

Richmond, Ky.

Dec. 1st, 1914.

My dear Miss Yates,

Your letters concerning your candidacy for 3rd vice-president of the N.A.A.S.P.A. came duly to hand. I should have been glad to have voted for my old S. Carolina comrade; but I had nothing whatever to do with making up the "Representative ticket". I knew that there was an effort to run Mrs. Breckinridge for president, but she declined to run against Miss Shaw. Of course, I was all for what Mrs. Breckinridge might wish to have done, as she is a very valuable worker in Kentucky. I mentioned your name in connection with the ticket after I got to Nashville, but found that the ticket had already been made up. You know, no doubt, that Mrs. McCulloch was prevented by sickness from going either to the Conference at Chattanooga or the Convention in Nashville. If Mrs. Elliott was in Nashville, I did not meet her. As you were not there yourself, I imagine it is just as well that your name was not brought forward in connection with the ticket, as it leaves you out of a certain amount of friction that existed in the Convention.

In spite of the friction, however, I feel that we had a very successful convention; and I am in hopes that the new feature of the Congressional Committee work, - that of trying for Federal Suffrage for U.S. Congressmen and Senators, - promises a much more <sup>use-</sup> ~~hope-~~ful field for Congressional work than a constitutional amendment.

Very sincerely your friend,



MRS. MEDILL MCCORMICK  
CHAIRMAN

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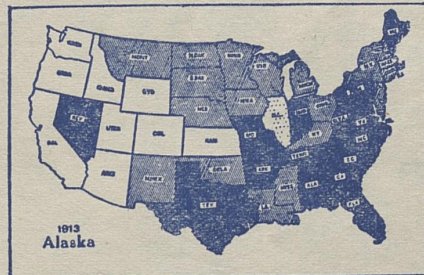
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OF THE

## National American Woman Suffrage Association

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December 3, 1914.

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Miss Laura Clay,  
Lexington, Kentucky.

My dear Miss Clay:-

I had intended to have written you earlier, but immediately on my return to Washington I was called to New York by the illness of my youngest daughter, who is attending school there.

I would be glad if you would write me quite fully your view upon the best legislation to inaugurate for federal suffrage. It is my judgment that Bill No. 9393, introduced by the Federal society, is adequate and that it would be wise for us to push for the franchise relating to senators and congressmen and at the same time to wage a vigorous campaign in each state legislature for the presidential franchise. I had hoped that I might have had a further talk with you before I left Nashville. Will you, however, let me hear from you at your convenience upon this matter?

Will you kindly give my best regards to your sister, Mrs. Bennett?

Very truly yours,

*Antoinette Funk*

Vice Chairman.

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My  
Dec 3 1914

My Dear My Sandra

I am so pleased to hear from you  
I was so disappointed that I could not be at either convention. I have had the Sagrip for 3 years in succession. I am going to Fla next week see if I can avoid it this winter so as to be able to help with the work next year

You speak of using my donation for 1915

I am perfectly willing



[Dec 3, 1914]

For you to use it as  
you think best

I am so anxious to see  
our state free that I  
am more than willing  
that it should be used  
for Preparatory work  
In Fall on the Literary circle  
have a report on Suffrage twice  
a month. I am trying to  
work it in Hickman I furnish  
literature am also furnishing  
Thomas journal 4 months sub-  
scription. I favor the comity  
every step helps

Very Truly yours  
with hope J M Hubbard



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Lexington, Ky. Dec 7-1914  
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My dear Miss Clay -  
The minutes are nearly ready to submit to the publisher for a price on them and I would like to have your report as Corresponding Secretary and also as made for the Executive Committee -

Please explain to me the difference between ~~the~~ Constitution and Articles of Incorporation -? Did the Articles of Incorporation supersede the Constitution or take its place? I want to get this straight before publishing it. Very truly yours,

Mrs. A. A. Mc Dowell, no 6 magnolia apt. Virginia St. M. McDowell, Secretary



Richmond, Kentucky.  
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Dec. 9th, 1914.  
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Mrs. Antoinette Funk,  
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Washington, D.C.

My dear Mrs. Funk,

Your letter of Dec. 3rd was duly received.

I am not a member of the Federal Suffrage Society, and have not kept in touch with their bills; so I am not sure that I know what Bill No. 9393 contains. I presume, however, it is the bill introduced by Sen. Shafroth and Rep. French, asking that women shall vote for U.S. Representatives and Senators. I have seen that bill; and I think it covers the ground, though Mrs. Ida Husted Harper, I remember, criticized the language, as not exact enough.

Provided that the bill you speak of is the same as Shafroth's S.B. 3507 I agree with you that it is what we ought to push. I certainly think that the same bill ought not to include voting for presidential electors. To my mind, that is to be argued on different grounds. However, I noticed that in the last session of Congress a bill was introduced to provide for a Federal primary law for presidential electors. I have thought that your Committee might "investigate" our chances for having women's rights respected in such a primary law. But I would not advise that the more important bill, -namely, for representatives and senators, -should be in any way embarrassed by urging the other. The state legislatures can be appealed to for that.

