

Dear Miss Clay. I have been trying
for thirty years to get subscribers
to the Woman's Journal in Brooklyn
Ct. I told you the last time
you were here what poor suc-
cess I had. But I'll try again. The
sample copies came some days
ago. I am working harder than
I ever did trying to finish a book before
the end of the month, but I'll get in
some suffrage work, too, and report
to you later. Sincerely yours.

Lila Calvert Brecham.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

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July 4

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Dear Miss Laura

Many thanks for yours.

As to federal suffrage I can say, I am sure there is no intention to ignore it. The idea is to use the News Letter to help campaign states & to give important information relating to long. Union. Mrs. Anna Shaw fears this plan of Miss Pauls to hold a convention of women voters in San Francisco. She thinks any public indorsement of S. U. by women voters now or before Oct. would react on campaign states, hence the July News Letter was made up for use among ^{women} voters more

especially, at least I think so
Mrs Medill McCormick said she must
take two months rest, July & Aug.
& also said Mrs Funk has a serious
affection of the heart & must rest
a few weeks. Hence as to the cong-
cong. only routine office work is
being done. When in Chicago I stated
privately to the other officers that the
work had no better friend than
yourself, told them your friends felt
you had not always received proper
consideration & I urged & insisted
that no attempt be made to cut
you off & that you be given full
time & treated with the respect
which your character and

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standing entitled you & I most
emphatically expressed myself
on this point tho' privately. I did
this not because you need it
but because I thought it right
& for the good of the work.
I find Mrs Medill Mc Cormick very
frank & open to suggestions & she
especially received my statement
most kindly & courteously.
I find the treasurer, Mrs Rogers a
sensible, able woman, much above
the average. She is a good deal

at headquarters. Mrs Stanley Mable is
I will write to Mrs Rogers &
ask her to try to get a mention
of the federal suffrage but I
am sure Mrs Medill Mable intends
to take it up on her return -

My best regards

Sincerely

Ellie J Somerville

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CHICAGO July 6, 1915.

Miss Laura Clay,
Lexington, Kentucky.

My dear Miss Clay:

We are all very much interested in the Federal Amendment. Will you tell me who Mrs. Clara Bewick Colby is, who claims to be the founder of the Federal Amendment movement?

If Illinois is going to do any effective work we do not wish to enter into any entangling alliances.

I will send you very soon a leaflet telling about the legislative work that we have been doing at Springfield this year.

I was very sorry not to see more of you while you were in Chicago, but the Conference was planned at a most inopportune time and without consultation with Illinois. It was necessary for me to leave the first day of the Conference for Springfield as the situation at that time in the Legislature was most critical.

Cordially yours,

Grace Wilbur Trout

State President.

GWT.C.

July 7th, 1915.

Mrs. Virgil Babbage,

Cloverport, Ky.

Dear Mrs. Babbage,

Miss Eliza Piggott writes me that on account of her mother's illness the sample copies of the Woman's Journal and the subscription blanks were sent to you. I hope you are interested in this effort to get our best suffrage literature before the people of Kentucky. I think few things can help our campaign for the submission of a constitutional amendment more than to have a thousand families intelligent on our question by reading the W. Journal. The Journal's offer is extremely liberal, and we should utilize it to the utmost.

In counties which have no city as large as a fourth-class I have set 12 subscriptions as the minimum number we hope to get. I trust you will feel that you can get that many, with the assistance of friends in other towns. Miss Piggott ^{writes} that Mrs. E. H. Kemper, Big Springs; Mrs. Jessie Eskridge and Mrs. James Gardner, Hardinsburg, might help in the campaign, as well as some ladies in Irvington. I hope you will communicate with these ladies and let me hear what you think can be done in your county.

We feel that the help of the Federation of Woman's Clubs is going to be very useful to us. Mrs. Murray Hubbard, their Chairman of Platforms Committee, has already secured the endorsement of the Republican Party Platform Convention to the submission of our Constitutional Amendment, and we hope we will have equal success with the Democratic Platform Convention, as well as of
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several non-political conventions. Lexington has already secured that of the Fire Underwriters Association. All we need is steady, hopeful work to get our question before the voters.

Please let me hear from you; and I trust you will be able to tell me that you are willing to try to get at least the twelve subscriptions desired from Breckinridge County.

Very sincerely yours,

State Chairman of Woman's Journal Committee .

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LEXINGTON, KY.. Richmond, Ky.

July 9th, 1915.

