

941 Lake Ave., Racine Wis., June 18, 1915.

Miss Laura Clay,

Dear Friend:

I write to congratulate you on the splendid speech which I hear you made at the recent National meeting in Chicago. I wish I could have heard it. I always like your speaking, and, as you know have, for several years felt that you should be the President of the National. If you could be elected in place of Anna Shaw at the next meeting it would give our cause a new impetus. The National loses much of its power and influence by endorsing so many methods "no man can serve two masters" and no society can work in ~~harmony~~ ^{Congress} for three different bills on the same subject at the same time. No one can successfully advocate the Anthony amendment and work for the Funk Shafroth amendment at the same session of Congress. In the present juncture amid so many minds and different methods the Federal idea seems to be the most practical, something that Congress can do, something that is free from the state rights entanglement, since it aims only at the election of the National officers. It is something that is in line with the Anthony amendment and if carried, would be a great step toward securing the complete enfranchisement of all women. Our society has done a great deal to keep this subject before the people. For the last three or four years Mrs. Colby has devoted herself faithfully to it. She has interested and educated many members of Congress on it and she has several promises from members of the ~~assembly~~ ^{House of Representatives} in regard to a report; The idea is ~~getting~~ ^{getting} gaining ground and being more generally recognized. I was very glad last year when the National endorsed it and I was dissatisfied that the endorsement was merely formal. Mrs. Colby writes me that she had a talk with you about it and that you mentioned some kind of a union or combination of our society

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with the National and that you were to draw up some kind of a statement or proposition which could be presented to our members.

I should like very much to see this, wish you could send it me before I start for California, which will be probably about the 27th of this month. Mrs. Colby is now in California arranging our

Congress for the 11th, 12th and 13th of July. I shall be there at that time as will no doubt a number of our prominent members and we could together take up and consider what you have to communicate and then we could write to others, especially our Mrs. McNaughton, one of our most important members who is now in France.

If you could not reach me here by the 27th you could send a letter directed to the care of Mr. Barr, head of the Exposition, for the Federal Suffrage Association.

Before you prepare this letter I have a suggestion to make.

In the event of such a union I believe it would be best policy for the National to make Mrs. Colby Chairman of a Federal Suffrage Committee. This Miss Anthony proposed before she died but was too poorly to present it at the Baltimore Convention.

Mrs. Colby fully understands the subject in all its details; is in touch with members of Congress; and is known everywhere as the representative of this idea. She is in correspondence with, at least, two thousand people whom she has interested in the subject. If the National would make Mrs. Colby a chairman of a Federal Suffrage Committee and pay her such salary as would enable her to stay in Washington and push the measure with the National influence behind her she could carry it through Congress and the first great step would be taken toward Woman's emancipation.

We have never paid Mrs. Colby what we ought to have done but we have paid what we could, enough to enable her to stay and work in Washington though she could have done infinitely more with money and

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influence which the National would bring.

I think most of our members probably would be quite willing to advocate this cause under the National banner if they could be assured that Mrs. Colby was ^{to be} _{at} the helm. But I doubt if any of them would favor entrusting this great cause for which they have worked so many years to a committee already interested in several other bills and committed to the Shafroth amendment.

This letter is strictly confidential and what I have written has been merely suggestive calculated to aid you in preparing a proposition that it would be possible for our Society to accept. That is, a proposition which would give promise of some success in carrying the measure through Congress. That is what we are working for, as we believe it would be the entering wedge in securing the Anthony amendment. I have consulted with no one in regard to this ^{matter} ~~amendment~~ and Mrs. Colby does not know that I have any such thought.

Hoping to hear from you soon I am

Yours truly,

Olympia Brown

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My dear Mrs. Rudy:

I understand you have had the Campaign Kit and so I hope that you are working ~~easy~~ at getting subscriptions to the Woman's Journal. I have set twelve as the minimum for every county league; but where there is as large a city as Owensboro in the county I think ~~twenty-five~~ ^{fifty} should be the minimum. The Woman's Journal offer is very liberal and we ought to do our best to avail ourselves of it. The first work of every association is to distribute literature, the Woman's Journal is our best literature and to get a subscription is the best way to distribute it.

Of course you have seen that by Mrs. Murray Hubbard's splendid work we got an endorsement for the submission of a constitutional amendment from the Republican State Convention. Today, under Mrs. Will D. Oldham's leadership, the Fayette F. R. A. got an endorsement from the Fire Underwriters Association of Kentucky. This is a fine start for the year's work. I hope if there is a convention of any sort in Owensboro, you will do a similar good service in getting an endorsement. The form we are asking is an endorsement for the submission of a constitutional amendment on strictly non-partisan grounds.

I have departed a little from the Woman's Journal business to tell you these two pieces of good news, the second class cities are trying to get a hundred subscriptions as their minimum. Covington is

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going to try a whirl-wind campaign and hopes to get its one hundred subscribers in a few days. Lexington is trying another method.

Tell me how you liked the Campaign Kit and whether you think it helped to get subscriptions. I am very anxious to have all of the fourth-class cities do really good work and knowing how much interested you are, I am expecting good results.

Do write to me, let me hear what you have done and if you can, assure me that you are going to make me happy by sending in ~~twenty-five~~ ^{fifty} subscriptions before August 13th. I find that Miss Ryan is very grateful for the interest that Kentucky has promised in getting one thousand subscribers. As yet, however, we have sent in only a small number; but we must not fail to get the one thousand. Few things would help us more in our campaign than a thousand families made intelligent on the suffrage question by reading the Woman's Journal. We can get the one thousand if every county does its duty; and so I am depending upon you.

