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July 6th.

1914

My dear Miss Clay;

The club women returning from Chicago seem to feel agrieved that the endorsement of Suffrage went through so sm othly, and say they will vote at a club meeting in the Fall not to endorse suffrage. Miss Meigs the Pres. Kacksonville Woman's Club will be at Richmond to visit Mrs. Jennings. My sister Mrs. Graves having declined re-election as First Vice Pres. Mrs. Jenneings was elected and begins her term in the fall. Please do not fail to try to get in some work in the matter, it is not at all difficult to lead up to Suffrage these days, and you can do a great deal by seeing Miss Meigs at Richmond. Miss Meigs is from Michigan, she spoke at our orhganization meeting, and her relatives vote on school matters etc. in mich.. We all thought her a suffragist. But Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. W. B. Young, Mrs. Mrs. Corbett, and other prominent club workers whispered in my ear at various times "We are suffragists, but the Genl. Federation has not endorsed suffrage, and so we can not do any thing about it. When the Federation comes out for Suffrage we will be willing to help."

But now the fore-runners arrivving here say the Florida women are very much put out at the smooth sailing of the resolution, and will vote in the Jacksonville club not to endorse. Beside a little wholesome discussion, I wish to have you say if the clubs in the Federation have a right to vote not to endorse work that the federation has endorsed by an almost unanimous vote? Of course we can not bind the individuals, but it seems to me that no club has a right to vote not to endorse Suffrage.

It is best to take time by the fore-lock in this matter, a decision from Mrs. Pennybacker on the subject would be the thing, providing it was the decision that we want. Still hoping for the pleasure of seeing you at no distant date,

very sincerely

Florence Murphy Cooley

Pres. Fla. Equal Franchise League

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Answered.

July 7, 1914.

Miss Laura Clay,
Sec. Ky. Equal Rights Association,
Lexington, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay:

I had begun to collect some material regarding the progress of the suffrage movement in the south for my press work in connection with the National Convention. I found this material so thrillingly interesting and the development of our work in the south so swift and spectacular, that I decided to issue this material in book form.

This idea has met with very cordial approval, both at National Head-quarters and among the southern suffragists to whom I have written, but I would not attempt the book without your personal interest, approval and co-operation.

My plan is not to write anything myself, but to compile from the history of the work in the various states as furnished by their respective leaders, into a volume which will show exactly what has been done and what is being done in the south.

If you could write a general article of some two or three thousand words, I should be so glad to introduce the book into this article, as I feel that no one among our southern suffragists is better qualified to speak of our work.

If you should do this, I shall greatly appreciate it, but I especially want to ask you to let me have a complete and up-to-date review of your work in Kentucky, and particularly do I wish your picture.

I remember most delightfully having you as our guest at the Press Club luncheon during your last visit to Nashville, and I sincerely hope that you will be with us again during the National Convention.

I am sure that it would be presumptuous in me to suggest anything to you concerning what you should write, but I am anxious that this book should show the practical side of suffrage achievements, and I hope that you will write something of what has been done in Kentucky and of the results.

Thanking you in advance, and hoping to hear from you soon, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ida Clyde Clarke

[July 12, 1914]

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understanding. Indeed, I think there will be no disadvantage in presenting the States Rights attitude by the same persons who may also present the Con. Amend. idea. Men are going to make up their own minds, without any regard to what we wish. But you can perceive there is great advantage in not having a multiplication of state committees, especially when there are not a great many capable women to take them. Mrs. Hubbard has already made a start in getting women in each district; and from what your letter says, I see no reason why the same women cannot do what you want done. Especially as there seems to be a general belief that Congress will not submit a Con. Amend., at least at this session; maybe never. That will leave the road clear for your idea, and by using the same persons it will appear more definitely as a feasible alternative than it might if a new set worked on it. You need not fear that a very active campaign has been made for the Con. Committee work. I may say very few people will know that this new work is not exactly the same as the first; and as I believe your idea is much more congenial with the people of our State, I think it decidedly best that the same workers go right ahead, and let the "fittest survive".

Of course, Mrs. Murray will have to be asked to accept the position, but if she does, I want to explain in the beginning how it happens that she is selected, and give you my reasons for believing it is a good choice.