Mrs. Grace Wilbur Trout,

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Trout,

I am very glad to hear that you and the Ill. E. S. Asso. are interested in the Federal Suffrage Bill; for I think it is an inadvertence that your letter says "Federal Amendment." The beauty of the Federal Suffrage Bill is that it is not an amendment, but needs simply a majority of Congress and the president's signature to make it a law.

Mrs. Clara Bewick Colby is best known to suffragists as the former editor of the Woman's Tribune, which, until the union of the two associations, used to be the practical organ of the old National Suffrage Asso. This fact made Miss Anthony Mrs. Colby's firm friend, and largely through her influence Mrs. Colby was able to continue her paper for years after the union of the two suffrage associations. As an editor, she was always a clear and forceful writer; but she allowed such freedom in her paper for the expression of views on social, religious or any other subject, so irrelevant, unpopular and even objectionable, that though I was a subscriber myself I was not willing to allow the Tribune to appear as the representative of the suffrage cause even to the extent of ~~handing~~ distributing occasional copies.

Work on Federal Suffrage was one of the regular lines of the N. A. E. S. A. for many years; at one time Mrs. Colby was the Chairman of the Committee. After that, my sister, Mrs. Bennett, was appointed, but during Mrs. Catt's

term as president the Committee was dropped and the work was not resumed until now, under the Congressional Com. of the N.A.W.S.A. As you know, my sister always advocated the bill on the authority of the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. I suppose what Mrs. Colby means by claiming that she is the founder of the Federal Suffrage Bill is that she has shifted its argument from the 14th Amendment to the first ~~section~~ article of the U.S. Constitution. I believe this ground is very much stronger and more hopeful than the argument from the 14th amendment; though I consider that the fact that these two arguments concur in concluding that Congress has power to confer Federal Suffrage upon women by a simple bill adds strength to our claim.

Mrs. Colby's talents are quite equal to effect this change of attitude towards the basis of the bill; and what I have said about my objections to her as an editor will explain that I am ^{equally} ~~xxxmxxx~~ opposed to her as the lobbyist for what may be her own bill; and besides, she has not the force in making a personal presentation of her views as she has as a writer. It is apparently contradictory that a woman who is able to write an argument for a bill on the very best logical and ethical grounds is about the last woman ^{suitable} I know to lobby it in Congress. But that is exactly my opinion. I do not know the ladies associated with her in her work before Congress. It is true that Mrs. Olympia Brown is president of the Federal Suffrage Assco., and we all know and admire her talents; but we also know that her views were formed many years ago and are not now the most approved for the practical work of getting a bill through Congress. Though I am so thoroughly in sympathy with the aims of the Federal Suffrage Assco. I have never united with it because I believe it is wholly unable to effect anything. I am so convinced of this that I have not hesitated to express both to Mrs. Colby and Mrs. Brown my conviction that Congress will be influenced not so much from the soundness of the argument for Federal Suffrage as by the political power represented by those who urge it; and ~~that~~ such political power must be that represented

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by the largest Asso., that is, by the N.A.W.S.A. I wish very much that the Federal Asso. might become unified with the National in such a manner that the N.A.W.S.A. would have the management of this bill in Congress. Mrs. Funk told me that last winter she found the ground pre-empted by the Federal Asso. as represented by Mrs. Colby and a few others, and as Mrs. Funk found it impracticable to work with them she was unable to do anything on the bill till some method was devised to work independently.

If you ask my advice, I will say that I think the bill is hopeless unless it can be pushed more efficiently that is now being done, ^{by the Federal Asso.} and that therefore any alliance with the Federal Suffrage Asso. which does not involve a complete change of management of its affairs would merely cripple you without doing any good to anything.

It is one of my strong desires that the Ill. F.S.A. should make such a study of Federal Suffrage that it would find a way to bring to bear in Congress the great practical ability for legislative work that has been shown in the State Legislature. If such ability could be transferred to Congressional work I believe the great solution of a short cut to full suffrage could be found in Congressional action which would give to women the right to vote for U.S. Senators and Representatives, and thereby confer upon women enough political power to enable them to gain for themselves state amendments to state constitutions granting to them full suffrage in such a way as would not run counter to the States' Rights doctrine nor involve the tedious and difficult course of a U.S. Amendment.

I enclose a copy of the Federal Suffrage Bill.

I shall be very glad to receive your leaflet telling about the legislative work at Springfield. It was a great disappointment not to see more of you at the Conference, though I admired your constancy to your duties at Springfield which took you from the Conference.

Let me hear from you again about the Federal Suffrage Bill.

Very cordially yours,

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LEXINGTON, KY..

Cloverport Ky July 9th 1915.