In lobbying for our bill pray do not forget that congressmen run no risks in offending their constituents by voting for it. For admitting they might alienate some men who do not want woman suffrage they will surely gain the good-will of the new women voters



whom they enfranchise.

Congressman John W. Langley, of Kentucky, is a lifelong suffragist, having stood with us twenty-odd years ago, when he was in the Ky. legislature. I believe you could rely upon him to help you. Congressman R. V. Thomas told me he was a suffragist, but I know nothing of his reliability. Mrs. Breckinridge may give you more information about the views of other members.

On another sheet I am giving you a synopsis of the argument which appeals to me most for our bill. It may or may not be useful to you.

Thanking you for letting me hear from you about what I consider by far the most important work of the N.A.W.S.A. at present,

I am

Very sincerely yours,



[Dec 9, 1914]

I know there are at least three bases of argument for our bill. I judge from the newspaper article I saw on Dec. 4th your committee gave to the press the one of the Federal Society, which depends principally upon the right of Congress to define the qualifications of its own electors. The argument I prefer differs a little from this in asking rather that Congress shall provide suitable legislation to protect women in rights already declared to be theirs by Art. I, Sec. 2, of the U.S. Constitution. I argue that the word "people" in that section has exactly the same meaning it has in the Preamble to the Constitution, - that is, means men, women and children. Therefore women, being an inseparable and essential part of the "people" cannot be ~~suppressed~~ excluded from those who are to choose representatives. The Constitution itself, and not those of the several states, prescribes the qualifications of the electors by providing that they shall have the ~~same~~ qualifications of the most numerous branch of the State Legislatures. The several states have not denied the rights of women directly, but have done so by the method of failing to define the qualifications of female citizens. I believe that none of our state constitutions say that women shall not vote, but say that "male citizens possessing qualifications of age, residence, etc. shall vote". I hold that women being a necessary factor in making "the People", their sex cannot be called a qualification, and that it is rights to be defended and not qualifications to be extended that we are now asking of Congress.

I am not a lawyer, and therefore I may not be choosing the best of the Supreme Court's decisions to defend this argument. But from a layman's reading I think these points may be maintained.

That women are citizens, and have been so from the establishment of our government.



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That the right to vote for Congressmen is derived from the Constitution of the U.S. and not from the several states.

That all rights derived from the Constitution of the U.S. are under the protection of the Congress of the U.S.

That though some of the powers of Congress may have been long held in abeyance, that does not invalidate them when Congress does choose to act.

That Congress has power to legislate on points plainly implied by the Constitution even if there are no definite words in that instrument to define them.

xix These contentions are maintained in the cases of *Minor v. Happersett*, 1875. *Slaughter House Cases* of 1873. *Yarborough* of 1884, and others.

Laura Clay.



This is the letter I would refer  
to me to answer.

Washington, D.C. December 14, 1914.

Dear Mrs Stoner:

It is very hard for me, as a loyal Southerner, to say that to me it seems a very inopportune time to urge the state's rights doctrine as applied to woman suffrage in Washington. Of course, when the meeting was arranged for yesterday it was without the foreknowledge of the Bristow-Mondell amendment being on the slate at the Capitol, and for that reason I am glad the meeting was held and that it was such a success. I am heartily in sympathy with the Southern Conference constitution and believe that the state's rights method is the only one which can be used with good effect at this time in the South, but I believe it is a great mistake to urge it now in the National capital, which is the only place any effective work can possibly be done for the federal amendment. I have come to see, much as Madame Schemmer so beautifully expressed it yesterday, that we must for any method and all methods, and take it as we can get it and as soon as we can get it, and for that reason believe that we should now all unite on the Bristow-Mondell amendment and fight for it until its fate is determined, and then if it fails there will be time enough to think of the next step.

In the light of this great fact, I respectfully urge, as a member of the Southern Conference, that there be no more meetings held until after the vote is taken in Congress on the Bristow-Mondell amendment. I am convinced that by doing so, we will be greatly hamper the work of the Congressional Committee, which needs our assistance, and will be only lending more strength to the assertion that our organization is working at cross purposes with the National and in opposition to it. This matter must be cleared up at once if we are not to do the National a great deal of harm.