Please let me hear from you and if you can, assure me that you will get at least ~~twenty-five~~ ^{fifty}.

Very sincerely yours,

Chairman, Woman's Journal Committee.

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Will you not kindly select from the twenty-five signers of our Kentucky E. R. A. cards a woman whom you think will serve as a helper in getting subscriptions to the Woman's Journal? And may I not also ask that you yourself will head the list of subscribers?

I consider twelve subscriptions the minimum for any county to send in; any more than that will add to its credit as a good worker. I believe you have subscription blanks. If not, I shall be glad to furnish them on request.

Hoping to hear from you again, I am

Very respectfully yours,

Chairman, Woman's Journal Committee.

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My dear Mrs. Obenchain:

Now that I am State Chairman of the Woman's Journal Committee, I am exceedingly desirous of getting reports from every county. I have not yet heard from you. I really do not expect you as busy as you always are to take an active hand in getting subscriptions; but I think you may be able to get a live chairman who will take the job off your hands. I have set twelve as the minimum for every county league, but where a county has as large a city as Bowling Green twenty-five should be the minimum. Covington has promised to get a hundred subscribers and they are going to try a whirl-wind campaign and hope to get the whole number in a few days. Mrs. Firth is the chairman, and she told me her plan would be to get about twenty workers, district off the city and county, have a central place where a report would be made each day, with a little social feature of a light lunch. Now it has occurred to me that you might get the young people of Bowling Green to do this, since everything social interests the young people. Since the Federation of Woman's Clubs, the State W. C. T. U., the Federation of Labor and the State Grange have all endorsed woman suffrage, we might get them more or less interested with us.

Are you not rejoicing over the splendid work Mrs. Murray Hubbard did in getting an endorsement for the submission of a constitutional amendment in the Republican State Platform? Today Mrs. (Will D. Oldham

the president of the Fayette E. R. A., succeeded in securing a similar endorsement from the Fire Underwriters Association of Kentucky. If any conventions come to Bowling Green, be sure to get such an endorsement from it. It is a splendid send off for our campaign.

I was so glad to see you at the Federation Convention, and your many friends felt that it was a great honor that you should have come,

Please give my regards to all your family.

Do write to me soon, tell me how you are coming on with the Woman's Journal and if you can assure me that Warren County will send in a minimum of twenty-five subscribers. I am,

Very cordially yours,

Chairman, Woman's Journal Committee.

Enc.

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Dear Mrs. Hordo:

I feel so proud of Mrs. Murray Hubbard's splendid work in getting the endorsement of the Republican party to the submission of a constitutional amendment that I want to congratulate you and all her Maysville friends on that great success. She and Mr. Hubbard both showed splendid ability for getting results. Today Mrs. Will P. Oldham, President of the Fayette E. R. A., secured a similar endorsement from the Fire Underwriters Association of Kentucky. Of course the two are not to be compared, but they are both helpful in our campaign. I trust that if any convention comes to Maysville, the Mason County League will try to get a similar endorsement; and I hardly need to add that it would be a fine thing under such circumstances for you to send for Mrs. Hubbard to lend a helping hand. I started out to write a letter as chairman of the Woman's Journal Committee, but I could not refrain from expressing my over-flowing exultation over the plank in the Republican platform. It was a great triumph. I believe we should follow up this success with very vigorous work. The first duty of every association is to distribute literature; the Woman's Journal is our very best literature and to get subscriptions for it is the best way to distribute it. A thousand families made intelligent on the woman suffrage question by reading the Woman's Journal would be a powerful factor in gaining success in the Legislature. I have set twelve as the minimum of every county league and where there

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is a city in the county I think twenty-five should be the minimum. Do you think Mason County can promise twenty-five subscriptions? Covington has promised one hundred and they intend to try to get the whole number in a few days by means of a whirl-wind campaign.

Will you kindly let me hear from you and, if possible, will you assure me that Mason will secure twenty-five subscriptions? I have seen Miss Lloyd and she promises me to help when she goes back to Maysville.

Hoping to receive a favorable reply from you very soon, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Chairman, Woman's Journal Committee.

P. S. I enclose a subscription blank and if you have not already a supply, I can furnish as many as you will need.

L. C.

Enclosure.

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Mrs. H. C. Faulkner,

Barbourville, Ky.

Dear Mrs. Faulkner:

Now that the Republican State Convention has passed a resolution favoring the submission of a woman suffrage constitutional amendment, I feel it is particularly important to press our suffrage work in the 10th and the 11th districts. The first work any association should do is to distribute suffrage literature and the Woman's Journal is our very best suffrage literature, and to get subscriptions for it is the best way to distribute it. The Woman's Journal offer is exceedingly liberal and we should do our best to avail ourselves of it.

I have fixed twelve as the minimum for every county league; but where a county has as large a city as Barbourville in it, I think a larger number may reasonably be expected. Since the State Women's Federation of Clubs and the State W. O. T. U., have endorsed woman suffrage, it is quite proper that we should ask them to help us to get these subscriptions. Will you not kindly let me hear from you and may I hope that you can assure me that you can get at least twelve subscriptions in Knox County. I enclose you a sample of the subscription blanks and can supply more if you need them.

Hoping to hear soon from you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

June 13, 1915.

My dear Mrs. Fowler:

Now that I am made chairman of the State Committee on Woman's Journals, I am exceedingly anxious to hear from every county, and especially from those that have cities of the size of Hopkinsville. I have fixed twelve as the minimum for every county league, but from Christian County I think twenty-five ought to be the minimum.