We about decided to hold our State convention during the first week of November, - that is, the 5, 6, & 7. Our School Suffrage is important, and the women voters of the large cities cannot be spared from home just before the election on Nov. 3. Then comes the National next week. I am mentioning these dates so you can see what my engagements will be. Our State convention dates are not yet certain, as we may have to put it after the National. I shall not make any other engagements, but shall be ready for Southern Conference dates as far as I am able. At present, my M.D. does not wish me to make any speeches, and I hope you will not

depend upon me for any work, for unless I gain more strength with the cooler weather, I shall be a very poor dependence.

Is it not grand that seven states are to take a vote this fall? A U.S. Amendment would do us very little good even if we could get it, now that the states are coming in so fast. Bryan, also, declaring for us!

But I think Federal suffrage for U.S. Senators and Congressmen would do us a world of good, and I am hoping the Southern Conference will see its way clear to work for that.

My sisters are well, and would send their regards, if they knew I was writing.

Please give my love to dear Mrs. Boyer and to your sisters, and believe me

Very cordially yours,

Chicago Ill
4354 Kenmore Ave.
July 14th 1914

Miss Laura Clay -
189 New Mill St,
Lexington Ky.

My Dear Miss Clay -

Some of those interested
in the suffrage movement have asked
me to consider the erection of my group
"The Suffragist Braiding Her Sisters" at
the San Francisco Exposition - as a monument
to suffrage efforts - Do you think that
this would meet with the sanction of
your association - individually &
collectively - I should be glad to have
your opinion on this matter & will
be very grateful for an early reply.

Cordially Yours
Ella Buchanan

The New York Press

7-11 Spruce Street, New York

July 20th, 1914.

*No answer needed
Structure.*

Dear Miss Clay:

We are trying to run in the Sunday Suffrage columns of the Press enough southern and western news to give New York women a sense of national activity.

In connection with these stories I should be glad if you will send me any distinctly southern material which ~~has~~ bobbed up in the southern campaign and, if you have a recent photograph, I should be interested in using it, too.

Very truly yours,

Ernestine Evans.

Assistant Editor Woman's Section

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Dear Madam,

Your letter of July 14th was forwarded to me at Richmond. I have always admired your group, "The Suffragist Arousing her Sisters", and think it the most beautiful and most pleasing expression of the suffrage movement of any other piece of art with which I am acquainted.

I should therefore be very glad to know that it was brought conspicuously to the attention of the public as it would be at the San Francisco Exposition.

But I am nothing of an artist, and do not know anything of the practical difficulties of such an effort. Therefore, I do not feel myself qualified to express an opinion on the advisability of erecting it at that Exposition.

Very sincerely yours,

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Logansport, Ind. 7/28/14.

Miss. Laura Clay,
Lexington, Kentucky.

My Dear Miss. Clay:-

We will hold our State Suffrage Con-
vention in Logansport late in September the exact date
has not been decided.

We would like very much to have you speak for us .

I am so sure that you can do us more good just now than
than any other women I have ever known . I have several
reasons for thinking so and so many of our workers have
suggested you that I hope you will be able to come. We
have left the date open for your convenience the only
necessary thing being that it comes in the latter half of the month for so
many of our people are not at home before the last of September.

Please let us have your terms and date. We will want you for an evening
meeting when every one can come.

Kindly remember me to your sister Mrs. Bennett. I often think of our plesant
association in Washington last fall at the National Convention.

Anxiously awaiting your reply I am,

Sincerely Yours

Anna Dunn Noland

Richmond, Kentucky.

July 29th, 1914.

Dear Mrs. Cooley,

Your letter regarding the feeling of the Florida delegates to the bi-ennial towards the suffrage resolution has been received. I saw Mrs. Jennings and Miss Weigs, and talked with them about the suffrage situation, but without directly saying anything of what you had written me. Fortunately, the Red Star Association was holding meetings in Richmond, and both the ladies heard a very convincing address on suffrage from Mrs. Grace Wilbur Trout, the president of the Illinois W. S. After her address, I do not think anything is needed to show them that woman suffrage is bound to come, and that it is unwise to try to stop its progress.

As to whether the Florida clubs have a right to vote not to endorse an action of the General Federation, I am not familiar enough with the constitution of the Federation to say. My judgment would be, however, that it has the right to do so. Every club can do as it pleases, I think.

