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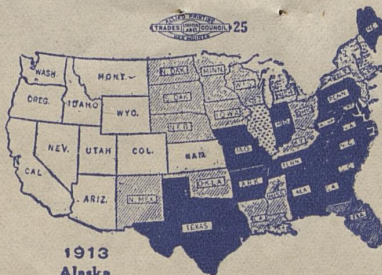
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Miss Laura Clay,  
189 N. Mill Street,  
Lexington, Kentucky.

My Dear Miss Clay:

I can not tell you how glad we are that you will come to us. It is not too late by any means and we are all most pleased that we may count on so much of your time. It is very good, indeed, of you to come to us, and I am sure that Iowa people will enjoy you immensely. We will plan for you to begin work on May 11, and will have your schedule forwarded to you before that time.

We plan to have four or eight official automobile tours starting from the borders of the state on May 15th, and ending here in Des Moines on June 3rd, the Saturday before election. We shall probably want to put you in one of these tours, with one or two other people perhaps. However, I will write you definitely about that later.

Will you send me as soon as convenient, a photograph and some press material so that we may begin at once to get our publicity matter ready.

Thank you again for coming.

Cordially yours,

*Flora Dunlap* -  
President.

FD-FC

*May we count on you  
until the wind up June 3rd  
then you may as well stay over  
Sunday & hear the result on Monday night*

189 N. Mill Street,  
Lexington, Ky.

April 4th, 1916.

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My dear Mrs. Thorp,

Your letter of March 29th has been forwarded to my home, and I am complying with your requests to the best of my ability. I am enclosing some newspaper comments; and a sketch of myself written mainly by Miss Alice Blackwell, which is long enough for you to cut it several times.

Under another cover I am send two photographs.

I have no newspaper clippings about my affiliations with other societies than the suffrage ones mentioned in the sketch. But for your information, if you can use it, I will say that I am a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church; and while the discipline of my church does not allow women to speak from its pulpits I have on several occasions been requested to address the Diocesan Council of the Diocese of Lexington, on church subjects.

I have been affiliated with the club work in Kentucky since the organization of the Federation of Clubs work in the State; and was at one time a vice-president of the State Federation.

I have always been on the Board of the Ky. Equal Rights Asso. in various offices.

I am vice-president at-large of the Southern States Woman Suffrage Conference.

I am a member of the W.C.T.U., and was for a long time the State Superintendent of the Franchise Department. Occasionally I make temperance speeches; but usually I limit myself to the subject of suffrage.

If I can aid in any way to make the Miss. Valley Conference a success I shall be very glad to do so.

Very sincerely yours,

# Kentucky Equal Rights Association

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LEXINGTON, KY..

Lexington, Ky.

April 5th, 1916.

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My dear Miss Dunlap,

Your letter of the 1st inst. is at hand; and I am sending some press material, and, under another cover, a photograph. The personal sketch, written mostly by Miss Blackwell, is entirely too long, but you can cut it to suit yourself.

I am very glad that I shall be able to go to Iowa to help in your great campaign; and I shall be perfectly willing to go on the automobile tour, or otherwise, as suits you best. I travelled part of the time in Kansas in an auto, making out-of-door speeches principally, and enjoyed it. If it interrupts your proposed tour to have me stop before June third I will stay until that time; but at present I do not think I can stay till the 5th of June. I am going to St. Louis with the Kentucky part to the Democratic Convention, and must be at home a short time before that.

I have just been sending off press material to Mrs. Walter Thorp, to advertise the Miss Valley Conference; and she asked me to give my church affiliations and activities, as well as that with clubs, etc. It has

occurred to me that it might be useful in your campaign for me to give on Sundays an address I have used with acceptance by evangelical people called a "Bible Reading; The Bible for Equal Rights". I am a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church; and whilst the discipline of our church does not allow women to occupy its pulpits, I have several times addressed the Diocesan Council of the Diocese of Lexington on church subjects. When I was in Kansas the management said they did not expect me to speak on Sunday; and I told them that if any of the churches would like to hear this Bible Reading I should be glad to give it on Sunday. It ~~happened~~ happened that some church every Sunday wanted to hear it; and I really think that was as useful work as any I did in Kansas. I have used this Bible Reading in evangelical churches of every denomination, it seems to me, except in my own.