Of course you have seen that by the splendid work of Mrs. Murrig Hubbard, the Chairman on Political Party Platform Endorsements, of the Federation of Woman's Clubs the Republican Party put in a plank endorsing the submission of a constitutional amendment. Today, under the leadership of the president, Mrs. Will D. Oldham, the Fayette E. R. A. got a similar endorsement from the Fire Underwriters Association of Kentucky. I hope if any convention comes to Hopkinsville your league will get a similar endorsement. The form we are asking is a strictly non-partisan endorsement for the submission of a constitutional amendment. I have departed from the subject of the Woman's Journal in order to tell you these two bits of good news. They should inspire us to even harder work in our campaign. There are few things that would help us more in our campaign than a thousand families made intelligent on the woman suffrage question by reading the Woman's Journal. The first duty of every association is to distribute literature, the Woman's Journal is our best literature, and to get a subscription to it is the

best way to distribute it. Since the Federation of Woman's Clubs and the State W. C. T. U., the Federation of Labor and the State Grange have endorsed woman suffrage, it is quite proper to ask them to help to get these subscriptions if you care to do so. In Covington they are going to try a whirl-wind campaign and hope to get the hundred subscriptions they have promised in a few days by that method. Lexington expects to get a hundred or more and I want the third class cities to get fifty and the fourth cities not less than twenty-five.

I am very desirous to know what progress the leagues are making and I shall be so glad if you will write to me tell me your plan for getting subscriptions, how many you already have and if you can assure me that you will get your twenty-five.

I enclose a sample of the subscription blanks and will supply more if you need them.

Hoping to receive a favorable and a prompt reply from you,

I am

Very sincerely yours,

Chairman, Woman's Journal Committee.

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Dear Miss Buhr:

Now that I am State Chairman of the Woman's Journal Committee, I am desirous of hearing from every county league. I have fixed twelve as the minimum for every county with as many more as they can get. I am asking one hundred from the second-class cities, and Covington has promised one hundred. Covington intends to try the whirl-wind campaign committee, with the workers going out two and two, and the county districted, a central headquarters where reports are made every day and with the social feature of a little lunch. It seems to me that this is a very attractive way where there are young people who take an interest in the social feature to help to do the work. Could you not undertake to get at least the minimum number from Hancock County? Now that the State Federation of Women's Clubs, the State W. C. T. U., the State Grange, the State Federation of Labor, the State Underwriters Association and other associations have endorsed woman suffrage, we have a wide opportunity for interesting a great many people in the Woman's Journal. The woman's Journal offer is very liberal and we ought to do our best to profit by it. Please let me hear from you, and hoping that you can assure me that Hancock County will get at least twelve subscriptions, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Chairman, Woman's Journal Committee.

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Prof. C. C. Miller,
Providence, Ky.

Dear Sir:

Now that I am State Chairman of the Woman's Journal Committee, I am very desirous of engaging the activity of all our suffrage leagues to get subscriptions to the Journal. I have found that where our leagues have a gentleman for the president, he is usually too busy to give the necessary attention to all the details of the work. Therefore, I am asking you to select from the twenty-six signers of the membership cards a lady who you think will endeavor to get subscribers for the Journal. I know of few things which would do so much to help our campaign for a constitutional amendment as a thousand families made intelligent on the woman suffrage question by reading the Woman's Journal. I have fixed twelve subscriptions as the minimum for every county league with a hope that each may do even better than that.

Will you kindly select a lady with whom I may correspond and may I further ask that you will head the subscription list for your county with your own name?

Hoping for a prompt and favorable reply, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Chairman, Woman's Journal Committee.

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Miss Gora Addams,

Cynthiana, Ky.

Dear Miss Addams:

Now that I am chairman of the State Committee on ~~the~~ ^{the} suffrage journal I am very desirous of knowing that all of our suffrage leagues are making an effort to get subscribers. The first duty of every association is to distribute literature; the Woman's Journal is our best suffrage literature and the best way to distribute it is by getting subscriptions. The Journal's offer is very liberal and we ought to do all we can to avail ourselves of it. There are few things that would help us more in our campaign than a thousand families made intelligent on the woman suffrage question by reading the Woman's Journal.

I have fixed twelve subscriptions as the minimum number for any county league; but where there is a town as large as there is in your county, I think the minimum should be twenty-five. I have asked the second-class cities to get one hundred subscriptions. Covington has promised to do so and it intends to have a whirl-wind campaign and hopes to secure the whole number in a few days. This strikes me as being a very promising method where the league can get the young people to help, and have a little social luncheon to add a touch of interest to the campaign. So I am mentioning Covington's method in case the suggestion may be helpful to you. Since the State Federation of Woman's Clubs, the State W. C. T. U., the State Federation of Labor, the State Grange, the State Fire

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Underwriters and other associations have declared for woman suffrage, we have a very wide circle to whom it is proper for us to appeal to help to get these subscriptions.

May I not hear from you and can you assure me that you will endeavor to get the prescribed number of subscriptions. I enclose a subscription blank and if you need more I can supply them.

Hoping soon to get a favorable reply, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Chairman, Women's Journal Committee.

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Mrs. Iolene A. Hawkins,
Flemingsburg, Ky.