I do think, however, that it is inexpedient for the suffragists to lay the matter to heart, or to make any strong fight against its doing so. The suffrage movement is in advance of all other progressive movements, and helps them along, while from the nature of things, their endorsement only incidentally helps the suffragists. Any too great stress about their endorsement is likely to defeat our aims, and make the opposition stubborn.

I thank you for the copy of the Florida edition of the Star. I found it very interesting.

Very sincerely yours,

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Dear Miss Clay,

JUL 31 1914

A constant repetition of enquiry from young women in regard to college courses and whether or not they should be vocational in character, has persuaded me that I must seek the concrete help of a few women who have won their spurs in order to vitalize counsel with evaluation of their training by successful women whose accomplishments give credence and dignity to their utterances.

I am therefore begging you to answer the enclosed questionnaire assuring you that I, conscious of the task I am imposing on the already burdened, have made it as brief as I possibly could. I hope you can find it in your heart and time to answer as fully as if the college girl were presenting herself to you as she does in such numbers to us.

Very truly yours,

Mary S. Snow

Richmond, Kentucky.

Aug. 1st, 1914.

Mrs. A. D. Noland,

Logansport, Ind.

My dear Mrs. Noland,

Your letter of the 28th inviting me to speak at your State Suffrage Convention in Sept. is at hand.

I should be glad to come, as I feel very much interested in the suffrage movement in your state.

My terms would be twenty dollars. As for the date, any time in the latter part of September would be convenient for me. I have been avoiding any engagements for the hot weather, but I think the heat will be about over in September.

If you decide that you would like to have me come, please let me know about how long you want my address to be;— that is, do you expect others on the evening program? It is always easy for me to accommodate the length of my speech to the time desired, but I prefer to know in advance, so as to be sure not to ~~go~~ beyond the time allotted when there are other speakers.

If you have no preference of the phase of the subject, I would probably speak on "Woman Suffrage and the Home".

I remember with great pleasure meeting you in Washington; and I shall be glad to give your message to my sister, Mrs. Bennett.

Very sincerely yours,

My dear Miss Lelay: — [Aug 3, 1914]

We gratefully
acknowledge your tribute to our
Brother and your kind expres-
sions of sympathy for us in our
deep sorrow. In behalf of all
the sisters.

Yours

Martha Stephens

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CAMBRIDGE
MASSACHUSETTS

My dear Friend,

I heard a story years ago
in Kentucky like this -

How Cassius M. Clay, when
a young man made an anti-
slavery speech in Illinois to
a small audience, in the
audience was Abraham
Lincoln then a young man.
The speech so stirred Lincoln that
he thereupon vowed to give himself
to the cause -

Is there any foundation in
truth for the story. I have wanted to
use it in a sermon if there is.

Thanking you in advance I am
Yours sincerely

Fred. S. Meyer

Aug 5/
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CAMBRIDGE
MASSACHUSETTS

Dear Mrs. Beauchamp -

I have worked in the
Prohibition cause and through
this know of you -

Can I disturb you a
moment in asking that you
forward the enclosed to Laura
M. Clay. I do not know her
address. If you think any
one else better able to answer
the enclosed inquiry will you
please forward.

Thanking you in advance
and wishing you health and
Success I am Yours Resp.

(Per) Fred. S. Mayer

108 Northbridge St.

Dear Mrs. Gray -

I enclosed Explains
it's self -

It has been so
long since I saw
you. Will you be
home to help in
company. we
need you. & you
must be here ^{esp} ~~esp~~
the last week &
on election day -
Love F.E.B.V

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PADUCAH, KY.

August 5th, 1914

Miss Laura Clay

Lexington, Ky

Dear madam;-

The local option campaign has begun in earnest here, and I expect to take an active part in favor the measure, and would like to be thoroughly informed as to conditions in Kentucky relative to the subject. If you have any literature bearing on the question, pro or con, kindly send me with such suggestions as you deem important for me to know, and greatly oblige

Yours truly,

Emmett W. Bagby

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA, Aug. 5th. 1914

Miss Laura Clay;
189 No. Mill St.,
Lexington, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay:-

It would seem by my long silence that I did not appreciate your courtesy in sending me an article for the special edition of the Atlanta "Georgian", but I assure you that I did.

Before I had an opportunity to acknowledge them my dear mother became ill and continued so until she left me on the ninth of last month. She asked me many times to do it but it seemed so many interruptions came that I found it impossible. She was an ardent suffrage^{ist} though eighty-three years old and was always anxious that I should attend to suffrage duties.