Dear Madam:-

Your communication to Mrs Babbage,
received to-day. She is at Present in Pineville.
As ~~xxx~~ soon as she returns, which may be in a few
days, the matter will be submittd to her.

Resp'y

V.G.Babbage.

FROM V. G. BABBAGE
ATTORNEY AT LAW
AND NOTARY PUBLIC
CLOVERPORT, KY.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS 1915

Mrs Laura Clay,
State Chairman Woman's Journal Committee,
Lexington Ky.

Richardson
Ky

July 10th, 1915.

Mrs. Herbert Mengel,
2100 Confederate Place, Louisville.

My dear Mrs. Mengel, I have no doubt that Mrs. Breckinridge has impressed you with the importance of the campaign to get 1000 subscribers to the Woman's Journal; but so much is dependent upon our Louisville Suffrage Asso. that I am going to write myself and remind you how much we are hoping for from Louisville.

I have set twelve subscriptions as the minimum of counties which have no city in them; twenty-five where there is a city of the fourth class; fifty where there is a third-class city; one hundred where there is a second class city; and I have left Louisville with a blank, hoping it will fill it more liberally than I would venture to suggest.

Of course, if every county came up to the minimum there would be no great call on Louisville; but I have no hope that even nearly all will do so. Some, I know, will do good work. Three of the second class cities expect to raise their hundred; and if Louisville does the liberal part we have learned to expect from it, our campaign will be practically a success.

In Covington they have promised to secure their hundred. Mrs. Firth will have it in charge, and she proposes to have a "whirlwind campaign" She expects to apportion out the territory, have a number of workers to go out on the same days, have a central place for making reports and a little luncheon to give it a social feature. In this way she hopes to get the whole hundred in three or four days. I am merely mentioning this as a possible suggestion, for I know that the Louisville workers are very resourceful and do not have to depend upon others to devise methods.

We consider that the help of the Federation of Woman's Clubs is going to be very valuable to us. Mrs. Murray Hubbard's splendid work in securing an endorsement from the Republican Party Platform for the submission of our constitutional amendment is just the beginning of what we may hope for. I am looking for equal success from the Democratic Convention which seems pretty certain some time in August. Besides these political conventions we hope for endorsements from many conventions of non-political bodies. If there is any convention in Louisville I trust your Asso. will secure an endorsement for the submission of our Amendment, which is the form of endorsement which we think is best to try for at this time.

I am so concerned about the Woman's Journal campaign that I wish you would write me what we may expect from Louisville; and please, please remember we are hoping for a great deal from Louisville.

Very cordially yours,

Chairman W. Journal Com.

Chairman of W. J

July 10th, 1915.

Miss Eliza H. Piggott,

Irvington, Ky.

Dear Miss Piggott,

I thank you for your card of June 21st in regard to the Woman's Journal work.

I have written to Mrs. Babbage, and given her the names of Mrs. Kemper, Big Springs and Mrs. Eskridge and Mrs. Gardner, of Hardinsburg. I did not give her the names of the ladies you mention in Irvington, nor have I written to them, myself. I thought it might only confuse the work to write to so many, and I am in hopes you, yourself, will get all done that can be done in Irvington. I am confident you could enlist Miss Margaret Cuniff better by talking to her than I can by writing. The Woman's Journal is an interesting paper, and I do not think it ought to be hard to get suffragists interested. May I not leave it to you to get co-operation with Mrs. Babbage in Irvington?

I am not sure you got leaflets like the sample I enclose.

Thanking you for writing and hoping to hear from you again, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Chairman of W. Journal Com.

Kentucky Equal Rights Association

*"If Ye Abide in My Word *** Ye Shall Know the Truth,
and the Truth Shall Make You Free."*

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July 12th, 1915.

Dear Mrs. Sherbourne,

I appreciate your letter of June 26th. It is too bad that you have to pay for the three W. Journals yourself; but I believe you will find that it is a good investment for the suffrage cause.

You ask if I can suggest anything to help an interest in your county. I feel that that is difficult, since it is hard to judge local conditions; but I will write, if only to show that I am in sympathy with your trials.

According to our method of organizing now, we do not insist upon having meetings. I have found by long experience that to make meetings obligatory is sure to kill a league after the novelty of meetings wears off. But until the novelty does wear off, I think meetings are very effective. If you have not had meetings I believe it would be well to inaugurate them. The most successful programs I have ever seen were in Warren, Ohio. There the program was like a Current Events program in a club. Any subject may be presented, - it was not restricted to suffrage or even to woman's work. It was required, however, that at least one suffrage item should be presented, if only in a three minutes' talk. For instance, it would be enough at one meeting to mention that Mrs. Murray Hubbard, the chairman of Platforms Committee of the Federation of Woman's Clubs had secured from the Republican Party Platform Convention, which met in Lexington, an endorsement of a submission of the Suffrage Amendment by our next legislature, and that she hoped to get a similar endorsement from the Democratic Convention which is looked for in August. All the rest of the program might be devoted to the war, or anything else. Thus, many women might be interested to come from the general interest of the program.