Personally, Miss Jean Gordon's explanation of the position of the Southern Conference with reference to the National did not explain anything to me. You cannot deal with a concrete question by pooh-poohing it, and the fact that Dr. Shaw is a member of the Southern Conference and Kate Gordon a member of the National does not mean anything at all. The same thing can be said of Alice Paul. However, I am withholding my views on this until I know more, but will say that unless some definite stand is soon taken by the Southern Conference to show its loyalty to the National, I shall feel it my duty to resign from the Southern Conference, as I felt it my duty to resign from the Congressional Union. The National may not always be right on all questions, and I am sure it has a mistaken attitude in some matters toward the southern question, but "right or wrong, my association" is my slogan. In union only is there strength, and a more erroneous doctrine was never promulgated than that voiced by Miss Jean Gordon yesterday when she urged numerous organizations for suffrage work. There can be nothing possibly gained by the scattering of our fire. We must concentrate on something, and then if that something fails we must concentrate on something else and keep it up until something does not fail.

I have written you thus fully because I feel it is due you to know my attitude. There can be no question as to my loyalty toward the South and the state's right movement for which my ancestors died, but



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besides being Sputherners we must also be politicians, and it is certain exceedingly bad politics to urge on the senate that we do not want a federal amendment at the same time that the Congressional Committee is lobbying for its passage, and I am beginning to wonder if Washington is not a bad place for state's rights work at any time, and I feel I must congratulate you, quite apart from all these things, on the success of the meeting yesterday. It was a most flattering gathering and beautifully managed, and you deserve great credit for your part in it. I know that you will not take this letter as personal in the slightest degree, but will understand that it is written with the good of the National in mind, but if the National organization for which we have all fought so loyally means anything to us at all we must be very careful that it in our individual states work in the South we do not hamper the National in its broader work for the whole country.

Very sincerely,

Gertrude Crockett Mosshart.



Richmond, Ky.

Dec. 15th, 1914.

My dear Mrs. McDowell,

I have collated a report from all the local reports which were sent into me ; but many must have gone to you or some one else. If not, it may be that some of the information is contained in Mrs. Breckinridge's report. I would advise you to make out from data in your hands at least the names of officers of all the local branches. You observe I report only twelve, which do not even include those of Louisville, Lexington and Covington. You need not use these which I have prepared unless they fit in with your plan for the others. Much of the correspondence has been done at Headquarters by Miss Martin, under Mrs. Breckinridge's supervision. My report can be summed up in a few sentences. I am giving my correspondence with Mrs. Hubbard about the use of her gift of a thousand dollars, because the record of her former conditions is in our minutes of 1911.

As regards the Articles of Incorporation: No: they do not take the place of or supercede the constitution. They constitute a legal instrument, and by them any donation or legacy would be controlled. It is expensive to change them, and might give us legal trouble in case of a gift to the Asse., whilst the constitution can be changed at any annual meeting by a majority vote. We have therefore thought it best to make the constitution conform to the Articles, rather than attempt to change the Articles. It is not necessary to have the Articles printed again, we have enough copies for reference, and I have the original document.

In adding the changes to the constitution, remember that the National has changed the name of its Executive Committee to Exec-



utive Council; and we should make the change of name in our constitution.

I do not understand that it falls to the Cor. Sec. to make the report of the Executive Com; but you should do that from your minutes, which have been read and approved by the members. Therefore, I shall leave it to you. If you want a report from the Member of the National A. S. A. Committee, I could prepare one, since Elise Smith was not at the convention to report; but I think it would save time for you to write it yourself. As all the business is reported in the National minutes, I have always made it a rule to cut down ours simply to those points which concern Ky. For example, the names of all our delegates present; the fact that Mrs. Breckinridge was re-elected vice-president, etc.

If I can be of any further help to you, please let me know.

Very cordially yours,



[Dec 15, 1914]

The Corresponding Secretary has attended the business meetings of the Board. She spent some time in Frankfort as part of the Legislative Committee; and made a speech before the Senate in support of the bill for a Constitutional Amendment.

She has answered numerous requests for literature, principally for information for debates on woman suffrage, these requests coming from various parts of Kentucky, and frequently from other states. She considers such requests as a very hopeful sign of increasing interest in our cause.

By instruction of the Board, she wrote to Mrs. S. M. Hubbard, telling her that the Board believed that it could make the most helpful use of her generous gift of a thousand dollars for campaign purposes, if she would let it be used for preparatory work. In reply, Mrs. Hubbard wrote: "You speak of using my donation for 1915. I am perfectly willing for you to use it as you think best. I am so anxious to see our State free that I am more than willing that it should be used for preparatory work".

Respectfully submitted,

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



1025 Cathedral St.

Baltimore Md

Dec - 18<sup>th</sup> 1914

My dear Miss Clay - I am  
sending you some samples  
of Color - Barometer - Cards  
that I make with the help  
of other ladies, and wish to  
say that I will send you 100  
(or more) free of all cost, and  
when they are sold for 10c  
each, 5c is to go to the Woman's  
Suffrage League - and 5c to me,  
the cost of making and materials  
to come from my share - There



are 4 different styles of pictures  
and an envelope is provided  
for each Barometer. They can  
be returned to me at any time  
and I will take all the risk  
of them being soiled or lost.