Your article for some unknown reason did not come out along with many others. The management told us that they had labor troubles arise and that an entire section was omitted. We succeeded in securing some of the articles but not all and yours was among the lost. The rest I sent to Columbus, Ga. for their special edition of the "Ledger" and am glad to say that all but one was printed. I noticed you had one in it so if I could have recovered yours sent me I could have done no better.

I have your photo which I will return if you insist but if not, I will have occasion to use it later, so will keep it in my possession.

Thanking you for your kindness and regretting the omission I am very cordially yours,

Bertha Harwood Arrowood
(Mrs. Milton W.)

Richmond, Ky.

Aug. 8th, 1914.

Mr. E. W. Bagby,

Paducah, Ky.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 5th inst. reached me by the last mail, and I am answering at once.

On account of my absence from home I am not able to send you the literature you desire; and I advise that you write to Mrs. Frances E. Beauchamp, Lexington, Ky., for what you want.

I am enclosing, however, some newspaper clippings from the Lexington papers which will give you a true idea of the status of the local option contest in Fayette Co., and something of those in Clark, Maysville and Paris. Notice the arguments of the "wets", which are appearing as advertisements in both the daily papers. Also, some of the "dry" arguments.

I enclose a few of the suffrage arguments from the temperance standpoint.

Very truly yours,

Richmond, Ky.

Aug. 10th, 1914.

Rev. F. S. Mayer,

Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of Aug. 4th, relative to an address given by my father in Illinois, to an audience of which one was Abraham Lincoln, has reached me.

I find the following extract from my father's autobiography, which is all the information I can give about the circumstance:

" Abraham Lincoln was first seen by me at Springfield, Illinois, in 1856. Here I made my appointment at the capital; but, when the hour arrived, like at Frankfort, Kentucky, the doors were closed against me. Fortunately, the weather was pleasant; and the crowd immense. This noted man, who was to fill so large a space in the world's history, was then comparatively unknown, practicing law quietly at Springfield, with his associate, O. H. Browning. They sat under the trees. Whittling sticks, as he lay on the turf, Lincoln gave me a most patient hearing. I shall never forget his long, ungainly form, and his ever sad and homely face. He, too, was a native Kentuckian; and could bear witness in his own person to the depressing influence of slavery upon all the races. All my weary and seemingly profitless speeches in Kentucky, in the Providence of God, fell like seed sown in good ground; and when the day of fate came, whether the gallant state should declare for Union or Secession, she stood impregnable for the Union of our fathers. So I flattered myself, when Lincoln listened to my animated appeals for universal liberty for more than two hours, that I sowed there also seed which in due time bore fruit. At all events, he was ever kind and confidential with me; and to the day of his death there never was an

c Aug 10, 1914

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unfriendly word or thought between us.

I saw no more of Lincoln till after his celebrated canvass with Stephen A. Douglass for the Senatorship of Illinois, in 1858. He was going on north to make that speech before the young men of New York City which placed him so eminently before the people for President. Here we renewed our old acquaintanceship; and I, on the cars, had a long talk with him on the great issue. He listened a long time-such was his habit-without saying a word; and when I had concluded my argument he replied; "Yes, I always thought, Mr. Clay, that the man who made the corn should eat the corn".

Very truly yours,

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Logansport, Ind. 8/20/1914.

Miss. Laura Clay,
Richmond, Kentuckey.

My Dear Miss. Clay:- Yours recieved some days ago.
I have been waiting untill the date of our Convention
was decided.

We are so glad that you will come to speak for us.
and hope that the middle of October will be just as
convenient for you as the last of September.

The heat and drouth has been so severe this summer
and the weather forcast indicates that it will still
be unusually hot the last of September so we have
decided that it is best to delay our meeting for

two weeks and hold it on the 12-13-14 of October. We want to have your ad-
dress on the evening of the 13th. We are planning to make your speach the
feature of the evening and will give you time to say all the good things
you want to give us. We are well pleased with your subject "Woman Suffrage
and the Home " I am sure it will appeal tothe people of this comunity from
which we hope to get our hearers.

Will you please send us any thing you can about yourself for use in the news
papers. We would like to have your picture and a sketch of your life and
work, clippings from papers & for our local and state papers.

Ittrust allof these arraingments will be conveniant for you.