Hold up constantly to your members, however, that the first, best, most important service most individuals can perform for our cause is to "stand up and be counted" for it; so that there is no need for discouragement if little seems to be done. That is the one thing which is necessary in the final analysis to secure a constitutional amendment. Of course, you should urge that they should take the Journal, and hold themselves ready to cooperate with Headquarters when any particular service is requested.

I have been very much struck with a method called a "Window Headquarters" which is used in some places. It consists in securing a show window or a part of a show window from some friend, and in it displaying suffrage items. For instance, the suffrage map of a good size is a very effective propaganda. Cartoons, some such as I enclose to you can be pasted on the glass; and if the window is close to the sidewalk, even items from newspapers can be pasted so the passers-by may stop a moment and read. Where the expense can be afforded, a silent speech roll can be used, if some one in the store will turn it from time to time.

If any friend would not be willing to give continuous window space, the
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window can be changed from time to time in different parts of the town.

In Louisville they have made their window exhibit very attractive. There is room for a good deal of ingenuity in making it attractive.

Have you tried to have your local movie picture company bring on the suffrage film, "Your girl and Mine"? By helping to sell tickets to what is really a very fine picture you might add a little to your treasury and get new members. It is a good thing to ask the manager for a little time between acts to explain the picture and ask for new members. Louisville got hundreds of members in this way.

Let me hear what you think of these suggestions, and if they are of any help perhaps I can write more, though these are the best I can think of for a place the size of Bardwell.

I must say how much gratified and encouraged I am to find you so interested. We have not had much activity in the western part of the state, until Paducah has waked up; though we always had a good friend in Mrs. S. M. Hubbard, of Hickman. We need to have all sections of the state pull together in our effort to gain a submission of our amendment.

Hoping to hear from you again, I am
Very cordially yours,

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Lexington, Ky., July 14, 1915.

Miss Laura Clay,

Richmond, Ky.

Dear Miss Laura:

Elise writes suggesting that we begin getting up petitions for the legislature. I had been meaning to write you on the subject when I found Mrs. Valentine was already doing it in Virginia. Do you think we ought to start right away? It gives them something specific to do anyhow.

If so, won't you be good enough to prepare the form of the petition and to instruct me a little about getting them ready. I feel somewhat hazy.

I suppose you saw that Miss Van Pelt was married. I got the news less than a week before the time that she was to go to work for me. I had been pinning my hopes to her for the great work of the summer, and was going to get every annual railroad pass I could in her name, because I thought she would be the most valuable of my workers.

I spoke in Shelbyville Saturday to a good crowd. I think we have now succeeded in rejuvenating the League there. I am very much pleased with Mrs. Knollenburg's work. She goes next to Henry and Oldham counties, but quits work for a vacation of a month the first of August, arranged for before I got her. If the sum total of her month's work seems to me as good as this first work in Shelby County, I rather believe

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we ought to engage her permanently. We shall have to decide the matter pretty soon, as Louisville will probably make her an offer to be at State Headquarters in the fall.

I think today that I am going to get Mr. Marsh to start at once and give us a month's work, though I must say I am a little bit doubtful about him. At any rate, it won't hurt to try. He is engaged from the middle of August for sometime with the prohibitionists in Ohio. So my trial will only be to determine future usefulness and won't give me ^{more than a month's} ~~much~~ immediate help.

In Flemingsburg last week, where I also believe I got the league through to going - I am not dead sure yet - I met again Mrs. DeMoss, formerly Miss Cassidy of this county. Her husband, you remember, was principal of Johnson School and was dismissed. He is a very intelligent man and a convinced suffragist, but a little erratic. He is a Professor now in some college in Missouri and is studying this summer at Chicago University. He was conducting the institute at Flemingsburg and he and Mrs. DeMoss were to go back to Chicago the next day.

Miss Yancey of Mason County, whose judgment I value highly, told me that Mrs. DeMoss had read at the institute that morning one of the best papers she had ever heard on suffrage. Mrs. DeMoss told me that night that she would be in Kentucky again this fall and hoped to be able to help with the suffrage work. I asked her if I might get her even earlier than that and if she would be willing to do paid organizing. I am pretty sure that she would be very fine at this, as her personality is pleasing and her reputation here as a teacher in the county schools was of the very highest. My only doubt is whether she can speak instead of reading a paper and I think that rather important.

