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Louisville Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 1915.

My dear Miss Leman,

It seems wise that one should have a talk together about our State suffrage election, concerning which it is obvious that I can have only a disinterested personal attitude.

You may not know the sort of phren-  
ey I feel in the Wilson campaign here  
and in the State some just now in  
and suffrage women of the Rep-  
-campa - a bit of which I can  
instance - Mrs. Channing told me  
the suffrage officers in Lexington were  
all Republicans & used their officers  
to help Hughes. So she could get no  
interest in her Wilson campaign  
& she & other suffragists united  
such a case of apparent power -  
But perhaps the feeling is at higher  
James Hunt, through we had Democrats in both  
The Centros are used in the Hughes & Roosevelt families.



tonight - Mrs Mangel & other women are to  
have seats in the Nelson church, & two  
of our women have reserved seats on  
the flat from tonight for the social  
meeting for Mr Nelson.

Mrs John B. Catterman & her circle are  
all in extreme excitement concerning  
our use of suffrage to favor Mr Hughes, &  
if we are to keep our women united we  
must allay the feeling that we are trying  
to be partisan. The papers opposed to us, &  
the men of that ilk would produce on any  
suggestion of disapproval, not only  
to our State discredit but an argument  
against suffrage. Two incidents have come  
to us this week illustrative of the feeling I  
mention. Our suffrage press chairman was  
told to mention Mrs South as a candidate for  
State President, & upon finding that she was  
a daughter of Gov. Bradley, said no paper but  
the Herald would publish any sketch of her.  
Yesterday a woman of means from the State, now visit-  
ing here, told Mr Judah that she had received the  
appeal from Mr Judah for a contribution which  
she would not make until she found who the  
next president would be. Rumors had reached  
her of the suggestion of Mrs South for this place.



She considered her the most historically  
partisan woman who could be named,  
& would make no contribution of the war  
Mrs South is elected, then will she would  
be glad to help with money -  
Concerning Mrs South herself the women  
feel they do not know her <sup>that</sup> she has not had  
experience, and that it would be a  
dangerous thing to put her at the head  
of the organization with the sum of dis-  
ruption ahead of us. Dr South has recently  
told a Louisville man that he is opposed  
to suffrage for women but he would not  
interfere with his wife if she wanted to take  
the presidency. This we think a weak position.  
For Mrs South I would say that her adminis-  
tration would be so hampered by animos-  
ity as to sap any strength she might have,  
& one year's power could not compensate for  
the worry she would have - I think the  
women would be willing to elect her to the Con. Sec's  
place to which she has been appointed. If  
she is a large enough woman to see the emer-  
gency we are in and graciously accept the  
place she has, I think it will add to her reputation.  
If she is not large enough to do this I think it



will indicate her lack of fitness for the larger office.  
For Elise's sake I wish she could see this matter  
as we do, or at least be influenced by the  
opinions of the women who have studied  
the situation and have the good of the  
cause at heart - as we all want to have.  
Elise has just come here to live & it would  
be a sad, sad thing for her to begin her  
life by antagonizing the women who  
have been her friends, and possibly, even  
probably, looking for the state reorganization  
the official help Louis will give -  
I believe Elise is too wrought up to see rea-  
sonably these conditions, so I want to help her  
in every way I can, and to that end I am  
also appealing to you in the same direction.  
It seems possible to have Mrs Halleck come into  
office for this one year as president, I have  
advised against further arguing her, until I  
can hear from you, because Mrs Halleck will not  
stand if a fight is to be made against her.  
We hope & believe that if we are all possessed  
of patience & willingness to come, in spite of  
personal feeling, our success is near at hand.  
Always with affectionate regards  
Your friend  
Caroline C. Cook -



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8th November 1916.

Miss Laura Clay,  
Richmond,  
Kentucky.

Dear Madam,

Through Mrs Roessing we hear of your most generous donation to the Fund collected for the International Woman Suffrage Alliance. We wish to express to you our warmest thanks, and to assure you that your kindly help in these critical times is deeply appreciated.

We trust that your interest in the international aspect of the woman suffrage movement will cause you to draw the attention of others to the needs of the Alliance. If any of your friends can be induced to join it as Honorary Associate Members (yearly subscription £1) we shall be greatly pleased.

With renewed thanks,

Believe me,

Yours cordially,

*Adela Coit*

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Nov. 8th, 1916.

COPY OF LETTER SENT TO MRS. SMITH.

Mrs. T. J. Smith,

The Cortlandt, City.

