donations instead of dues. The representation in the State convention is still based upon the 25 cents per capita payment; but this amount is raised by the local clubs in any way convenient for them, and they are entitled to representation accordingly. We urge that each local shall feel ambition and obligation to send the per capita for every enrolled member, as the money goes to the state expenses, and the state has no other source of revenue. Signing an enrollment card, of which I enclose a sample, is the usual method of joining a local club. It is not obligatory for the local clubs to adopt this non-dues paying method, but practically all of the Ky. local clubs have done so.

The advantages are: (1) A greatly increased membership, for many persons dislike obligating themselves to pay annual dues, even if they are small. If such persons do not give free-will offerings, at least the club has their names and personal influence to strengthen the work. (2) It considerably increases the funds; for when dues are required many persons feel their financial obligations are ended when those small dues are paid. When they are asked, however, to give as liberally as they can for the cause, the aggregate result is an increase over the dues, though some do not give anything.

This system has in no way affected the State's usual method of work. It has done away with any inducement to form a Woman Suffrage Party, we think, as this is the political method of organization. In Ky. we have not advanced beyond organizing by counties, and have not yet organized in each of our 120 counties, though we are in the initial stages of a Constitutional Amendment campaign, as we shall ask for such an amendment to be submitted by our next General Assem-

bly.

You ask if this work supercedes the old club work? It does not. The clubs continue to do just what local work they care to do. It affects the payment of dues only. Usually ~~our~~ clubs are not very active, though the initial campaign is now inspiring them to greater effort. In general, however, their chief work is increasing the enrolled membership, for the purpose of strengthening the suffrage sentiment in the General Assembly; distributing literature, and doing such special work as they are asked to do by the State officers. The State officers occupy the position which corresponds to a State Central Committee of a political party; and the county officers to that of a County Committee of a political party. Our plan contemplates organizing our county clubs or committees into Congressional divisions, but we have not yet done that.

Our county clubs are either Associations, with regularly elected officers, or merely committees, with a chairman and treasurer appointed by the state president or the organizer. It depends upon amount of local interest and enterprise. Of course, the self-elected officers of a full-formed club is what we desire; but we attempt never to leave a county where we have sent a speaker without some form of organization, however slight.

In Kentucky we consider the non-dues paying method to have worked admirably. It gives the locals ability to enroll the whole of the sentiment, and it does not interfere with any form of organization already in the field. We have never found that those who are interested only to the extent of enrolling their names have any disposition to try to vote in the meetings and rule things. If there is any danger of this, however, some simple clause in a local constitution where such a thing was anticipated, could guard against this.

If I can be of any further assistance in explaining this method personally I think it is the ideal method I shall be happy to do what I can .

Very sincerely yours,

Corresponding Sec. of Ky. Equal

Rights Association.

W. P. MARSH
LAW AND COLLECTIONS
LAWRENCEBURG, KY.

September 5, 1913.

Miss Laura M. Clay,
Lexington,
Kentucky,

Dear Miss Clay:-

We have in this county a race for County Superintendent between a lady and the present incumbent who is charged with trafficking in examination questions, and who has by waiving examination pushed his trial off until after the election. The county Clerk has been asked to prepare separate ballots for the women who desire to vote, but has refused to do so unless so directed by the Circuit Court. Now, the lady, who has an excellent chance for election is not financially able to employ counsel and pay the cost of such a proceeding, and I desire to ask whether your organization can under its laws, or will by contribution assist her in her effort to secure to the women of Anderson county their rights under the law.

Thanking you in advance for a reply, I am,

Very truly yours,

W. P. Marsh

Near Richmond, Ky.

Sept. 6th, 1913.

My dear Mrs. Bartlett,

I regretted not seeing you on my little trip to Lawrenceburg; but I spent a delightful day at your hospitable home, with your grandmother and your son and daughter. I hope I did some good, in spite of the counter attractions of the day.

I was greatly interested in the campaign of Mrs. Campbell, and shall watch its outcome in the newspapers.

I am kept pretty busy these hot days. I went to Owensboro on leaving Lawrenceburg; and have since spoken in Richmond and Germantown.