I also give a Peace speech, with a large bearing on suffrage, which some churches and audiences may think more appropriate for Sunday than a regular suffrage speech. Though I am a member of the W.C.T.U. I have always thought it the best policy never to link temperance and the suffrage cause together; and I shall not do so in Iowa, unless you request it specially. Please let me hear from you on this point, so that if you wish me to do so I shall be prepared.

Any suggestions about my speeches will be gladly received by me; and I would like to hear them as soon as possible, as I shall begin at once to arrange my addresses for your campaign. Tell me how long my shortest speech should be, and how long the longest one should be. You see I want to be prepared as you have laid out the campaign.

Very cordially yours,

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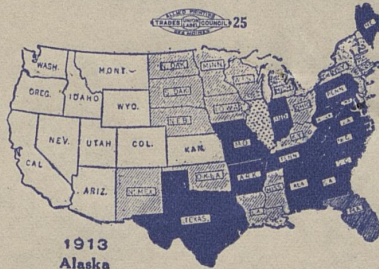
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189 North Mill Street,  
Lexington, Ky.

My Dear Miss Clay:

Thank you for the photographs and press material.

Of course, our speaking will close June 3, but we shall be glad to have you as our guest until after the election day, if you find it convenient to stay.

I note what you say about the Sunday meetings, and I think we will probably be able to arrange for your speaking in churches on Sunday. The Iowa pastors, as a whole, have been very nice about that. I think "The Bible for Equal Suffrage" is the address to give.

There is so much discussion here about preparedness that we are finding it safer not to mention preparedness any more than we can help. We are trying very hard to keep Suffrage a single issue. The W. C. T. U. of the state is doing splendid work, but we have felt it was wiser for them to do it through their own organization, and for us to do suffrage work only, so we would prefer that you do not link suffrage with temperance.

I think I have no suggestions for your speeches, except that the Iowa laws are on the whole very fair to women. We have equal guardianship of children and the inheritance laws are fair, so that the general arguments for suffrage of justice and fairness, and that Iowa women have done their share in making this a progressive state, are the best arguments to use. Also the antis are talking a great deal about Colorado, about the increased cost of elections and about increased tax rates, citing California especially in regard to taxes. They are trying rather secretly, to talk about Mormonism also. It is well to have in mind an answer to these arguments.

Σ Apr. 7, 1967

#2- Miss Laura Clay,

Your longest speech would probably be an hour, and the shortest one fifteen minutes, the average being nearer half an hour.

We are so glad you are coming and the newspapers of the state have already given the matter a good deal of publicity.

I will write you a little later where you are to begin.

Cordially yours,

*J.ora Duncap*

President.

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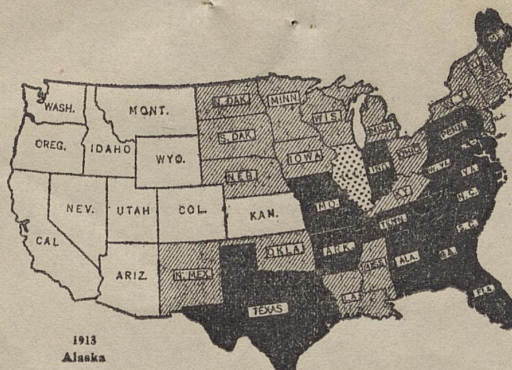
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FRANKFORT, KY., April 13, 1916.