Dear Mrs. Hawkins:

Now that I am State Chairman of the Woman's Journal Committee, I am very desirous of engaging the activity of all our leagues to get subscriptions to the Journal. To distribute literature is the first duty of every league; the Woman's Journal is our best literature and to get subscribers is the best way to distribute it. I know of few things which would do so much to help our campaign for a constitutional amendment as a thousand families made intelligent on the woman suffrage question by reading the Woman's Journal. The Journal's offer is very liberal and we should do our utmost to profit by it. I have fixed twelve subscriptions as the minimum for every county league with a hope that each may do even better than that.

Will you not kindly write to me and tell me if your league will undertake to get twelve subscriptions? I enclose a subscription blank and can send more if you have not a supply.

Your officers at headquarters are working very hard for the success of the campaign; and it would cheer their hearts to know that the leagues are willing to do their part in helping. May I not hear from you promptly and with the assurance that you will do what you can to get twelve subscriptions to the Woman's Journal?

Very sincerely yours,

[June 19-24, 1915]

Miss Laura Clay -
Dear Miss Clay:
Your communication
of June 19 - is before
me. In regard to the
contents, would say, that
several weeks ago a
number of copies of the
Woman Journal came
to my address. Have
distributed most of
them, and asked for
subscriptions to same,
am sorry to state. Have

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failed up to this date.

Every body seems full
up in reading matter.

& say Church dues re-
quire all their spare

change - Our little

League after a few
months organization

seems to have entirely
collapsed in interest -

a couple of members

whose names are on our
membership list, seemed
to have entirely forgotten

about it: One W. C. T. U.

said she was for suffrage

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but had to be very quiet about it.

Each letter I have been receiving calling attention to any certain line

I have consulted one or more about

or called attention of members over the phone.

But then the matter seems always to rest,

In fact I might truthfully say, there is no

Merced Equal Rights

association here now -

will put the ^{Copies} ~~balance~~ of

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of the Woman's Journal
not already disposed
of where they can at
least be read, & if
successful in only one
subscription will for-
ward same to you.

Several subscription
blanks were with the
papers sent to my ad-
dress.

Very cordially
Yours,
Mrs J. B. Williams
Harrodsbury
Mercer Co
Ky.

Dear Miss Laura -
Frankfort
Tomorrow we
have our E. N. League
Monthly meeting &
having read your
Records letter will
use subscriptions
As for other organs
I believe they are
bound largely for
the summer
but we can get
their ears for the
winter early.
I do hope we will
have lots about Sep.
feige at Chautauque
I intend to distribute
literature freely.
Rebecca Gordon Powell

FRANKFORT, KY.

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LEXINGTON
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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mrs Laura Clay
189 N. Fifth St
Richmond Lexington Ky

LEXINGTON

Livingston June 21 1915
My mother has
been ill since the 5th of May so all of
her usual activities are at a stand still.
The sample copies of the Romans Journal
and subscription blanks were sent to Mrs
Virgil Babbage, Cloverport Ky. Mrs R. B. Mclothlan
Livingston, Mrs H. H. Kemper, Big Springs, Mrs
Jessie Eskridge and Mrs James Gardner. Hardinsville
might help in the campaign.

Miss Margaret
Combs of
this place
would be
a good
campaigner
if she could
be enlisted.

Conradly
Elizabeth M. Haggart



POSTAGE CARD

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

Miss Laura Clay,
726 Mc Clelland Bldg;
Lexington,
Ky.

Richmond, Ky.

June 21st, 1915.

Mrs. Stanley McCormick,

505 Fifth Ave., New York.

Dear Mrs. McCormick,

I am in receipt of the very kind invitation to become a Regent of the Volunteer League of the N.A.W.S.A.

I appreciate the invitation, but I do not see how I can accept it. I am, in fact, a very active worker in the suffrage cause. Kentucky is one of the near-campaign states, and none of its workers ought to divert any portion of their efforts to other fields. I am in the habit of pledging to the N.A.W.S.A. what I can afford to contribute, or else helping to pay our State dues, so that the Ky.E.R.A. shall be punctual in its obligations. Under these circumstances, my name as Regent would be a purely nominal thing, and I believe the fewer of such members you have the better.

Thanking you for the compliment offered me, and regretting I cannot accept the position, I am

Very cordially yours,

Laura Clay

W. C. T. U. SETTLEMENT SCHOOL

MISS MAY STONE
MISS RUTH HUNTINGTON } HEAD RESIDENTS

MISS HELEN V. RUE, ASSISTANT

HINDMAN, KNOTT CO., KY. 22 June, 1915

Miss Laura Clay,
Kentucky Equal Rights Ass.
726 Mc Clelland Bldg.
Lexington
Ky.

My dear Miss Clay:
Since Miss Rue
is away on her vacation and
there is no one here this
summer who can do this
work, I regret to say that
it will be impossible to
give you the help you
desire.

Sincerely,
May Stone

(.w.)

Richmond, Kentucky.

June 22nd, 1915.

Rev. Olympia Brown,

941 Lake Ave., Racine, Wis.

My dear Mrs. Brown,

I was very glad to receive this morning your letter of June 18th, and I am answering without delay, in hopes of reaching you before you leave for California.

I am enclosing the carbon copy of my letter to Mrs. Celby. You will see at once that I have no proposition to make, but was writing in hopes that the Federal Assn. would make one to the N.A.W.S.A. I have no office or influence which would entitle me to make any proposition; and indeed, it is only my intense interest in the subject that justifies my discussing such a proposition at all. I find that my view that our question is now largely a political one is not very spontaneously taken yet by many of our workers. They will acquiesce, when that view-point is stated, but most of them still talk as if they had not realized that our question has shifted its place in popular estimation. So strong is my own conviction of this fact, however, that after California won suffrage I introduced into the Ky. E. R. A. convention a resolution to make the term of the officers to come in rotation for the simple purpose ^{of putting} ~~to put~~ myself and others who had become used to educational methods off the Beard automatically, so that the management of the Assn. would be placed in the hands of those who were more in accord with the political aspects of our question. Every year since has strengthened my conviction, until now I think it is scarcely worth while to go before a political body with any other argument than that our success is inevitable and that it behooves each political party to study its own interests in how the franchise shall be extended.