Since beginning this letter, I have determined to simply make carbon copies of it and send each member of the Board and get them to return to me with marginal comments and advice. I will in the meantime, write Mrs. DeMoss and see if I am right in concluding that she would be

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available for the sort of work I want.

I am trying to send speakers this year only to the teachers' institutes where the superintendents invite us, and I am more than ever convinced that what we want is a person that will go and stay in a county two weeks or more as Mrs. Knollenberg has done, until something is really affected.

I have your letter in which you say if submitted to the vote of the Board you would vote yes as to helping New Jersey. I now submit this to vote of the Board. I believe all the members understand the situation so well that it is not necessary for me to point out the pivotal importance of New Jersey's going right. How much aid would you suggest we give.

I think this question and that of the organizers also depends somewhat on funds and I suggest that the treasurer send to each member of the Board at once a postal-card statement as to the condition of the treasury. I have not yet succeeded in getting a chairman of finance. I only heard the other day that Mrs. Lacey's husband has been very ill and is possibly dead. I have been wondering why I had no reply to my most entreating letter to her asking her to act as finance chairman.

Are there any more funds from which we can have further money for this year's work? (This question is for Miss Laura to answer)

Cordially yours,

W. W. D. Breckinridge -
(Mrs. Desha Breckinridge)

Mrs. Candace rec'd us \$100. recently.

Indian Cave Farm

Charlestown Ind

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Dear Miss Clay

I am so sorry you took so much trouble . I am the same "lady from Florida ", although I came here a year ago . It had been so long I hesitated to mention it in my letter : The change in sentiment in Florida is wonderful . It is almost as difficult to find anyone opposed as it was when I started to find anyone who agreed . The paper that shut us out , under the same ownership and management is now really a suffrage paper , and open to us . Not knowing the owner you cannot appreciate the value of this. I have done very little except answer foolish articles in opposition, and that is child's work you know . But at all times and seasons I am an "argufying " suffragist . I am an old woman now , the work does not need me , and the result is assured, only a question of time , I came back to Florida three years after Mr Chamberlain left me , and have been there until last year .

I spoke with very flattering success in Mo on The Bible for ^Equal Rights , and churches were open to me all over the country. You know rural communities ,uninformed and fearful are prone to find the Bible opposed . I have however never faced an audience since Mr Chamberlain went away . My aid an inspiration was gone . We have here a young preacher ,a Southern man , whose wife called me up to tell me I had about converted him ; "He had never heard any one talk sensibly about it before " . Never heard anyone probably.

The suffrage ladies in Louisville told me they expected you and would let me know when you came ,but I never heard.

*Very truly
Ella C Chamberlain*

XXXXXXXXXX Richmond, Ky.

July 24th, 1915.

Mr. W.P. Marsh,

Lancaster, Ky.

Dear Sir-:

Mrs. Breckinridge has just written to me that you have not been able to get the Court-house use for me to speak in at Lancaster, and that if I am willing to speak in the open air to write you at once. So I am writing to say that I greatly prefer to speak in the open air in this hot weather. I have done it a number of times in Kentucky as well as in other states, and I find it is much less trying on the speaker and the audience in the hot weather. I would speak either in the day or the evening, as you find it best to make arrangements.

If you find it necessary to telephone me at any time, it would be better to telephone to my sister, Mrs. James Bennett, in Richmond, as I am frequently there; and if I am not, she can reach me promptly. Her number is 330.

If you write, be sure to allow at least one day longer than necessary to reach Richmond, as the P.F.D. takes at least one day to reach me.

Hoping you are having encouraging success, I am

Very truly yours,

Laura Clay



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Owensboro, Ky., 7 - 26 1915

My dear Miss Laura,

Pardon

me for not replying to your letters sooner. We have been so busy on the farm between showers that I have not had time for anything. I do not value the Campaign Kit in securing subscribers to Journal. The Journal is very important to suffragists & I do wish we could place more of them. Do you have any idea what it will cost to attend the National Convention at Washington this year. Please let me know as I am anxious to go

Sincerely
Katherine F. Phelps

Richmond, Ky.

July 28th, 1915.

My dear Mrs. Rudy:-

I am glad to hear that you are thinking of going to the Washington convention. It promises to be exceedingly interesting. If you have never been in Washington I hope you can plan to stay a few days and see the city,- Mt.Vernon, the Congressional Library, etc.