Dear Board Member:

Congressional Meetings: We are trying to arrange for Congressional District meetings in our eleven districts. The 7th District meeting was held in Frankfort February 3rd. Miss Rebecca Averill, Chairman of the 7th District, called a meeting and arrangements were made by the Franklin League. A "Dutch Treat" luncheon was given at the Frankfort Hotel and Miss Walker, our National organizer, was our guest. Mrs. W. F. Lillard, Chairman of the 8th Congressional District, will call a meeting in Lexington at the Phoenix Hotel next Wednesday, April 19th.

Mrs. Breckinridge entertained suffragists of the 7th District at luncheon yesterday, and made such successful plans that she suggests that we have a get-together luncheon (at the cost of 55 cents) at the expense of the State Association. We think it will pay. Are we authorized by the Board to make such expenditure? The Congressional Committee and Chairmen are new at the work and have no finances at their command. We hope, in the future, that the Congressional Committee and the District Chairmen will be able to finance their own work. Mrs. Ed C. O'Rear of Frankfort has accepted *the chair* of the Committee to get a suffrage plank in the National Republican Platform at the Chicago Convention June 7th.

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Apr. 13, 1916

**Appointments:** The President has appointed Miss Emma Hast of Louisville, Chairman of the State Poster Contest Committee and of the National Poster and Slogan Contest Committee. The President has asked Mrs. John Sower of Frankfort, Chairman of our State Publicity work, to also serve as Kentucky Member of the National Publicity Council. She will ask Mrs. J. B. Judah of Louisville, Miss Anne S. Baird of Paducah, and Mrs. Abbie Meguire Roach of Louisville? to act as members of this committee. It is the purpose of our Association to co-operate in every way practicable with the National. In this way we gain much inspiration. Please suggest names for our Church Work as Mrs. A. M. Harrison has declined to serve any longer in this capacity.

**Organizers:** As you know, we have engaged Mr. Millard for a month. Shall we engage Mrs. Henry S. Jaffray of Chicago, experienced organizer and speaker, at \$100.00 per month and traveling expenses, she to pay her board and room? I wrote and asked her if she would be willing to come for \$50.00 and expenses. She would not do this. The rates before mentioned were what she received in Ohio. She had never gotten less. She comes highly recommended. Shall we engage Mrs. Harriett Stanton Blatch for a lecture for \$50.00 to speak in Lexington or Louisville, in the early fall? (If Miss Clay has heard Mrs. Blatch will she please write her opinion of her).

We expect Mrs. T. T. Cotnam of Arkansas, to be our speaker at the Federation in Maysville. Dr. Shaw and Miss Jane Addams were not able to accept.

As President of the Association I took the liberty of offering a \$25.00 prize for the best suffrage poster through the Art Chairman of the Federation of Women's Clubs.

Please state what dates you think will be the best for our Convention this fall and what place you prefer. If no reply is received before Wednesday the 19th, I will take consent for granted in regard to the luncheon in Lexington.

Very cordially yours,

*Elise Bennett Smith.*  
*(Mrs. Thos. J.)*  
President

In regard to our Convention this fall, we have had invitations from Louisville and Frankfort and have thought of Covington. It might be best to meet in Frankfort next year or the next Legislative year as we have done so much suffrage work here during this year.

189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

April 15th, 1916.

My dear Elise,

In answer to your Board letter of Apr. 13th:†

(1) Congressional Meetings: Mrs. Breckinridge asked my opinion about those "get together" lunches, and I give my vote to accept her judgment about them. We must allow our officers some latitude in such things.

(2) Church Work Chairman: - Could you get Belle Bennett to serve? If not, look around for some active, ~~6000~~ young woman, who would work up having sermons preached, proper literature distributed, etc. I cannot suggest any name at present.

(3) Organizers:- I have suggested to Mrs. Breckinridge that she put the question to Mrs. Harry Whiteside whether she will accept work for us as a paid organizer. If she will, will you have money for more than one? I am not keeping up with the finances. I would prefer a Ky. organizer to one we can get outside, unless we already know her, as we do Miss Lola Walker. By the bye, I think the National intends to let us have her again, and we must have some money to employ her when we can get her.