I note what you say about the propriety of placing Mrs. Celby as Chairman

of the Federal Suffrage Committee. I am not in a position to say whether or not this is feasible; but I am inclined to think it is not. As far as I can learn, the N.A.W.S.A. is not supplying any money for the Congressional work. It was not done when Miss Alice Paul was Chairman of the Congressional Committee I knew; and I think it has not been done since Mrs. McCormick is Chairman. I have understood that Mrs. McCormick supplies all the money for the Washington headquarters, all expenses in Washington and for the Publicity Department. In short, I have understood that this Congressional work costs her several thousand dollars a year, and without any help from the National except its moral support in making her its representative. Under these circumstances, I suppose it would scarcely be possible for the N.A.W.S.A. to stipulate that Mrs. Celby should be chairman, and it is not likely that Mrs. McCormick would give up an assistant she has chosen and take another. I do believe, however, that Mrs. McCormick and Mrs. Funk are now very willing to give a great deal more attention to the Federal Bill than they have done hitherto. They and all the suffragists have learned that a Constitutional Amendment is not going to prove a short cut to suffrage, but a very long way round, if they ever get it at all. That is the change I observed at the Chicago Conference. The women see that if we could get Federal right to vote for Congressmen and Senators, with that much political power it would be an easy thing to get Constitutional Amendments from the several states which would make a national amendment unnecessary. They took a very lively interest in that presentation of the subject; and Miss Allen, of Ohio, made a motion which was carried with enthusiasm, that our Congressional Com. should press the bill with energy. To me, Mrs. Funk expressed her willingness to do so.

I hope you and others of the Federal Association will discuss this subject; and if possible will make some proposition so that two associations will not appear to Congress to be working at cross-purposes. I do not wish to convey the impression that I can do anything officially, for I cannot. I

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discussed it with Mrs. Celby perfectly informally; and was glad when she thought my view was important enough to offer to bring it before her co-workers, if I would commit it to writing.

Hoping you a very successful and happy convention in California,

I am

Very cordially yours,

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MRS. JOHN G. MILLER
Honorary President

MRS. EDMUND M. POST
President

MISS DOW HUSBANDS
1st Vice-President

MRS. R. B. PHILLIPS
2nd Vice-President

MISS ANNE SHERRILL BAIRD
3rd Vice-President

MISS ANNA MAE YEISER
Recording Secretary

MISS JULIA HUSBANDS
Corresponding Secretary

MRS. J. WILCOX
Treasurer

"Taxation Without Representation is Tyranny."

Let Kentucky Women Vote

McCRACKEN COUNTY EQUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION

PADUCAH, KY., June 23rd, 1915

COMMITTEES

Plans of Work
Mrs. George Flournoy - Chairman

Program
Mrs. Luke Russell - Chairman

Entertainment
Mrs. W. J. Gilbert - Chairman

Press
Miss Brooks - Chairman

*We have received
many subscriptions
to the Journal -
copies from
American Journal.*

Dear Mrs. Clay -

*We are hoping -
not to disappoint you - in regard
to the 100 subscriptions for the Journal -
many of our members - are learning to
and do usual - most of the "heavy lifting"
falls - on the men - who are at least
willing to try the weight. I think it an
excellent plan - for the Woman's Club - if they
will not; we are having a meeting - next
week - & appoint committees - in the meanwhile*

We are getting all we can. I feel much encouraged
in regard to the "Cause" in this vicinity - ^{led}
We had Chau language meet in Paducah - June
8th - The evening - Charles Zetlin (of Boston)
spoke on Civic Life - the various organizations
joined (after your Lexington & Aurora) - We
had a wonderful parade of total women
(one done & are doing -) Zetlin was delighted
& in the parade & he had 4 representative
members of S. R. A. Miss Husband & Carrie
the big yellow pennant with this inscrip-
tion in large letters you could read it
at the back of the tent - "In Kentucky 8,000
voters can't read their ballots - We can!"
We were dressed in the white skirts & blouses
with the yellow sashes over the shoulders
with "Votes for Women" - & the other
was carried

June 23, 1915
Let Kentucky Women Vote

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"Taxation Without Representation is Tyranny."

- MRS. JOHN G. MILLER
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- Press
Miss Brooks - Chairman

the stunning yellow & black stripe
parasols & hats "Vote for Women."
It really made the hit of the evening -
they truly said they never heard such applause
anywhere. It did impress them - all 4 of
them - were grand-daughters - of celebrated
Mrs - 3rd wife Jurists - & the 4th - a descendant
of George Rogers Clark - & her grand father a
most celebrated Editor at the time of President
John C. Kettle.) - Then the last night of the
Chautauqua La Fayette after his brilliant
speech on "Representative Government"

Make the most elegant appeal - for women's
Share in it - I really was so the meet
that he called them the names we were
sure belonged to them, "see those backs,"
Zutem, voiced suppage in my argument,
No now, it is quite respectable to be one -
& after the parade - the women were all
Sorry - they were not in it - ~~we are sending~~
we are sending 17.50 on our membership dues this
month I gave the 3.50 in the fall - that will leave me
13.00 to be made up - before fall which we will do
we have walked in the ~~state~~ ~~meeting~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~fall~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~fall~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~fall~~
delegates to the state meeting in ~~the~~ ~~fall~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~fall~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~fall~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~fall~~
Such fine women I want you upper by to see them
I mean in the Suppage Organization! Of course you know
our membership basis, is now pay ment by dues - only ~~voluntarily~~
contributing and some 200 - leave do not get - but it is the
best & most dignified plan with the besting - and it
is going to work out - Opleu dilly.