The past Government League here  
took 500, and The Equal Suffrage  
League (of which I am a member)  
100, Miss Kate Gordon of New  
Orleans 100 etc - on these terms -

I can send them at once  
if you wish -

Sincerely yours

(Miss) M. Thurston



Richmond, Ky.

Dec. 18th, 1914.

My dear Mrs. McDowell,

After I had posted my report to you, I received a letter from Mrs. Post, of the Paducah or McCracken League, in which she says: "Last Friday the organization met and had a re-election of officers, having been postponed because of the illness and final removal of our beloved President, Mrs. J. C. Miller, back to her old home in Princeton Ky. The great honor of succeeding her was conferred on me" Therefore, the new Board is .

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2nd "	Mrs. Phillippe	" "
3rd "	Miss Beard,	" "
Rec. Sec.	Miss Yeiser	" "
Cer. Sec.	Miss Julia Hushands,	" "
Treasurer	Mrs. I. D. Wilcox	" "

She thinks she has a splendid Board, and is planning an extensive year's work.

Very sincerely yours,



Richmond, Kentucky.

Dec. 18th, 1914.

Mrs. H. Wade Rogers, Treas. N. A. W. S. A.

New York.

Dear Madam:

Please find enclosed my check for fifty dollars, in payment of my pledge at the Nashville Convention, in the name of the Southern States Woman Suffrage Conference, for the work of the N. A. W. S. A.

Very truly yours,



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Miss Laura Clay,  
Lexington, Ky.

December 18, 1914.

Dear Miss Clay:

I hope you noticed in the Woman's Journal of December 12, that we put into effect in a modified form the plan for presenting state news of which we wrote you some time ago. The plan we offered with a choice from five propositions entailed some financial responsibility and you naturally hesitated about undertaking it.

We offered you space in the Woman's Journal for news from your state and we offered you papers and subscriptions in a cooperative arrangement so that neither your association nor the Journal would lose money.

We so thoroughly believe in the plan of cooperation we offered, that we are ready to carry out our part of it even without any guarantee that your association is ready to meet us half way. We are trying to see your side of the question; we ask you to try to see our side.

We have, therefore, decided to print the news from your state each week and we stand ready to meet your state more than half way on the matter of subscriptions and papers for use per week.

We want to make it clear that this is not a money-making plan for the Woman's Journal. It is simply a plan for better service so that we shall print your news, and so that this will not be done at a loss. It is a plan to come out even, not to make money.

We, therefore, ask you to request your leagues and league members to start and follow up an effective subscription campaign in return for the cooperation we are giving your Association. We offer a commission of 30% for every new subscription sent us. And will you ask your leagues and members to use extra copies of the Journal each week as propaganda literature? We offer every paper for propaganda purposes at 3 cents each. In cases where the leagues are enterprising and sell the papers at 5 cents each, they can make 2 cents on every paper. In lots of 10 or more they can make 2½ cents.

The plan we have started is only the beginning of what we wish to do. Realizing, therefore, that we have put this plan into effect at something of a risk, we ask you to back us up to the full extent of your ability, and whatever else you do, will you be sure to have all of the best news in the whole state sent us promptly each week.

The Woman's Journal has entered on a new era and we hope that each state will so cooperate with us that each state will receive the maximum benefit.

Yours sincerely,

*Agnes E. Ryan*



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"It shall be the duty of this Commission to study and report upon social and industrial conditions; to co-ordinate the activities of the various organizations existing in the Church in the interests of social service; to co-operate with similar bodies in other communions; to encourage sympathetic relations between capital and labor; and to deal according to their discretion with these and kindred matters."

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December 18, 1914.

Miss Laura Clay,  
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Madam:

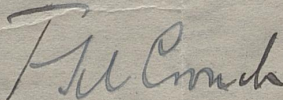
The Joint Commission on Social Service was appointed by General Convention in 1910 to do an active work. General Convention, however, made no provision for financing that work.

The Commission, therefore, has had to depend for its funds on members and friends. Some of these have died during the past three or four years; others have already done what they could. We are therefore turning to you as interested in the social efforts of the Church to share the large responsibility which the Church has put upon us, and which, without your co-operation, we cannot discharge.

Will you not aid us? A contribution of \$5.00 or more will entitle you to a free copy of our book "Social Service at the General Convention of 1913", the regular price of which is \$1.00.

The enclosed leaflet will show you what we have already accomplished.

Faithfully yours,



Executive Secretary.



Mrs. Selen H. Jacobs,

1404 Beach Street, Birmingham, Ala.

Richmond, Kentucky.

Dec. 18th, 1914.

My dear Mrs. Jacobs,

I see your appeal for help in the "Woman's Journal," as well as knowing of it by hearing you at Nashville. I believe all the states should stand by each other, and so I am sending a contribution of twenty-five dollars for your suffrage campaign.