Mrs. Blatch: No, I do not advise engaging Mrs. Blatch at any time. She is a militant Congressional Union woman, and I feel we are much better off not to bring that element into our State without the approval of our Board. Besides, I do not admire her speaking enough to be willing to vote ~~4~~ \$50 for a speech at any time.

I am pleased at getting Mrs. Cotnam for the Federation of Clubs speaker.

I approve the prize for the Poster.

(4) Time of Convention: We should select a time not to conflict with voting for School Boards, or with the National. I prefer a time between election day and Thanksgiving, and before the National Convention.

I always like to meet in Louisville, if other things are equal.

2.

I saw Mrs. Breckinridge Thursday; and asked her in writing to you to suggest that you write me credentials of some sort to the Mississippi Valley Conference. I enclose a letter head, by which you see that Ky. is considered one of the component states. I may mention that I have personally sent a contribution of \$25 to its expenses in the name of the Ky. E. R. A. A mere letter stating that I am deputed to represent the Ky. E. R. A. is all that is necessary, as there are few votes taken, and nothing is binding on the states represented.

I am glad to say that the neuralgia in my face is improving, though I have not yet gotten free from it.

Love to all.

Yours, affectionately,

P.S. Write me at once whether I must engage room for myself in St. Louis, or whether you are going to get rooms for the whole Ky. delegation.

MRS. W. E. BARKLEY  
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## Mississippi Valley Suffrage Conference

Minneapolis, Minnesota  
May 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th, 1916



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Chicago, Ill. April 18, 1916.

Miss Laura Clay,  
The Hamilton,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss Clay:--

We hope the Mississippi Valley Suffrage Conference will be of great service to Iowa. The referendum vote takes place in Iowa on June 5th. The time is growing very short.

The Iowa campaign committee is calling for more speakers. Miss Dunlap, President of the Iowa Equal Suffrage Association, 617 Fleming Building, Des Moines, Iowa is very anxious that just as many speakers as possible will stop in Iowa en route to Minneapolis and also en route home.

Miss Dunlap is planning a Mississippi River Rally Day for the Mississippi River towns and cities the day after the conference, Thursday May 11th. We need fifty speakers to help make the River Rally Day a splendid success. The River towns are in the most difficult territory in Iowa.

It is a great opportunity for loyal suffragists to help the cause. Will you not be one of the fifty speakers to help a day or two or more after the conference, and will you not prevail upon the best campaign speakers in your state to come to the conference and help Iowa.

Please write me by return mail what service you will offer for the Iowa campaign.

Thanking you for co-operation, I am,

Cordially yours,

*Florence Bennett Peterson*  
Chairman.

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April 19, 1916.

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

My dear Miss Clay:-

I want to tell you how delighted I am at the prospect of seeing you at the Mississippi Valley Conference. I have talked about you to our Minnesota women a great deal and they are looking forward with pleasure to meeting you. I know we are to hear you during the conference but I write specially to ask if you will speak at the banquet, Monday evening, May 8th.

Our Toast mistress, Mrs. David F. Simpson, is away for a few days and asks me to write in her place. Instead of her assigning topics to the speakers, she thinks it would be better that each speaker choose her own subject as she knows best what she would like to talk about. Will you please, then, send us some sort of subject that we can print in our programs, which you can speak to or use as a point of departure, just as you like. The speech should be five to seven minutes in length.

Cordially yours,

*Clara Ueland*

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[A/w. 22, 1916]

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for the Iowa campaign. (Miss Clay will make campaign speeches for one month in Iowa.) Conferences are being arranged in the eleven congressional districts by the various chairmen. The Board has made out a budget of \$5000.00 for this year's expenses. Will you help? Have you ordered your yellow silk suffrage banner for your league? Fayette, Franklin and Madison Counties have theirs and we hope to use them in the suffrage parade in Lexington, May 6. Attend this parade if possible. Notify us and we will order the flag for your league.