My dear Mrs. Smith:-

Mrs. Henning, Mrs. McDowell and I went to get Mrs. Halleck's answer this morning. We had not consulted her since the day we had the conference with you so did not know her decision. You, of course, knew this decision several days ago so we need not inform you of this. We wish only to say that we will present no other candidate and will seek to have our delegation give its unanimous support to Mrs. South.

Cordially yours,

*Fernie Q Mengel*



Richmond, Kentucky.

Nov. 12th, 1916.

Judith W. Loewenthal,

Chicago, ILL.

Dear Madam,

I am enclosing an article on the United States Elections Bill, and a photograph of myself, according to your request. I am sorry I have been compelled to be so long in complying with your request. I have received one copy of your valuable publication, for which I thank you.

Very sincerely yours,



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EDITOR

# THE NATIONAL SUFFRAGIST

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CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 13, 1916

Laura Clay,  
Richmond, Ky.

Dear Miss Clay:-

We are in receipt of your article subject "The U. S. Election Bill" and also your photograph which we can assure you we were very delighted to get.

Mrs. Loewenthal has been away from the office on account of the election and just as soon as she comes in we will refer this to her and she undoubtedly will write you a personal letter of appreciation.

In the meantime please accept our thanks for your beautiful spirit of co-operation, and with best wishes, we beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

THE NATIONAL SUFFRAGIST,

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*P. H. M. J.*

PH MJ







[Nov. 21, 1916]

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can never be assured in  
a big city without fire-  
cinct organization.

While I am writing  
to you, Miss Clay, I want  
to speak of another mat-  
ter.

You remember I came  
home sick Thursday noon.  
I dragged out of bed Sat-  
urday, weak as a kitten  
from the siege of pain &  
speedily learned to my  
consternation that the good  
faith of the Constitution  
Committee had been assailed  
at the Friday Board meet-



ing.

Three Board members  
{two of them not-committee  
members} told me it was  
said, but, for the awareness  
of the Board, we would  
have "put over" that un-  
changed section on them!

At first - I was indig-  
nant. Then, as my  
strength returned & my  
funny bone got into work-  
ing order, I was tickled.

The dear Board surely  
must have been dead tired  
or such a thing would  
never have seemed pos-  
sible to it, or to those  
few members who were so

suspicious.

Suppose - for arguments  
sake - I, as Chairman, were  
contemptible sneak enough  
to attempt such a caper?  
Suppose I had read that  
"term of office" section only  
once & hurried by & the  
thing had been accepted?

Dear Miss Clay, what  
do you suppose would  
have happened when we  
came to the election! The  
roof would have gone  
straight up in the air!

If I had been sneak  
enough to do it, I would  
not have been such a  
colossal fool. I do



regret more than I can  
express that I didn't get  
to the Convention early  
Wednesday & tell you the  
thing had been left alone.  
That would have been a  
courtesy I regret I didn't  
think of, perhaps because  
I understood so well that  
you meant what you  
said & I supposed you  
would be ready to put  
your viewpoint. I repeat  
I am very sorry as my  
not doing this caused  
such a disturbance but  
a mistake is not wrong-  
doing & I was certainly  
innocent of any desire to



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"put" anything "over." I  
don't - work that - way. If  
I did I couldn't - impress  
my children with the fact -  
that - cleanliness & sincerity  
are the 2 things in life  
most - worth while.

What actually happened  
was this. I read that  
section 3 times! Once  
when I begin & read  
thru the Articles & By-Laws;  
once when I came to the  
Article containing it - when  
I said, "I shall read this  
Article thru & thru section  
by section as there may  
be discussion"; & once when



I read the section & stop-  
ped. As you did not  
speak, I turned toward  
you whereupon you asked,  
"Is that the way I sug-  
gested it, Mrs Graham" (or  
similar words) & I replied,  
"No, Miss Clay." Then I  
turned to tell the Conven-  
tion of the 2 viewpoints &  
you took up your side.

Surely, surely, Miss  
Clay, you remember these  
details. Do you wonder  
it strikes me funny that  
any member should ad-  
mit being so sound asleep  
that she didn't take in a

thing which was read  
& 3 times? (I don't un-  
derstand you intimated  
any "put over" rubbish.)

Really, Miss Clay, I  
had no objection to chang-  
ing that section (tho it  
might prove an advan-  
tage to leave the Cam-  
paign Chairman on with  
a new President & a Pres-  
ident on the next time  
with a new Campaign Chair-  
man, etc) but as Mrs  
Leech is much older &  
far more experienced than  
I, I naturally deferred to  
her judgment, the more



especially as I knew the  
Convention could take its  
choice.