I am sorry I cannot give you a very definite estimate of the expense. I have not heard that the delegates will be entertained, so the expense of board will be what you choose to make it. The last time I was in Washington I took a room at one of the smaller hotels and took my meals at a restaurant, so that I got them about a dollar and a half a day. I think my room was two dollars a day, but I have not a memorandum with me.

The railroad expense you can best ask from the railroad. I have found that the cheapest way was to buy a thousand mile ticket. There is very little or no reduction nowadays for conventions.

I hope you will have success in getting subscriptions to the W. Journal. A large number of readers will be of the greatest service to us in our campaign. Ky. is not coming up to my hopes yet, but we have not yet heard from some of our largest leagues, and I am hoping much from them. Don't let Owensboro fall behind!

Hoping you will decide certainly to go to Washington, I am

Very cordially yours,

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Laura Clay,

Kentucky Rights Association

189 N. Mill St. Lexington, Ky.

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ST. LOUIS, MO. Aug. 3, 1915.

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(Please reply on this blank.)

(Please give correct name of your Ass'n)

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INDIVIDUALS ARE SOMETIMES ABSENT. PLEASE ADDRESS ALL LETTERS TO THE HOUSE.

[Aug 3, 1915]

Dear Miss Clay. —

The picture is excellent.

While I shall always count
it mine — it will be a

loan picture of the Association.

I am very proud of possessing it.

We have had a very busy Sunday

time the last two weeks.

The Thursday previous I found

a "Suffrage Tea" on my lawn.

for Mrs Murray Hubbard - she spoke
from the "Herpanda" - which was
all decorated with "Votes for Women"
I have the photo graph, & take
a picture - and it is very pleasing.
It has come to the conclusion that
we must advertise in Kentucky
as much as possible. Last week
we saw a teacher in the Court
House town, & the teacher
of McCracken Co. - Institute -

Had a wonderful suffrage speech
by a beautiful young girl of
17 - & it aroused so much
interest, that 2 splendid young
men teachers came home, &
said they were to have the

two tables at different schools
in the county - but that fine we
are mailing them literature!
we gained 35 new members, &
are hoping for subscriptions for the
Journal.

On Thursday, Miss Hubbard (the one
you met, Mrs George Flannoy, Miss
Julia Hubbard (who wrote the
Clerical article "The Impediment of
the Pedagogical" in the Romanian Journal)
& I went to Edleyville and gave the
afternoon program in "Suffrage".
At their Institute, Miss Hubbard
Spoke on Roman Suffrage, Mrs
Flannoy - "Do Men represent Women?"
Miss Julia Hubbard - The "Bug-
a-boo" in the Article - V

Aug 31, 1907

Spoke very briefly in "Orfanget"
 and made the plea ⁱⁿ
 for "The Woman's Journal" &
 a big Wm Co League; —
 They were simply true & no;
 My Cherry ^{prominent} went up from our
 Institute here, and he seems
 more involved in the cause
 than formerly — He spoke
 in the morning — He is
 there — afternoon —

Really I wish you had heard
the speeches - They were most
Creditable and I am a very
earnest critic of our League
Must develop fine speakers
now for our Campaign next
year - I am sure he can do fine
work in the 1st District; he
has a long talk with Mr Mason -
The Chairman of the Democratic
Conventions ^{of the County} It seems he is with
us; I found out also - That

Seeldon Gless (State Senator) -
is my third cousin; He was away
Campaigning - but his wife was
very true to me - They are both for
Suffrage; Our day was a great
Success - & Comp of fact. Love, ^{every} ^{one}
Hilow has ^{the} Woman's Journal in
their hands; - The local league, is
very timid; He distributed member-
ship cards for them & many promised
to sign - & I spoke of the debate
our County was to hold - To be held

a young man, called for literature
for debate there. I am feeling
so anxious about the Journal
the more so many promises -
but this week and to find a locale
there by telephone. I must stop
writing you such long letters -
you are too busy. At past time
this way: He ^{and} radical New Or Representatives
in Congress - Albert Bartley. He spoke at
our Court meeting, they giving a "welcome"
to the teachers but he is coming in nicely.
With love and hugs - Sincerely
Josephine P. Post.

Richmond, KY.

Aug. 8th, 1915.

Mrs. H. B. Bartlett,

155 Audubon Boulevard, New Orleans.

My dear Mrs. Bartlett,

I am sending now the third and fourth installments of my Founders' pledge of one hundred dollars to the Southern Conference. Please find enclosed a N.Y. draft for fifty dollars.