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[June 23, 1915]
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Miss Eastlands & I - are crazy
to go on to pad. Rights this fall -
too early you cannot be a bona fide suff-
ragist, without the inspiration & education
of a national meeting. Our Representative from
District is very friendly & his wife
is on my side - Alben Barkley - he is my
States Rights & we are working on him -
Have you seen these pamphlets? I
think they are excellent, we are going
to send them to the voters & families

in McCracken Co - & the 1st District
also - get lots of votes from our Representatives
The picture will interest the families,
This publishing house - is generous - on the 1st ^{ing}
distribution - but of course they hope to sell
Slip - I bought 100 copies of Woman's America
& will mail it to news papers - in my vicinity
I am sending you both - & feel your opinion?
How I am going to ask a favor of you?
You remember the excellent picture of your
Lovable self - which was in the Southern Woman's
Magazine - at Nashville about Dec. number.
I am so anxious to possess me? - Indirectly
and then next fall - when we have no meeting
at the Carnegie Library - I will lend it there
for my room. I am going to ask - Dr. Harri Alice
Stone Blackwell Jane Addams - also - because we
want our audience to see the whole intellectual ^{leaders of}
justice for women. Please forgive this long letter but I had so
much to say - at J. F. Post.

June 23, 1915

Miss L.C. #2

United States Constitution. I am asking them to make this analysis in connection with the history of the adoption of the Constitution covering the ground I discussed with you in Chicago, i.e., that the Constitution of the United States was a compromise of the radical notions of part of the framers and the conservative notions of others, and that in consequence there is in the Constitution a great deal of inherent power that has never been invoked. I want these articles as short as consistently may be, and directly to the point. I want them to appear in our News Letter in the form that they may be embodied in a pamphlet. Following that I would like to have you and Dr. Shaw and a few other of our best known suffragists write for another issue upon what the effect would be upon the suffrage situation on the passage of this sort of a bill. This should constitute ground work for the use of any lobby working at Washington with the members. I should like to make it of the broadest educational value because I believe that the time is here when the suffragists of this country must understand the extent and the limitation of constitutions - not only the National Constitution but state constitutions.

There is no work in the world to which I would so gladly devote myself as this. It is very gratifying to me to know that the best thinking women of America are interested in this great fundamental view-point, which after all, is the vital view-point.

I trust you were not too tired after our strenuous meeting in Chicago. I feel much pleased over it. I think the air was clarified and a great many good things came of it. I will be in New Jersey until the first of July, and mail addressed to this office will reach me. Please do not hesitate to suggest anything in addition to what I have planned.

The matter of Mrs. Colby that you and I discussed, and upon which you and I agreed, is giving me some concern. I don't believe that I can take that question up until later in the season - not until the early fall, but I hope that some practical way can be found to solve the question, and I believe it will be. I believe anything can be done that we put our shoulder to.

Very sincerely yours,

Antoinette Funk
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Mrs. F/W

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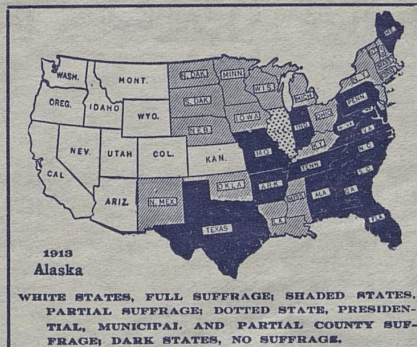
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June 23, 1915

Miss Laura Clay
189 No. Mill Street
Lexington, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay:

I am really over in New Jersey speaking in their campaign, and have run across to New York to attend to some necessary correspondence and other matters. I am anxious to keep you in touch with my present plans, and I want too, to extend to you by letter as I did by word of mouth in Chicago, an urgent invitation to act at all times in an advisory capacity toward me and toward the present Congressional Committee with relation to the Elections Measure, and I should like to have you write me as early as you find it convenient and make any suggestions that occur to you for the summer work upon the same.

My plans are these: I will not be able to do anything except campaign speaking until the first of July; at that time I am leaving New Jersey and will go somewhere in the north - have not determined yet upon what point, but will advise you later, and I am going to take a vacation from speaking for six weeks; during that time I am going, among other things, to take up very seriously the development of this big constitutional question that we have before us in the Elections Measure. I have already asked four excellent women lawyers and two men lawyers to write me an analysis from a strictly legal view point, of Section I, Article 4, of the

Richmond, Ky.

Richmond, Ky.

June 24th, 1915.

Mrs. J. B. Williams,

Warrensburg, Ky.

Dear Mrs. Williams,

I thank you for your prompt reply to my letter of the 19th.