My expenses to Lawrenceburg were: For tickets to and fro; \$2.94

Omnibus at Richmond to and fro ----- .50

3.44

I hope you are laying plans to have your League fully represented at the Louisville E.R.A. convention, which is to be held early in November.

Please remember me very cordially to your family, and believe me

Very sincerely yours,

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Morristown, Tenn., Sept. 6, 1913.

My Dear Miss Clay:

I have written a little suffrage novel, and printed at my own expense, and I expect to canvass the state making for suffrage and selling this work. It is of more than ordinary import to the state, as it is a record of political events for the last five or six years. The characters are real and the facts are true of the political situation.

I am sending you a copy, hoping you will write me a few words of indorsement which I can use in selling the book. I enclose stamp for reply.

Sincerely yours,

Ans. Sept. 12, 1913

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Old Capitol,

*St Paul Minn,
Sept-8-1913.*

Dear Miss Blay:
Will you recognize the little woman under the 'votes for woman umbrella' which I carried all over the fair grounds each day. I really enjoyed doing it, and it created quite an excitement. We have permanent headquarters on the grounds now. The president of the Franchise League secured the place. I have given a sketch of the whole thing to Alice Blackwell for her to arrange for the ground. Who is the secretary of the G. E. R. Assn. is it Miss Brown from Walpole Ky. if so, she is a cousin to Mrs Mary Perry De Graaf of St Paul, who is the wife of a nephew of Mr. Turner. I found the week's work at the fair quite strenuous for the weather was so hot with best love for yourself and sisters. Believe me always your loving true friend
Eugenia B. Turner.

This letter goes out to-morrow or next day. Little delay in

Kentucky Equal Rights Association

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getting
perfectly correct
list -

M. M. D. B.

Lexington Ky. Sept. 8, 1913

Dear Sir: -

~~The Kentucky Equal Rights Association~~
There will be ^{a bill} introduced into the coming legislature providing for a constitutional amendment to give full suffrage to Kentucky women.

The subject of woman suffrage is, of course, a live issue everywhere and one which presumably every member of the Kentucky legislature will want to consider carefully.

The Kentucky Equal Rights Association, enabled to do so by the generosity of Mrs. S. M. Hubbard, of Hickman, Ky. desires to

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Send you the Woman's Journal for ^{four} ~~three~~ months.
This paper, founded forty years ago, is to-
day the best publication on woman suffrage
in the country. It gives the world's news of
the woman suffrage movement. We believe
that you will find it interesting reading,
and ask that you give careful attention to
the facts and arguments presented. We
trust they will confirm in you what we
hope is already a favorable attitude of mind
toward our cause.

The Woman's Journal is a weekly paper.
Should the issues fail to reach you regularly
please notify me at once.

Cordially yours,

President, Ky. Equal Rights Assoc.

Near Richmond, Ky.

Sept. 9th, 1913.

Mr. W. P. Marsh,

Lawrenceburg, Ky.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of Sept. 5th is at hand.

~~When~~ Kentucky Equal Rights Association has no funds for the purpose mentioned in your letter. Also, since there are 35 Circuit Court districts in the state, with this question decided by the Court in only one of them, Fayette, it would be impolitic to raise individual contributions to assist in one Circuit when it would be impracticable to assist in all.

A suit which would decide our question for the whole state, however, has a different aspect. If your suit could be contested and carried up to the Court of Appeals in time to be decided before the November election, it would be worth while for individuals, at least, to help raise the funds necessary for the proceeding. I understand that under the present practice a mandatory injunction which gives both sides the right of appeal would receive an immediate decision by the Judge before whom it was heard. It may be in your circuit a decision could be had early enough to carry it up to the Court of Appeals in time to be decided there before the November election. Of course, the lady who brings the suit would not care for an appeal if the decision was in her favor in the lower court; and your County Clerk might not care to carry it up if it went against him. If it happens, however, that in Anderson County the circumstances are such that the case will be carried to the Court of Appeals in time to be decided before the November election, I feel justified in promising to raise from individuals interested in the general

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question a substantial contribution to the expenses of the suit.

I would regard it as a kindness if you will let me hear again from you, with information on the points of which I have spoken. The Ky. E.R. Association is desirous of having a test case before the Court of Appeals, if possible, and that in Anderson Co. may be a favorable one for the purpose.