PUBLICITY: The Lexington Herald has, for several years, published the best suffrage news of any newspaper in Kentucky. Many editorials have been written in behalf of the enfranchisement of the women -- and, during the Legislature the services of the Herald were invaluable when our Amendment was pending. We have a plan to show our appreciation of the stand the Herald has taken and to use this popular paper for the extension of our propoganda throughout Kentucky. Please read the following plan and let me know at once how many subscriptions you will secure.

"That the Herald should publish once a week, probably Monday, a special Woman's page, of which two columns should be devoted to the work of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, and two to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. It was suggested by one of the members of the patriotic societies that they should take the remaining column, but it will probably be safer to hold it. The copy is to be furnished the Herald by some one appointed for that purpose in each organization. The weekly issue will be furnished for \$1.00 a year or \$2.00 for three years. Each organization being asked to get two thousand new subscribers for the weekly edition in six months. This is the approximate plan."

Most cordially yours,

*Elise Bennett Smith.*  
*(Mrs Thos. J.)*

President.

139 N. Mill St., Lexington,  
Ky.

Apr. 22nd, 1916.

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Mrs. Clara <sup>[Meland]</sup> Euland,

403 Essex Building, Minneapolis.

Dear Mrs. Euland,

Yours of the 19th is at hand.

I have been invited to speak at the banquet, and had sent my acceptance; though I had supposed that a subject would be chosen for the speakers.

I have thought that "The Good, Old Days" would be something I might use as a topic for my five minutes' toast; and if you have nothing preferable to suggest, you can use that on your programs.

I am writing today to secure my room at the Hotel Radisson, which I understand is to be Headquarters, and where I suppose the banquet is to be held. If this is not correct, kindly let me know at once. I expect to reach Minneapolis probably Saturday evening; if not, then certainly in time for the mass meeting on Sunday afternoon.

Hoping that the Conference will be a grand success, and that I shall see you there soon, I am

Very cordially yours,



189 N. Mill St., Lexington,  
Ky.

Apr. 22nd, 1916.

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Dear Mrs. Peterson,

In reply to yours of the 18th I beg to say that I have been in correspondence with Miss Flora Dunlap for some time about helping in the Iowa campaign after the meeting of the Miss. Valley Conference, and that I expect to go there immediately after the Conference.

The Ky. E. R. A. and some of its members have raised \$100 for that campaign, also, which will be sent to Iowa very shortly. We are all exceedingly interested in Iowa's success, and will do what we can to help.

Hoping to see you soon in Minneapolis, I am

Very sincerely yours,

P.S. I have just written a reply to a letter from Mrs. Fuland, in which I gave the topic of my toast at the banquet as "The Good, Old Days".

I expect to reach Minneapolis Saturday evening, May 1<sup>st</sup>; or certainly in time for the mass meeting Sunday.

189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Apr. 22nd, 1916.

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Mrs. Morrison Fuller,

The Buckingham, St. Louis.

Dear Madam,

According to instructions in the last Headquarters News-Letter, I am writing to say that I expect to be one of the Kentucky delegates of the Ky. Equal Rights Assn. who intend to take part in the "Walkless Parade" on June 14th.

Knowing that accommodations will be hard to get, I am writing thus early to ask you what accommodations I can secure (at my own expense).

I wish to be with the other Ky. delegates; but I thought it best not to wait to find out from others what arrangement for accommodations can be made.

If you are making arrangements at some of the hotels, please let me know the prices. I would prefer to stay at a hotel; but perhaps I can not have any great choice.

Thanking you for a reply to these inquiries, I am

Very truly yours,

189 N. Mill St.,  
Lexington, Ky.

Apr. 22nd, 1916.

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Hotel Redisson,

Minneapolis, Minn.