With my very best wishes and my prayers for your success, I am

Very cordially yours,



Richmond, Ky.

Dec. 19th, 1914.

My dear Mrs. Judah,

This morning I received another installment of the rent of the trust cottage; and in looking over my books I observe that I made a mistake of two dollars too little in the remittance of \$11.68 I sent you on Dec. 3rd. I suppose I added up a previous item of expense. I am now sending the last month's *Dec. Nov.* remittance of \$9.00, with the two dollars added. Please correct the mistake in the former account.

The rent is ten dollars a month, and I have to pay ~~\$11.68~~ for a commission for collection; for I found it impossible to collect my self, on account of my frequent absences from Lexington.

Very sincerely yours,

Trustee of L.S.B. ruce.



*Please return to L. Clay*

Richmond, Ky.

Dec. 19th, 1914.

My dear Mrs. Judah,

Please find enclosed my check \$158.95 for the Ky. E. R. A.

According to Mrs. Breckinridge's request I sent in my bill for Convention expenses to be C. R. 'd by her. They amounted to \$16.05. I asked her when she sent the bill to you to ask that it be set against the pledge I made for \$25.00 for State work. I have not heard from either of you yet, but I suppose this was done.

You have probably learned that at Nashville the N. A. W. S. A. Constitution was again amended, the auxiliary membership was dropped, and all the affiliated members had to pay ten cents per member up to and including 1500 members; and that those which paid for 1500 members were to have one representative in the Executive Council in addition to their president. Therefore, the Ky. E. R. A. will have to pay \$150.00; and we will have a member of the N. A. W. S. A. Executive Council, just as we formerly had a member of the Ex. Committee, with simply the name changed.

Just after I sent off my letter to you I received my answer from Mrs. Hubbard and she wrote: "You speak of using my donation for 1915. I am perfectly willing for you to use it as you think best. I am so anxious to see our State free that I am more than willing that it should be used for preparatory work". Therefore, we shall have that thousand dollars to begin our New Year's work. And so I think I would like the \$150.00 I send to be used in a way that will assist the National as well as the Ky. E. R. A., and am asking that it be used to pay at once the Ky. E. R. A. dues to the National. Then

*(Over)*



we will be entitled to fifteen delegates and a member of the Ex. Council in addition to our president. If we should want more than that number of delegates we can send on more dues later on.

What was done about paying for our space in the Woman's Journal? I saw Miss Blackwell, and she said Miss Ryan attended to the business matters; but she thought the proposition was for us to take 100 papers in packages to sell on the streets or give for samples, and to raise fifty subscriptions, out of the price of which we were to have a return commission. To fulfill these last two conditions will be harder than to pay for the space. We have tried in Lexington to sell by the paper, with practically no success. We might get the 50 subscriptions, by urging all our branches to help. But unless your branch can sell by the paper in Louisville I see no use for the papers in packages beyond what we need for samples. I have been away from Lexington the whole time since I returned from the conventions, and have had no opportunity to talk to Mrs. Breckinridge. But I have very much at heart the welfare of the Journal, and am willing to do what work I can to sustain the proposition we voted at the Convention. I was delighted at the last issue, in which there was particular news from many states. I suppose this is the idea that was intended. Now I would like to know: 1st; How many papers do you think could be sold in Louisville on the street?

2nd; How many papers in packages could your branch profitably use as free samples?

3rd; How many subscriptions could you manage to get?

Personally, I believe the whole state working together might get more than the required fifty subscriptions; and if we do not need 100 weekly copies in packages, we might be allowed to take more subscriptions and fewer in packages.



[Dec 19, 1914]

Of course, I am not writing about this officially; but as we have so few business meetings, and as we ought to live up to all we vote at the Convention, and as I suppose no one has the Woman's Journal more on her mind than I, I would like to compare views as much as possible by letter.

I have thought it would be well to find out how many papers in packages could be successfully used. First, by asking the larger branches if they would like a weekly package for sale on the street or for free samples, and if they would pay for their proportion of the whole number. 2nd, Would it be a good expenditure of money to have all of the hundred (after the branches had ordered what they would take) to be sent to headquarters, and there sent out as free literature. 3rd/ Or would it be more in accord with our needs to ask a modification of the Journal's offer, and take more subscriptions and fewer in packages?

I presume you have at hand the Journal's proposition. It appeared again in circular form in the Journal a few weeks ago. I would be very glad to have your opinion; and if you would, if you would consult with Mrs. McDowell about it, and Mrs. Henning, so that we could arrive at the best conclusion before the new year. I believe I could obtain some substantial assistance on the Journal proposition if we could work out our best way of proceeding.

Very cordially yours,

P.S. I forget to say that my check includes \$8.95 to complete the payment of my pledge of \$25.00 made at Owensboro.



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Dear Miss Clay:—

We are so grateful to you for your very substantial aid which came to us today in the shape of a check. The response that has come to Mrs. Jacob's appeal

in the Journal is very cheering.