The situation in Louisiana is of intense interest. I am hoping that the full payment of my pledge at the present time may help the finances of the Conference; and if I can pledge more, I can do so later at the convention.

Very cordially yours,

Laura Clay

August 17th - 1915
Paducah, Ky



Dear Miss Clay —
I sent to the Woman's
Journal August 11th
& 20.00 - 20 subscriptions.
I was disappointed at
not having more - but
we are working hard
& expect to reach one
hundred - yet - the condy teachers
are waiting for their
first salary — as

Many of the Schools have
lost their - & others this
week - the line sent out
35 yha letters, we are hoping
& learn from - & we got
the Fulton Co - Institute
the next of Aug 30 - and the
Lincoln Co - Institute - next
week. & we hope to get
a great many more -
But, I have not known
any thing as difficult
as to get subscribers - &
order a magazine agent

who has looking after
re-novels in the line &
she could not obtain one!
But we are not discouraged!
2 of our new subscribers are
McCracken Co teachers - and
they have promised to help! -
I did not keep 30 cents on
each subscription because I
thought the offer was mean-
ingful to get the 1000 - is
that correct? I sent the full
amount. - we are very happy
down here - Yesterday

Miss Dor Hubbard was appointed
by the School Board - at free
Mrs Purcell - un-expired term
(unit Jan) - isn't that fine ?
I have seen the time when a self
patient avowed as she is - more
not be considered but "they" (the
women) is beginning & realize that
the sufragists are the educated
un-selfish women & practical idealists
& that is what the world needs!
I feel that it is a great gain for our
cause! we are working hard in the
Hubbards plan - for the 1st District!
I am so glad we did not lose our
pledge made just because to
you! you are the back bone of
the women - so long as we are in the Post.

Miss Laura Clay.
Richmond.
Ky.

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SUFFRAGE IN KENTUCKY--1917

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Glasgow Aug 25 -
1915 -

Dear Miss Clay: - We succeeded in
securing 8 subscribers to Woman's
Journal before Aug 13 - & have sent
one since. We will not stop but
send them in whenever we can
get them. Have the promise of one
more now. With great faith in
the ultimate success of our cause.
Sincerely Yours - Dora S. Ferry -

GLASGOW
AUG 25
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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Miss Laura Day
Lexington
Ky.

726 McClelland Bld.

Old Capitol,
Headquarters.

St Paul Minn.
August 25-1914.

My dear Miss Lelay:

Such a long time since a line has passed between us. I have so much to do. I have been obliged to neglect my relatives. I was so pleased with an article in the South Dakota Messenger that your Equal Rights Association was to be represented at the Blue Grass Fair in Lexington. For the past four years we have had headquarters at our state fairs and last year I startled the visitors on the grounds by carrying one of the suffrage umbrellas. I intend to do the same this year. I sent to New York for it. You will see by the article enclosed that we are undertaking a big thing with "the Movies." We pay a large guarantee fund the state board will be assisted financially by the clubs and private subscriptions. The tent will be large enough to seat 200 people. Leaflets & buttons will be distributed. The automobile trips around the grounds we found last year were a success. We have a club here. The Welfare League, which is a Congressional Union club, do not work in harmony with our state association. We stand for the National as much as we dislike Anna Shaw and her methods. We believe in standing by the National and using all means to eliminate Anna. You will notice one article marked "state central committee." This Welfare League appointed themselves the state Central - these are all

militants. Their trip was a success.

I am provoked all the time when I think of you not being represented in the National Conventions. One who has given time ^{and} means to this good work, and Alice Blackwell also. Mrs. Stricknell and I have talked this over so much that sometimes it seems as if I must speak out loud.

What is Mrs. Belmont's move in withdrawing the Congressional Union sympathizers to her home, but to increase their membership to break up the National. This would be a disgrace. Better strengthen the National and break down Mrs. Belmont & Anna Shaw. Anna does not have not any love for Minnesota, because we denounced her action in the National Convention at the time President Taft was invited to speak. We have a good president in Mrs. Bright, but a mischief maker in Mrs. Kenyon the member on the National Ex-Board. We will dispose of her at our next State Convention in October, so that she will not represent us in the next National Convention.

Our dear retainer Mr. Ramaley, who publishes all our articles has just passed away with pneumonia. He has been a good friend to us financially. I do hope you and all your dear sisters & their families are well. I often long to see you, and were it not that I am so busy, life would be a burden. I am doing the work I promised myself one to do.

I keep well. Comfortably situated in The Home, go & come as I please. Have pleasant quarters in the Capitol. Therefore I try to be contented and happy in my work for the cause & we hope to get our bill in January 1915. Absence and silence can never conquer my love for you. Best love to the sisters, and a large portion for your dear self.