I wish to reserve a room for the Mississippi Valley Suffrage Conference, May 7th- 10th inclusive. I want one of your least expensive rooms with a private bath, for one person. I expect to arrive from Chicago on the evening of the 6th of May.

I also wish to reserve a ticket for the banquet Monday night, which I suppose is to be given in the Hotel.

Please let me hear about the price of the rooms.

Respectfully,

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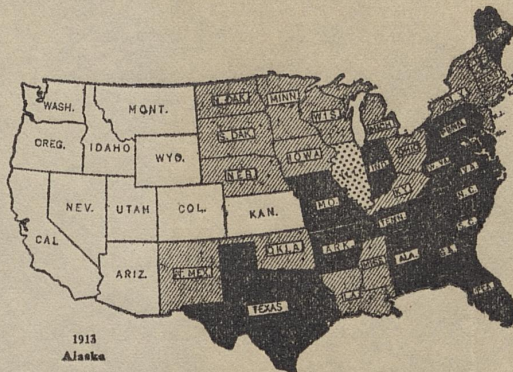
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FRANKFORT, KY., April 25, 1916.

Dear Aunt Laura,

We are thinking of engaging Miss Florence Wattles, of Kokomo, Indiana to speak at the Federation meeting at Maysville. She writes me that you heard her speak one year ago at the Mississippi Valley Conference at Minneapolis. She also spoke at Indiana, New Jersey and New York. Mr. Millard recommended her to us but we do not know whether we want her or not. If you remember her please write me at once. Otherwise we will have Mr. Millard. Which do you think would be better?

Yours with love,

*Elise Bennett Smith*  
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April 26th, 1916.

Mrs. Laura Clay,  
189 North Mill Street,  
Lexington, Kentucky.

My Dear Mrs. Clay:-

Your letter of April 22nd, with reference to accommodations for the National Democratic Convention in June, has been handed to me for answer.

Inclosed herewith, you will find list of the hotels which still afford accommodations with the more centrally located, marked.

In making your reservations, please state the extent of your stay in St. Louis, as some of the hotels reserve rooms only for the entire time of the Convention.

Kindly notify me promptly of your plans, so that I can make the best arrangements possible for your convenience while here.

Sincerely yours,

*Bertha Von K Passmore*

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## Mississippi Valley Suffrage Conference

Minneapolis, Minnesota

May 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th, 1916

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April 26, 1916.

Miss Laura Clay,  
Lexington, Ky.,

My dear Miss Clay:

As Chairman of Speakers, Mrs. David Simpson has placed you in the Lowry Hill Congregational Church for morning service, May 7.

Will you please give me the subject upon which you will talk? Doubtless the minister would like to put it on the announcement folder.

We are so glad that you are coming for the Conference and can hardly wait for it to begin.

Sincerely,

*Aimee Fisher*

Exec. Sec'y.

Lexington, Ky.

April 27th, 1916.

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Mrs. Bertha Von K. Cassmore,

St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Madam,

I thank you for the list of hotels you sent me.

I am coming to St. Louis solely in response to the call to suffragists to join the parade and other efforts to influence the Democratic Convention to put a suffrage plank in their national platform.

I do not know how long a time the presence of the suffragists is desired in the city; and therefore cannot say exactly how long I shall wish to engage hotel accommodations. Certainly I shall want a reservation for the nights of the 13th and 14th, and would like the option of retaining the room longer, if I find it desirable to stay longer.

As I am unacquainted with the hotels, will you kindly engage me a room for one person at the rate from \$1.50 to \$2.50, with a bath, if possible.

Please also notify me of any other details to which I should attend in preparation for the parade or other efforts of the suffragists?

suffragists, 2.

If other Kentuckians have made reservations at any of the hotels I should prefer choosing the same hotel, if the rates come within the prices I have stated. Or if Miss Kate M. Gordon, of New Orleans, has made reservations, I should like her hotel next to that of Kentuckians.

However, I do not wish you to take too much trouble about this detail if you do not happen to have the information about these parties.