We thank you heartily for your large share in it.

Good luck & a Merry Christmas to Kentucky!

Sincerely yours,

Amelia Worthington  
Cor. Sec.



Dec 22, 1914

# NATIONAL AMERICAN WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

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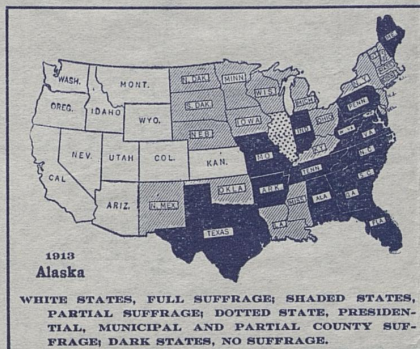
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December 22nd, 1915

Miss Laura Clay,  
Richmond,  
Kentucky.

My dear Miss Clay:

I thank you very much for your check of \$50., in payment of your Nashville pledge. We are very grateful to have the pledges paid in early, as it will be of great help to have them. I am wondering if you could either go on my General Finance Committee for the National Association or send me two or three names of active suffragists in Kentucky who would be willing to co-operate with the Financial Committee.

I consider that the work of this Committee <sup>should</sup> be to make known in all the states through individuals, local leagues, district and state associations, the scope and purposes of the National American Woman Suffrage Association; and secondly, to assist in securing funds to promote this work. I should be very grateful to you if you could go on the Committee yourself and help as it seemed possible to you, and also to have the names as above suggested.

Thanking you very heartily, I am -

Sincerely yours,

*Emma Wilson Rogers*

(Mrs. Henry Wade Rogers)

Treasurer



*Please return*

Richmond, Ky.

Dec. 22nd, 1914.

My dear Miss Ryan,

I was glad yesterday to get your letter of Dec. 18th, because it forestalled something about which I have wished to consult you.

At our Ky. E. R. A. Convention <sup>Nov. 6th</sup> we voted to accept your Proposition E; that is, as far as paying \$33. for 148 of a column a year. We did not understand at that time that three items of space, packages, and subscriptions were included in the same Proposition. Hence, though the payment for space is provided for in our State expenditures the other two items are not; and if we cannot make them pay for themselves, we may have to abandon the whole Proposition.

In considering it, I do not see how we can use to advantage 100 copies of the Journal a week. We have tried in Lexington to sell papers, and without success. Therefore, I am confident no city in Ky. can do so unless it be Louisville. I have written to inquire how many they can use in that way, but have not yet received an answer. There then remains only the needs of Headquarters for samples and such as can be profitably used as literature. I am confident, however, that our Board will not feel that it can pay \$137.00 annually for that one form of literature.

There remains the subscription list. I believe with effort we might get more than the required 50 new subscribers, though it would need a vigorous campaign of writing and urging the local branches to work. We have only one little stenographer whom we pay at Headquarters, and I do not believe she could be spared to do this necessary work. But I love the Journal so much and consider it so invaluable to our cause that I am willing to try my own hand at it.

Therefore, please answer these queries:

- (1) Would you be willing to modify your Proposition so as to make the whole number of papers 150 combined of those in bundles and new subscriptions, so that we could have fewer in bundles and more in subscriptions?
- (2) What would you consider a fair diminution of the premium on new subscriptions to make up the loss, if you accept this alteration?

As I expect to do the work myself, I have thought I would not be willing to have the new subscriptions sent to me, and then send them on to your office. Therefore, I would like to have suggestions from you how we are to know what new subscriptions ought to be set down to our account, apart from those you may secure by other means?

Any suggestions you may make as to how to carry on this subscription campaign will be welcomed by me.

It will be impossible for me to attend to sending you news; I am too poor a newspaper woman. We have made some sort of plan, however, which will be carried out from Headquarters.

Let me have an answer to this letter, and I will find out in the

*(over)*



2. the meanwhile what I can about the number of papers we need in bundles.

I was delighted with the issue of Dec. 12th, and noticed with great satisfaction the news from the States.

Wishing you and Miss Blackwell a Happy Christmas and New Year, I am  
Very cordially yours,

P.S. If you have nothing from Kentucky for your next issue you might insert this:

The Kentucky delegation to the recent Southern States Woman Suffrage Conference at Chattanooga introduced in the Plan of Work a recommendation that in the states where such a law does not exist the suffragists should endeavor to secure a law making it mandatory to employ at least one woman physician for the women's wards in all state asylums for the Insane where women are received. The suffragists in Kentucky secured such a law in 1896, and it has worked with satisfaction to the authorities, and has ~~been~~ been a source of much comfort to the invalid women.