Please let me know the probable cost of the suit.

Hoping to hear again from you at your earliest convenience, I am

Very truly yours,

Corresponding Secretary of Ky. Equal Rih

Rights Association.

7, 1918
Lexington Ky Sept

My Dear Miss Gray
I got your card and
think I can trust you
about the dues. I had
a letter from Mrs Breech
which warrants me more.
She sends two bills
which I think she
wants me to O.K. and
send to the Treasurer
Am sorry I don't

Know who she is and so
Will send them to you to not
Wast more time

As I understand the Laura
Bruce fund was to be used for
Compair purposes I feel as
though we had the money she
Asks for. Am I correct
I heard of you at the state
conv of the WCTU very
favorable. hope you are well
and will come home soon

I am yours Truly

Mary C. Kramer.

Near Richmond, Ky.

Sept. 16th, 1913.

My dear Mrs. Roebuck,

It has been so long since I heard from you that I fear you have not been in good health. I have been on the farm all summer, busy there when I was not going around on a lecture trip. I have been doing that a good deal, in spite of the excessively hot weather.

Mrs. Breckinridge expects our annual Ky. E. R. A. convention to be held in Louisville early in November, though the date has not yet been set, partly because she has not yet been able to secure an outside speaker to her satisfaction. The constitution will have to be amended carefully, in order to make it agree with our articles of incorporation; and for other reasons we ought to have the minutes of our last convention. I feel sure you have not been able to work on them by yourself, or you would already have had them out. So I am writing to offer to get them out for you, if that is more convenient to you. Or else, I would recommend that you get a stenographer to assist you, as you did last year. If you send me all your notes, however, I feel that I can make them out, with my own recollection of what was done, and it may be a greater relief to you than superintending a stenographer.

Do write me about yourself, or have some of the family to do so. You know how much attached to you I am. I recollect all the years you have done such faithful and efficient work, and all the pleasant times we have had together.

Please let me hear from you. Write to me at Richmond.

I am always

Affectionately yours,

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POSITION
MONITOR

Newport, Ky

Sept. 15. 1913

My dear Miss Clay: -

You do not know how pleased I was to receive your letter of yesterday. I have had no suffrage news for so long that I feel quite out of it. As you supposed, my health had been very bad. Have been just one bunch of nerves and could settle to do nothing. The doctor says I am not well but I do feel much better the last few weeks, though I still suffer dreadfully from Insomnia. The two disastrous floods which we had and from which we suffered untold inconvenience and loss, I think, have added much to my ill-health.

You certainly have lifted a great weight from my mind in offering to get out the minutes for me. I have not been able to finish them though I started a long time ago. I think I have written out about

half of the real minutes of the convention, but arranging and rewriting many of the reports is always a big task and I have not felt equal to it. If you will kindly undertake to get them out I shall certainly be under lasting obligation to you. I think even if you should have to get a stenographer to help you, you could procure one much cheaper there than I could here. I hope you will have no difficulty in making out my notes. There will be no report in these minutes of a National Convention as the report of the Louisville convention in 1911 was in the last minutes published & the report of the Philadelphia convention will not be given until our coming state convention. The Treasurer's report I made out from the books before I sent them to Mrs. Bennett. The reports of the Locals I have pinned all together and I suppose, as usual, they will have to be sent

a great deal. I never received a letter from Mrs. S. M. Hubbard of Hiskman, as to the disposition of her gift, but you know more about that than I do. I find I have no copy of the resolutions. If I remember correctly the committee promised to rewrite them and then hand them to me, which I fear they never did. I think I could not have lost it as my notes have never been disturbed and always locked in my desk.

I am very sorry to put this extra burden on your shoulders but fear I should not be able to get them out in time. Am I right? You the minutes at the same time with this letter. Please let me know if you receive them alright. I do appreciate your kind act.

So the convention this year is to be in Louisville, and glad to hear it and sincerely hope I shall not have to miss it! Will you please let me know the date as soon as it is settled.

Am enclosing a cutting from

last evening's Times-Star. I think
it is well for us all to know
our friends and enemies. I am
not acquainted with Prof. Ireland
but thought perhaps you were.