Ever lovingly and sincerely your friend,
Lucy
Engenia D. Fenwick.

I am just 79 young.

Sept. 2, 1915.

My dear Mrs. Terry:

I was gratified to get your postal of August 25th telling me of your success in securing subscribers to the Woman's Journal. You observe that the offer has been extended until next January, and I am in hopes of excellent work from our leagues during the fall months. Many of the leagues can probably do their best work later on. We are now doing our best to secure a large attendance at the State Convention. Mrs. Philip Snowden, one of our chief speakers, is a woman of such world-wide reputation that it is worth a trip to Lexington to hear her.

The Democratic State Platform Convention has refused to put a suffrage plank in the platform; I suppose in accordance with the wishes of the liquor element. Neither the Republicans or the Democrats have shown favor to the temperance interests; but we all know that the liquor interests hate woman suffrage even worse than they do prohibition, and I have strong hopes that we may get our suffrage amendment submitted, particularly if we win in any of the Eastern campaign states. So let us work on with good courage and cheer.

Very cordially yours,

Sept. 2, 1915.

Mrs. J. F. Post,
Paducah, Ky.

My dear Mrs. Post:

I was much gratified to learn from your letter of August 17th that you have sent on twenty subscriptions for the Journal and had hopes of getting more.

You are entitled to thirty cents out of each of the subscriptions you sent; for the proposition was not made dependent upon our getting the whole of one thousand subscriptions. We were given a Campaign Kit in the expectation that we would make a serious business of trying to get a thousand subscriptions, but we made no promise except to make the effort. While we have not done as well as a few of the states, yet you observe in the lists that Kentucky is the seventh.

The offer has been expended to January 1st, 1916, very properly, I think, for we in Kentucky are really only in the midst of our effort and I believe the early fall months will bring in as good results or ever better as those we have already made. So please go on with getting your subscribers and out of your new money take both the premium of the previous subscriptions and the others. Of course you will have to write a letter of explanation to the Woman's Journal about the deduction.

Well, we didn't succeed in getting a suffrage plank in the Democratic Convention; but I have by no means given up hope that we may

get our amendment submitted by the next legislature. If we win one of the Eastern campaign states, it will be a great help to us.

I was very much pleased that Miss Dow Husbands was appointed to the School Board. When you write your report for the State Convention this should be made a point in it; and I hope also you will give as full statistics as possible of the women's vote in your county.

I have not seen any reports this year; but I know some of the counties have gotten out quite large numbers of women.

I always enjoy your nice cherry letters and I hope you will write every time you have the leisure. Please give my regards and congratulations to Miss Husbands. I hope to see both of you at the State Convention and after that at the National Convention at Washington.

Very cordially yours,

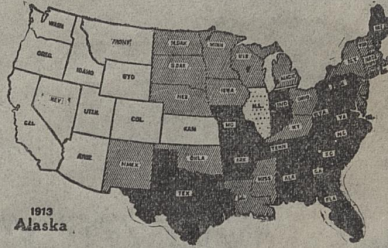
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Lexington, Ky.,

Lawrenceburg, Ky., September 5, 1915

Miss Laura Clay,
Richmond,
Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:-

I am glad you are going to Stanford and Mt. Vernon, and as it seems to be impossible for any one there to take charge of the arrangements, I shall go, myself, for that purpose. Mrs Woods writes that she is suffering with rheumatism and it will be impossible for her to take hold, but there is a lady there, Miss Josephine Hayden, who belongs to the Fayette League, and I will consult with her about the matter, and believe we can get out a good crowd.

There will be no trouble about Mt. Vernon, because Prof. Irvine, Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Gentry will look after it there.

Very truly yours,

W. P. Marsh

mail on to Mrs. Hutchinson; ask her to
mail back to me -
My dear lady -

Sept. 10, 1915

I am sorry to tell you
that the Treasury is running low.
\$380⁰⁰ is mighty little to go on, with
a convention in sight with a legislative
session to follow.
Last year the convention expense
was \$202⁰⁰ which did not include
preliminary work - just bills paid
after the meeting - the only fee for
speaker being \$25⁰⁰ for Rabbi Fein-
shites.

Can't you manage to have all the
members of the Board + the speakers

entertained privately so as to avoid the
expense of Hotel Bills?

I have just written to Mrs Castleman
asking for her promised contribution
& that of General Castleman.

Shall also ask Mrs Denning for
hers.

Am sorry to write such a cheer-
less letter.

Sincerely

R. R. J.

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Sept 10th