Thanking you for your helpfulness, I am

Very sincerely yours,



C O P Y.

Frankfort, Ky., April 28,  
1916.

Hon. Edwin P. Morrow,  
Somerset, Ky.

My dear Mr. Morrow:

We, the organized women of Kentucky representing forty thousand (40,000) women, are working for a woman suffrage plank in the Republican National Platform. Together with the other states in the Union we merely ask for "The Further Extension of Woman Suffrage." At the present time there are eleven (11) suffrage states, with a population of approximately four million (4,000,000) women: these states have ninety-one electoral votes in the electoral college. A Committee from the Kentucky Equal Rights Association has been appointed to ask the Delegates to the Chicago Convention to use their influence in behalf of the enfranchisement of Kentucky women.

We appreciate the action of the Republicans in the past, the Plank in the State Platform and the caucus for us during the recent session of the Legislature when our Suffrage Amendment was pending.

We want your help now in the Chicago Convention.

Most cordially yours,

(Mrs Ed C.) Jennie H. O' Rear  
(Mrs J. G.) Christine Bradley South  
(Mrs. Edwin C.) Kate W. Morrow  
(Mrs. Augustus E.) Hoodie Ekin Willson

C O P Y.

Frankfort, Ky., April 28,  
1916.

Dear Chairman:

The Kentucky Equal Rights Association has appointed a Republican Committee to aid the movement to secure the Suffrage Plank in the National Republican Platform.

We, that Committee, beg your co-operation and aid. Will you appoint a committee from your Equal Rights Association, to have them call upon your Delegates and Alternates to the National Republican Convention, and respectfully urge them to support the "Plank" for "The Further Extension of Suffrage to Women?" If not practical to see your Delegates and Alternates personally, have a letter drafted, urging their support of the Suffrage Plank. This letter can be signed by as many members of your Association as you think advisable.

We are very anxious to have every Association in your District communicate with your Delegates and Alternates.

Your Delegates are: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Your Alternates are: \_\_\_\_\_  
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The National Republican Convention will be held in Chicago in June the 7th. As the time is limited will you take action at once?

Please send us a report of what has been done by your Association in this matter.

Most cordially yours,

(Mrs. Ed C) Jennie H. O'Rear  
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Chicago, Ill. April 29, 1916.

Miss Laura Clay,  
Lexington, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay:--

I have not yet heard from Miss Gordon that she is coming to the Mississippi Valley Suffrage Conference. I wish that we could secure speaking engagements for suffragists, but at this time of year the club programs are all complete, and we are all so besieged for money to help the campaigns in Iowa, South Dakota, West Virginia, and the Chicago parade that it is not easy to raise any more money.

Your check is the only check that has been sent in to me for the Mississippi Valley Conference. I do not know that anyone's expenses have ever been paid out of the conference fund. No one seems to think so. I do wish that Miss Gordon would feel that she could come to the conference. I think she has attended every convention up to the present time. I am writing to her again today.

Looking forward with pleasure to seeing you in a few days, I am,

Cordially yours,

*Florence Bennett Peterson*  
Chairman.

FBP-BT.

189 N. Mill, Lexington, Ky.

April 29th, 1916.

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Miss Aimee Fisher,

Minneapolis.

Dear Miss Fisher,

In reply to your letter of Apr. 26th I write to say that the subject I am prepared to speak on in churches on Sunday is "A Bible Reading: The Bible for Equal Rights".

I do not know if your Committee has seen my letter in which I stated that I am a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church; and though the discipline of our church does not permit women to occupy its pulpits I have several times addressed the Diocesan Council of Lexington on church subjects by request.

Unless I am in a campaign, I do not usually like to speak on any but the ethical side of woman suffrage ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ in a church on Sunday; so I hope this distinctly evangelical subject will be acceptable to your Committee.

Very cordially yours,

P.S. I expect to reach the city on Saturday evening, and will be at

Hotel Radisson.

D.C.