I see a tone of discouragement in your letter which I hope to write something to dispel. In the first place, the chief service most women can do our cause is to "stand up and be counted" for it. Thanks to our admirable party method of enrollment cards, every person in Mercer Co. who has signed a membership card always does this first service until he or she asks to have the card withdrawn. So the Mercer Co. W.R. Assn. continues to exist and do a certain amount of service even if it is not as active as we might wish. I do not think any thing could do as much to rouse it out of its apathy as a number of readers of the Woman's Journal. As I wrote before, because of this the distribution of literature is of the first importance, and the easiest and cheapest way to do this is to get subscribers. So I am going to ask that you continue your efforts. Do not send me the money for any subscriptions you may get, but send directly to the Woman's Journal, only taking pains to use the blanks, or otherwise to be sure that the W.R.A. gets credit on our 10000 subscriptions. Retain 70 cents out of every dollar for your local treasury.

Now that the Federation of Woman's Clubs have endorsed suffrage, why do
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you not make a particular appeal to the Club women to help? The suffrage resolution which we got from the Republican Platform Convention was through the work of Mrs. Murray Hubbard, the Chairman for the Federation of their Platform Resolutions Committee. Miss Martha Stephensen ought to be particularly interested in this, for it was her work as Chairman of Education which first started the Federation to looking to suffrage to help civic work, beginning with School Suffrage. ~~Has she~~ Does she already take the Journal? If she does not, please say to her from me that we owe too much to her for her not to follow the suffrage issue to the finish. Have you asked the Bikers? They are more than usually interested in all Club questions; and as the Club women stand for study and thoughtfulness on civic matters it behooves them to keep in intelligent touch with all measures that are approved by the Federation, and that they cannot do without reading a suffrage paper.

I will suggest that perhaps you can get a number of 25cents or fifty cents subscriptions where you may not be able to get a full year's subscription of one dollar. Please read what is said about that on the subscription blank I enclose.

Whether you get subscribers or not, do not let discouragement prevail with you, but keep up your courage and wait for some new impulse to wake up the other members. We think that awaking will come next winter when we get our amendment submitted by the Legislature; but its success will be better secured if we could get our people to read and inform themselves on the suffrage movement. If they would do that, they would find plenty to live interest them and make them not afraid to speak of it, as your W.C.T.U. friend is.

Thanking you for your letter, and hoping soon to hear that you have had some success, I am
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Very sincerely yours,

Chairman W.C.T.U. Committee.

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Ann Arbor, Mich. June 25, 1915.

My dear Miss Clay:-

The Michigan Union plans to solicit the alumni soon for their new building. It is a great project. We believe in it.

The Regents also believe in it and four years ago gave the Union right of way to the alumni for the following five years for the purpose of securing their building fund.

Meanwhile the growth of our Association work plus the loss of McMillan Hall, our former headquarters, compelled us to begin a campaign for an Association building. For nearly four years now we have been working quietly and have secured, wholly outside the ranks of the alumni, nearly \$73,000 including a large conditional gift of \$60,000.

It has been slow hard work and now the summer is here and we must have \$47,400 more by October 1st, 1915, or lose this gift. The urgent nature of the situation was recognized by the Union officials and they have very generously, in spite of the near proximity of their own campaign, recommended to the Regents that they give us right of way during the months of June and July 1915, only, to solicit those alumni for building funds who in recent years have contributed to our current expense fund. The Regents, on May 21st, 1915, approved this recommendation.

This gives us just two months. Under the above arrangements the doors to the alumni are closed to us for this project on August first next. Hence even if you have just sent us your contribution to our current expense fund you will not misunderstand, we know, the necessity which compels us at this time to present our building situation.

Dr. Angell and President Hutchins will write you soon. Following their communication you will hear again from us.

Yours very truly,

V. H. Lane

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Bardwell, Ky. 6/26 1915.

Miss Laura Clay,
Corresponding Sec.
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:-

I have your letter of June 21th.

Our league is not doing what I wish it to; masculine forces in the homes are intimidating the workers. I have been doing what I can to keep things going, giving out literature, making speeches and making myself quite unpopular with the antis. I do not mind that, however; even, though I stand alone, count on me to do all in my power. I am today sending three subscriptions to the Woman's Journal. I am paying for them myself and ordering them sent to parties who, I believe, can be warmed into activity.

If you can suggest something to stir up a revival in these parts, please, let me hear from you.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours Sincerely,

Alice Shelbourne.

Richmond, Ky.

June 26th, 1915.

My dear Miss Stone,

I have received your letter of the 22nd, and I write without delay to beg you not to let the Weman's Journal proposition altogether fail. Knott is one of the counties which is particularly hard to reach with anything except literature and the Journal is the best way of distributing our best literature.

Now that the Republicans have endorsed a submission of our Constitutional Amendment it is particularly incumbent upon us to reach those counties which are usually considered Republican. Please read the booklet I enclose. Perhaps some of the methods described there will make it easier to work. Any method is good; but don't, please don't let our W. Journal work altogether fail in Knott Co.

Hoping you will let me persuade you to find some one to do the necessary canvassing, and that Knott Co. will in some measure help us to carry out this branch of work, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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June 26 - 1895

My Dear Miss Clay.

Yours see Thank you. What we want more than anything else in the world is to see the amendment on franchise giving the women of the United States passed by a two thirds vote in Congress. Until that is possible we will work for a vote for members of Congress, as one step toward the passage of the amendment.

I do not know how other feel but I for one do not care whether I work as a national or a Federal if only I see the work progressing.

But this one thing I

know that it is impossibl for
any person to go north and
south at the same moment
and no woman can work
in earnest for congressional
action when she is working
with might mind and strength
to turn the whole subject over to the
states - and that by a Constitutional
amendment which is to stand for
all time and which, if passed,
would make it impossible ~~to~~ even
to bring the subject up in Congress.