# Kentucky Equal Rights Association

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Louisville  
LEXINGTON, KY., Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 1914

My dear Miss Clay -

I am enclosing receipt<sup>Part.</sup> for money.

am also in receipt of \$158.95 for which I will send you receipt as soon as we hear from Mrs Breckinridge about the \$16.05 already paid for convention expense. will then have receipt-book & will send receipt for \$150<sup>00</sup> for N. A. W. S. A. & \$25<sup>00</sup> contribution to President's fund. about the woman's journal proposition, will talk it over with Mrs Henning & Mrs Dr. Lowell the early part of the week & write you further about it.

yours etc.

R. R. Judah



p. 3.

[Dec 24, 1914]

I have copies of pamphlet "A New Hope"  
— of which I am mailing you a copy —  
for distribution — I think of sending one  
to each E. R. League, with a copy of our  
annual report, as soon as Virginia  
McDowell can get the material all in and  
get it out — When you have time to  
read this pamphlet, see if you approve  
of doing that.



Richmond, Kentucky.

Dec. 24th, 1914.

Mrs. H. W. Rogers,

New York.

Dear Madam;

I am sorry I cannot assist you in forming your Financial Committee. I myself have undertaken some work in Kentucky which will preclude my accepting your invitation to go on it myself; and I cannot think of any others who I think would do so.

Just now when so many states are like Kentucky, - in the initial stages of a campaign - I imagine you will find it rather difficult to fill your committee, which at best is one of the hardest to persuade the workers to join.



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Dear Madam;

I am sorry I cannot assist you in forming your Financial Committee. I have undertaken some work in Kentucky which will preclude my accepting your invitation to go on it myself, and I cannot call to mind any others who I think would do so.

Just now when so many states are like Kentucky, - in the initial stages of a campaign, - I imagine you will find it rather difficult to fill your Committee. Perhaps Mrs. Breckinridge might help you to get some Kentucky names.

Very truly yours,



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*Resolution of General Convention 1913.*

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NEW YORK CITY

December 28, 1914.

Miss Laura Clay,  
Richmond,  
Kentucky.

My dear Miss Clay:

Please accept on behalf of the Commission  
my thanks for your contribution of \$10.00 to our work.

Faithfully yours

*F. M. Crouch*



Richmond, Kentucky.

Dec.24th, 1914.

Rev.F.M.Crouch,

New York.

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed my check for \$10.00 for the Joint Commission on Social Service.

Please send the book,"Social Service at the General Convention of 1913"to me at Richmond, Kentucky, as I am here for the present.

Very truly yours,



Richmond, Kentucky.

Dec. 28th, 1914.

Lexington Trust & Savings Bank Co.;

In the fall of 1912 I deposited \$1000.00 in your Savings Department for the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, with instructions that it was not to be drawn upon until official notice to that effect.

The donor, Mrs. S. M. Hubbard, has now desired that it shall be used for the current expenses of the Ky. Equal Rights Asso., subject to the order of its president, Mrs. Desha Breckinridge, after the 1st of Jan., 1915.

Please let me know if this letter is sufficient authority for the transfer of the money from your Savings Department to the order of Mrs. Breckinridge, and oblige

Very truly yours,

Corresponding Secretary of Ky.

Equal Rights Association.



RICHMOND, KY., Dec. 29 1914 No. 18

**CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK** 73-128



PAY TO THE ORDER OF Mrs. Re. Re. Judah \$55.86

Fifty-five 11 86 DOLLARS  
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FOR Ac. & B. Co. Laura Clay.



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R. R. Judah Treas.

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Frank R. Meinhoff, Cashier



Richmond, Ky.

Dec. 29th, 1914.

My dear Mrs. Judah,

Please find enclosed my check for \$55.86, interest on Bruce legacy; and I send a form of receipt.

Also, I re-enclose the receipt you sent me, as you neglected to sign it.

Very sincerely yours,

Trustee of L.S. Bruce.

Louisville, Ky.

Date-

Received from Laura Clay, Trustee, Fifty-five dollars & eighty-six cents (\$55.86) interest from the L.S. Bruce legacy.

Signed

Treasurer of Kentucky Equal Rights Association.



[Dec 29, 1914]

# Rhode Island Woman Suffrage Association.

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Providence, R. I. Dec 29 1914

My dear Miss Clay:-  
Thanks for your kind favor -  
It surely was not worth while to  
introduce my name as a candidate  
at the convention. I am glad that  
some advance has made toward a  
new regime.

Permit me to call your attention  
to my article on (Presidential Suffrage  
in the last Woman's Journal -  
I do hope Kentucky will adopt  
the measure & that you may  
vote in 1916. Yours cordially  
Elizabeth Upham Yates  
Nat Chairman Pres. Suffrage



1347 S. Floyd St.,  
Louisville, Ky.

Tues. Dec. 29, 1914.

Dear Mrs Breckinridge,

Your note of the 21 inst., should have had attention earlier & would have had needed less strenuous circumstances. Please believe I really could not help this delay & forgive me.

I am all "balled up" about the Woman's Journal business.