Hope you have been quite well
during this intensely hot summer.

Do write to me again soon
if you have time, I feel so out
of things when I do not hear from
you. Many thanks for doing the minutes
yours affectionately,

Emma M. Roebuck

I do not think I ever told you
of the lovely letter I had from
Mrs. Farmer. She is still a very
busy woman.

Address

313 York St.

Newport, Ky

Thursday.

[Sept. 1913]

Dear Miss Laura -

I got your letter yesterday on my return from Keaysville - I had arranged with Mary Fittian to come up to lunch & to have a conference with Col. Allen also, so she could get out her plate column & leaflets at once. So your letter was just in time. The enclosed letter which has gone out to-day to every County clerk is one of the results. We concluded it was more apt to be effective than coming from Mary Fittian. She will take the Political

Science committee chairmanship. I hope the Board will let her have as much as \$100. She should get out plate columns & new leaflets at once: calls are already coming for them. And of course we may have to bring another suit.

I have been trying for 3 days to get telephone connection with the Chautauque man from Chicago who has been here, but the word we get now is that he has left Davville to-night. I want to get suffrage speakers on program. Will you speak + see to what extent Mrs. Roark told me to do that months ago, but I do all I can each day & then have to quit - yours - M. W. D. Bucknidge

Kentucky Equal Rights Association

Headquarters: 726 McClelland Building,

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February 8, 1913.

Dear Sir:-

The State Equal Rights Association has opened headquarters at Lexington, with a view to starting an active campaign for a constitutional amendment granting suffrage to women.

The women of Kentucky hope to have the support of the press of Kentucky in this advance movement, as we have had in other important reform movements in the State, and I write to solicit your help both in editorial and news columns.

I enclose a news item on the subject, and shall be glad to send such items from time to time, if you feel disposed to publish them. However one's convictions may be on the subject of suffrage for women, there is no question that it is at present a "live issue," and that suffrage events are good news.

We shall probably get out plate matter on the subject a little later. Shall I put you on the list of papers to which this is to be sent?

Thanking you for past assistance, and hoping for a favorable reply, I am

Cordially yours,

Address

Mrs. Desha Breckinridge,
726 McClelland Building,
Lexington, Ky.

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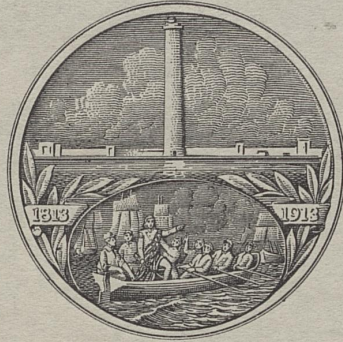
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Sept. 20, 1913.

Miss Laura Clay,
 Richmond, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:

The Executive Committee of the Perry Centennial Association are anxious to have some women from other cities in the State feel a special interest in the Celebration. Therefore, we are asking two or three from each city to become members of the Ladies Auxiliary Committee. We hope you are going to attend the Celebration and will be a member of this Committee.

When in Louisville make your headquarters at the Perry Centennial headquarters, and try to influence your friends to come.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Rush Watkins

CHAIRMAN LADIES AUXILIARY COMMITTEE.

Headquarters Fourth & Green Sts.

Ans. Oct 21

Greenwood Miss.
Sept 26th 1913.

Miss Louisa Cory.

Lexington Ky.

My dear Miss Cory:

Please pardon the
liberty I take in writing
to you - but having
noticed your name
in the Commercial Appeal
and hoping that you
could aid me in a
little research into family
history that I have been
trying in a vain way to