Sincerely Yours

Anna Dunn Noland,

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Lexington, Ky., August 29th 1914

Miss. Laura Clay

Lexington, Ky.

My Dear State Superintendent:-

I attended the New York State Convention last year, and their superintendents made four-minute talks on, "How my Department can help bring State-wide Prohibition". I never heard brighter, more inspiring talks.

You know our rule is, that the Superintendents shall take three minutes for reports and seven minutes for instruction and discussion of their departments, and I am writing each superintendent to urge you to be present in person at Winchester, Oct. 2 - 6th., and that when your turn comes on the program, that you will take for your topic, "How My Department can help to bring State-wide Prohibition", and either fill the seven minutes yourself, or arrange with your best local superintendents for a ^{summary to divide the} seven minute ~~speech~~ - but please remember the time limit for the Department cannot exceed ten minutes.

Let us have a reply to this, and please leave your reports after they are read, on the secretary's desk. These reports must be limited to two hundred words, and one hundred will be better. We want definite statements in numbers, so that in the final summary they will add in.

We think it is the best year's work we have ever had, and we want a great Convention, after so nearly passing the prohibition law in the last legislature. Be present and lend a hand.

We trust you have sent your report blanks to every local superintendent. Do not fail to do this.

Faithfully and lovingly yours,

Frances E. Beauchamp

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WOMAN'S AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT
MRS. ROBERT BAKER, CHAIRMAN

American Highway Association

COLORADO BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.

August 31, 1914.

Miss Laura Clay,
Lexington, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay:-

A Woman's Department has been established in the American Highway Association. Its purpose is to interest and unite women in the work for good roads.

This is a work of very practical philanthropy for more than the material prosperity of the country is concerned. The moral and social life of our people is vitally affected by the state of our roads, and to work for their betterment is to perform a high public service of benefit, in the end, to all our people. For good roads mean higher farm values, more land cultivated, more diversified and profitable crops and a decrease in the cost of hauling them to markets. Government experts have estimated that the excessive cost of hauling due to the bad condition of American roads amounts to an annual loss of more than two hundred and fifty million dollars. Good roads mean an increase in our rural population and a consequent decrease in the crowding of our cities, and thus a lowering of the cost of living. In the rural communities they mean the accessibility of beautiful scenery, pleasure in driving and automobiling, the extension of the limits within which local papers can be circulated on the day of publication, the use of the

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parcels post, the facilitation of free delivery of mail, social intercourse and the weaving of that net, first of neighborhood, then of state, and finally of national opinion without which no popular government can endure. Good roads mean more prompt and less expensive medical attention, far larger church and school attendance and, above all, new life for the farmers' wives and daughters. When Ex-President Roosevelt's Country Life Commission asked the country people what was most needed to improve their living conditions, more than ninety per cent of the answers gave good roads.

The Woman's Department is in close touch with the United States Office of Public Roads and with the various state road associations and can give from these sources much assistance toward a thorough understanding of local problems. When these are studied it will be found that the requisites for their solution are wise and equitable road laws, an efficient centralized road administration, trained and competent men for road construction and repair, sufficient revenues, an honest and economical expenditure of road funds and an adequate provision for road maintenance.

The roads the Woman's Department of the American Highway Association seeks first to improve are those leading to the markets, the homes and the schools--in other words, those that affect the daily life of our people. Our plans do not include any national political activity. But for the purpose of advice and encouragement and the comparison of methods and results in the different states, a National Advisory Committee is being formed. Miss Maude Wetmore, Miss Kate Gordon, Miss Julia Lathrop, Mrs.

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William Cumming Story, Miss Mabel Boardman, Mrs. Daisy McLaurin-Stevens, Miss Mary Johnston, Miss Elizabeth Gentry, and others are members.

There will be a Road Congress under the auspices of the American Highway Association, in Atlanta, Georgia, November 9th to 14th. A Woman's Conference is planned for the 10th of November to discuss the whole subject of roads and woman's work for their betterment. I hope very much that you will attend the Conference and take part in the discussion.

If you are interested in roads will you not write to me? This department is here to help with advice and information obtained from experts on roads. It is yours for the asking and without expense to you. Colonel Goethals said of the immense task of building the Panama Canal, that it resolved itself into a large number of relatively small tasks, no one of which was too difficult for accomplishment. This is true of the work for better roads.

Very sincerely yours,

Abby Scott Baker
Chairman.