Let me review what I know of it.

Mrs Henning brought me the accompanying material from the Owensboro meeting & also a copy of the Resolu-



tion to the effect that - The  
N. E. R. A. accepted Proposi-  
tion E, offered by the Journal, -  
the  $\frac{1}{8}$  column per week etc &  
that State news would go  
thru State Press Chairman (Mrs  
Graham) from Louisville Head-  
quarters.

I sent that Resolution to  
Miss Agnes E. Ryan on  
Nov 17 & told her I would  
not be able to handle the  
matter but wanted her to  
have sense of meeting to know  
where our Resu stood, or some-  
thing to that effect.

Later, after seeing you  
here, & receiving your report,

I sent her enough stuff for  
 $\frac{1}{8}$  column for several weeks if  
she cared to snip a fact here  
& there. I told her I hoped  
soon to get my hand in &  
send her stuff she would not  
need to "boil down".

When the account of your  
report was published in a  
recent Journal, I thought, "Now  
I know how to go ahead" &  
I hoped soon to get something  
like live news. Mrs Judah  
told me of one good thing. I  
can get other by writing to  
Mrs Hubbard & using any news  
you tell folks to send but if  
Miss Ryan doesn't under-  
stand, what's the use going  
on till the case is clear? Per-



haps she is waiting for in-  
structions as to number of  
journals we want - or for the  
cash or - Goodness knows  
what: I don't. I never was  
in such a mix-up! It may  
all be my fault for not send-  
ing stuff regularly but I haven't  
had a word of State news  
from you & things here are  
dead during the holidays & be-  
sides, I askt her what day  
to send stuff & a few other ques-  
tions which must have struck  
her as too idiotic to answer.

I'll be glad to collect news  
after the 1<sup>st</sup> & give a regular  
time weekly to shaping it up  
if you will get this thing straight.  
Send Miss R - this letter if you like: She  
may not have gotten any others. There is a  
misunderstanding somewhere. Sincerely  
W.S. Graham



1914

My dear Miss Leahy,  
As one who admires you as  
a woman & as a suffrage  
leader, let me add you more  
to the many good wishes you  
will receive this season  
As very truly  
Yours,  
Lula S. Lucky







c 1914j

International Woman Suffrage Alliance.

7 ADAM STREET, ADELPHI,

LONDON, W.C.

TELEPHONE 4255 REGENT.

Dear Madam,

I greatly regret not to have received your annual subscription for "Jus Suffragii" (due last September). It is most important for the work of the International Alliance that its organ should be well supported. Great efforts are being made to improve and enlarge the paper, and to extend its circulation. Will you help us by subscribing?

Yours truly,

MARY SHEEPSHANKS,

Editor of "Jus Suffragii."



Josephine J. Post  
619 1/2  
Paducah  
Kentucky

Paducah, Ky. [1914]

VOTES FOR WOMEN

Dear Miss Clay: -

I have just received -  
the New Southern Citizen  
I am charmed with her

like all Supplicants - she  
is good on the out side  
and as well, inside -

It full of interesting  
information - and I think  
it one of the best



is not the rest) means of reaching our  
class of readers. Because we  
are a nation of readers - of magazines,  
news papers - & periodicals - and so forth  
is what we are after - & it need  
just be bought for that - and  
then find its own place - in  
the hearts of the people. -  
I was delighted with your picture  
in the November number. It  
came back from the circulation  
with a new spirit of

Enthusiasm - & eager for more.  
We had a splendid crowd to  
hear the report of the meeting - Last  
Friday - the organization met - & we  
had our election of officers - having  
been postponed - because of the illness  
& final removal of our beloved President  
Mrs John G. Miller, Dec 12. Her old  
Loving Child, Princeton N.J. The great honor  
of succeeding her, was conferred on one  
of her old & faithful children - the enthusiasm



We have an excellent band, Miss Huotaud - you  
remember her? 1st Vice Pres - Mrs Phillips 2nd Vice  
Miss Beaul - 3rd Vice Pres - a splendid Secy - Miss  
Yeiser (so intelligent) - Miss Julia Huotaud -  
Cor Secy - a good student) - & Mrs S. D. Milcox  
We are planning a splendid year work  
and begin on this coming Friday - with our  
Cracken Co -'s School Fair - we are going to offer  
prizes (books -) to each of the 56 schools - who will  
have a debate <sup>during the year</sup> or an essay contest on the subject -  
why women should vote in Mass. I want to make it a  
local question - that is always a vital issue - Our  
County Supt is an ardent suffragist - & our County attorney  
is much interested - we are going to begin in earnest  
& work up - the situation for the league, book clubs  
on - any suggestion you may offer - we would  
prize it very highly! Miss Huotaud & I are going to lead  
later after Xmas - Just the fundamentals - but you suggest  
any books of reference? with deepest appreciation for you &  
your work & wish