More, is why I venture
to write to you.
While looking over some
old newspaper clippings,
I note the fact, that Mr
Allen Clay Smith, a
nephew of Cousin M. Clay -
is mentioned as having
accompanied my maternal
grandfather Henry C. F. Brown,
on a trip to Greensburg, Ky.
in the year 1853.
And hoping that Mr Smith
is still in the land of the
living and you could give
me his address and
possibly he could help

in Texas — he is 61 yrs. old. ^{Sept 26 1913} ~~but~~
Very hard to communicate with —
slow to answer letters —
or I would not have to bother
strangers in this way — perhaps —
Henry C. F. Brown was born 1813 at or
near Cleveland Ohio and was the
son of Robert or Robtard Brown.
His father died when he was 5 yrs
of age. I think this Robert or Robtard
Brown was a brother of Oliver
Brown the father of John (the Abolitionist)
& a son of Capt. John Brown of
Conn. Militia during the Revolution.
Now this is the information I want
Can I find out from you or from
Mr Green Clay Smith any reliable
facts concerning Henry C. F. Brown
as to his parents at least or
any of the above named — I
think the Abolitionist John Brown

was an uncle of Henry C. F.
Brown and I must tell them if I
am right in this surmise.

This is of course very interesting
to me and I sincerely
apologize for having bored
you with it — but the
hope that you might be able
in some way to help me add
another link to my chain
is why I so selfishly took up
your time.

Hoping that I have made
my meaning clear and
that you can aid me.

Please see the enclosed
envelope in reply and
at your earliest convenience.

Trusting you most cordially

For your kindness in reading
through see this and for any
interest you may care to show
and any help that you may be able
to give — Very truly
Blanche Rhyme Pratt.
(Mrs W. N. Pratt.)

808 N. Washington Ave.
Greenwood Miss.

131 W. Eleventh St.,
Newport, Kentucky.
Sept. 27th, 1913

Ans. Oct. 4, 1913,

Miss Laura Clay,
Corresponding Sec'y,
Kentucky E. R. Assoc.,
Lexington, Kentucky.

Dear Miss Clay:

In view of publishing an article, which I hope may aid the great cause of Suffrage in this state, I ask you for the names of the Kentucky newspapers - daily and weekly - in favor of this movement; and of those, whose editors might publish something of this nature, because of public opinion.

I wish to reach the men in their homes, and the papers find them there.

I have appealed to you, believing that your long service in the "Cause of causes" has made you familiar with the Press of this State and its attitude towards "Votes for Women"; and for the reason that I am confident you can help me in this phase of the work, so important to the welfare of Kentucky.

Requesting an early reply and thanking you in advance for the courtesy extended, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Alice L. Nealeans, Sec'y

Campbell Co. E. R. A.

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Louisiana State Suffrage Association.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 30, 1913

"A government is not complete that withholds from its most enlightened citizens what it freely gives to its most benighted men."

THOMAS JEFFERSON.

My dear Miss Clay:

I am writing to you, personally, to ask you to turn heaven and earth to have both Mrs. Breckenridge and you come to New Orleans for two or three days for the convention. I believe that we can advance the cause of suffrage in the South by seven-league strides if we take a dignified stand on this States' right question. But the main essential to launch the movement will be a manifestation of active interest by most of the States. With States that have not definitely shaped their State programs, I believe there are great possibilities if the legislatures were asked to submit our question at a special election. I believe it would be a good policy in every State to ask for a constitutional convention, using as the precedent the fact that when the men needed to take advantage of avoiding a popular vote upon the question of white supremacy in the South, they did not hesitate to avail themselves of the legislatures, delegating to a constitutional convention the authority to amend the constitution. This was done in Louisiana, South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi. However, the special election idea would give us more time for a campaign, and it always brings out a strong reform vote. I do not believe that California would have carried its amendment except for the fact that it was by a special election.

Now, my dear Miss Clay, I really and truly need you. I want you badly, and if the Southern States in conference determine upon forming what should be known as a Southern States' Right Suffrage Association, it would be, in my opinion, the proper thing to elect you as president, because you have pre-eminently stood for suffrage among the Southern women, and because Kentucky was the first State in the Union to confer any form of suffrage on women. We have here combined sentimental and practical suffrage-- ^{both} ~~all~~ little points that appeal to the public. Moreover, there is nothing in this suffrage movement which in any wise militates against the National Amendment. It is only a form of rousing the men of the South to the fact that if they don't give it to us one way, we are going to take it another.

Send me word immediately whether I can count upon you. The railroad fare will just be one-half, on account of the general meeting of the Daughters of the Confederacy, which will be held here on the 12-16 of November.

Awaiting your reply, I am

Yours very cordially,

*I would like all the Clay's
present if such good luck is
possible.*