Yours Olympia Brown

Richmond, Ky.

June 26th, 1915.

My dear Mrs. Pest,

You certainly did write me a cheering letter! I now have my second-class cities in line, and shall watch which reaches the goal first.

I am glad to hear that both you and Miss Hushands will go to Washington. If your League pays \$35.00 state and National dues it will be entitled to nominate one delegate to Washington, and I do not doubt that the convention will be glad to elect another from McCracken. I do hope you will send ten delegates to Lexington.

I think the cartoons would be very effective, though I have not yet used any of them. I would like to hear your report of them after distribution. I have seen the Woman's America and think it is excellent.

I am very glad to hear of your fine parade and Chautauqua. The parades seem to be very effective. I was not at the one in Lexington, as I went to Selma, Ala., to give a suffrage speech.

I feel very much complimented that you ask for my photograph. I am sorry that just at present I have no good one; but I hope soon to get another supply of the one you saw, or else a good new one; and then I shall take pleasure in sending you one.

The Fayette E.R.A. secured from the Fire Underwriters' Convention an endorsement of the submission of a constitutional amendment next winter. I believe such endorsements will be more effective than petitions to the

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effect. I wonder if you are going to have any conventions in Paducah? There are a great many in the course of the year all over the state. I am enclosing a clipping showing what was done in Lexington at the Fire underwriters' convention. It is best at this time to ask only for approval of submission, as we hope by the time the amendment is voted on (at the general election in 1917) that so many states will have come in that many voters who are now doubtful will then vote for us.

Thanking you for your most interesting letter, and hoping to hear from you from time to time, I am

Very cordially yours,

Ans. with thanks
July 7th

Columbia, Ky.
June 28, 1915.

Dear Miss Clay,

I will act
as Chairman of our local
League in Woman's Journal
Campaign.

Mrs. R. J. Rowe,

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June 29, 1915.

Mrs. B.B. Valentine,
2338 Monumnet Ave.,
Richmond, Va.

My dear Mrs. Valentine:

I was delighted to receive your letter, and to know that December 11 and 13, are the dates agreed upon, and they are perfectly agreeable to me. I am glad to know that the Jefferson Hotel will be our meeting place and headquarters. I will proceed at once and try to get up a very effective program for our meeting. I am glad to have this thing settled because as you will know by this time, we are in a pre-convention category, and I believe with the unconstitutionality of the grandfather clause determined, the chances for Louisiana to lead the South are very great.

Your letter from Mrs. Medill McCormick passes my comprehension. It looks as though she is deliberately trying to initiate a movement to undermine our already well defined plans. I appreciate your sending me the letter, and I wish to ask you to permit me to use it, as I think the National Board ought to be advised of what such an effort on the part of a National officer will lead to. The truth of the matter is that we in the South have the vantage ground. She now wants, through her power of money, to get a backing for her Shafroth amendment. Of course she is the willing tool of that woman Funk, who is to say the least, very very questionable in her methods.

It is very important that I should reach the women of the South and head off Mrs. McCormick's work. I sometimes wonder if they are suffragists. ~~Their lack of vision is so distasteful.~~ The idea of Mark Hanna's daughter ever being allowed to promote suffrage in the South. Why we would spike our guns for all time and eternity. I would appreciate very much if you will telegraph me at my expense, if you are willing for me to use your letter. I may be called out into the country any day, and the pressure of work is so enormous that I cannot wait upon the ordinary railroad time.

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I will send a copy of this letter to Miss Clay. We can always count on her perfect honesty, and I feel I am not violating a breach of confidence, in asking her advice on what to do. Not even Mrs. McCormick's "special car idea" is original. She got that from me in Washington last year.

Very cordially yours,

KMG / BS.

June 29, 1915

1745 Conway Bldg.,
Chicago, Ill.,
June 23, 1915.

Mrs. B.B. Valentine,
2338 Monument Avenue,
Richmond, Va.

My dear Mrs. Valentine:

Before I leave on Friday, I want to write a few of the southern women about an idea that I have been turning over in my mind to find out if you think it is of any value.

The argument used so often by men that the women of this country will get the vote as soon as they really want it, has finally penetrated and permeated my brain to such an extent that I want to do something about it. As a matter of fact, I do not know but what there is some truth in it. The fourteen southern states are practically represented by the Democratic party. Why can't they hold a meeting or a conference in some central place like Atlanta, Ga., Birmingham, Ala., Chattanooga, or Knoxville, Tenn., two days before the next national Democratic convention? The purpose of this meeting or conference would be for the southern women to express their desire for the advancement of suffrage in the South, and what more natural than for them to express collectively a request that the Democratic party put a suffrage plank in their platform? The delegates ought to then and there be appointed to fully represent each one of these states, and be carried by a special train called "The Southern Woman Suffrage Flier," or some such name, direct to the convention wherever it is held. I know enough about the newspaper business to know the news value in this gathering, and it seems to me it would be of real value in securing action at the Democratic convention. We northern women have no influence with them, but if their own women take the trouble to send a flying squadron to their convention to press them to do something, it will have an effect.

I wish you would think this matter over and let me know what you think of it, and if you would be willing to take the initiative to carry it out, I should personally be very glad to do anything I can to help, but I feel it is very important for us northern women to appear as little as possible in working up this idea or in publicly helping it out. Unofficially and quietly I should like very much to be of as much assistance as possible in such an undertaking.

I have a letter from you which I am going to answer in a day or two, in regard to the Shafroth amendment.

Cordially yours,

Ruth McCormick
KMS

(Mrs. Medill McCormick.)