To me, that is all there  
was to it: 2 points of  
view presented to the mem-  
bers at large to consider.  
After you were so decidedly  
by more than, — I don't  
recall the vote except  
that more than 30 voted  
with you & less than 30  
with the Committee, — I sup-  
posed the incident closed.  
You can imagine, there-  
fore, my surprise when I  
heard of the Friday dis-  
cussion.



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Aside from that, which really is but an incident that a mountain was made of it, I was heartsick, dear Miss Clay, at all the unpleasant atmosphere of the Convention. It struck me all at once. I got too much at one dose!

I am not at all sure I know even now just where the trouble lies that I learned more in those 2 days than ever before in a similar



length of times: stuff I  
intend to unlearn as  
quickly as possible as I  
want to do as good  
work as my health per-  
mits & can't unless I  
work happily.

I know your very  
direct mind doesn't enjoy  
the indirections of some  
of our friends but now  
that the Convention is  
over & we are aware of  
certain snags, maybe  
we can avoid them.

Our work is too big  
& fine for us to expend

energy over childish things  
& I hope we can grow  
bigger constantly so that  
when we do get the bal-  
lot, we can act like  
some adult-folks.

My! but, this is a  
long letter. I'll try not  
to inflict such a screed  
upon you again.

Hoping that you will  
like our present plan,  
& can get head or tail  
of the rest of this epistle  
I am Sincerely yours

Margaret Blaw Graham



Nov. 21st, 1916.

Florence Wakeman Hughes,

Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Madam,

On returning home after a few days absence I found last Saturday an envelope addressed to me containing a check which I am re-enclosing.

As there was no letter of explanation I can only surmise that the check was sent to defray the expenses of my trip to the Suffrage Convention at Chattanooga last fall. If my surmise is correct, please say to your Association that my visit was intended as a donation to the good cause of woman suffrage in Tennessee, and I hope it will use the check for that purpose.

Very truly yours,





Frankfort, Kentucky -  
Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1876 -

My dear Miss Blay:-

The  
secretary has doubtless  
notified you that  
you were chosen  
a member of the  
Advisory Board, which  
was created at the  
recent meeting in  
Louisville -

I desire to say





what a pleasure  
it is to me - and  
what a comfort,  
to know that I  
shall have your  
help and the  
receipt of your  
aid and advice.

We owe everything  
to our former  
Directors - and we  
feel the great  
need of their  
continued counsel

and support.

The next Board  
Meeting - will be  
held in December  
the fifteenth - (15<sup>th</sup>)  
at ten A. M. in  
the Louisville Seepage  
Headquarters in  
the Messenger Hall  
Building. I hope it  
will be possible  
for you to be



[Nov. 23, 1916]



present.

Questions of importance  
are coming up  
and we need  
you.

In closing - my  
dear Mr. Leonard, let  
me thank you for  
your support, that  
most of all - for  
the confidence you  
have shown in  
me. I shall strive  
to be worthy of  
it and of





Make mistakes they  
will be of slight  
head but of the  
heart.

Thanking you very much  
and sending my  
very best wishes to  
you.  
Love.

Sincerely your friend  
Christine Dreyfus Smith -



189 North Mill St.

Lexington, Ky.

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Nov. 27th, 1916.

My dear Mrs. South,

I received your kind letter on Saturday, when I came over to Lexington, where I shall be at home for the winter.

I certainly thank you for your confidence in appointing me on your Advisory Board. I accept with pleasure, and I shall do all I can to uphold your hands in your very important work. We all see joyfully that the political status of Woman Suffrage has advanced wonderfully in the last six months; and we feel that the end of our struggle is almost in sight.

With my very best wishes for your prosperous administration of the affairs of the Ky. W. R. A. I am

Very cordially yours,

P.S. Please give my regards to your mother.



189 N. Mill St.  
Lexington, Ky.

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Nov. 27th, 1916.

My dear Mrs. Graham,

I received your letter of the 21st, and thank you for it. The Louisville plan of precinct work is certainly excellent, and I shall present it to the Fayette Association.

Now as to the other matter: You are correctly informed that I had nothing to do with introducing the discussion at the Friday Board meeting. Had I been consulted about it I should most probably advised against it. As far as I could understand the difference in question it turned upon a parliamentary point, which Mrs. Leech insisted had been rightfully adhered to by the Committee. Some members of the Board were of a different opinion, at least until the point was clearly defined. But whether the Committee was within its parliamentary right or not, the failure of the Board to understand that its views about the new constitution were not in any way authoritative or necessarily to be reported to the Convention left some of the officers careless in listening to the reading and apparently made the impression that the constitution met with their approval. This made an awk-



ward impression in the convention, and naturally excited some irritated  
feeling. Personally, after hearing the matter discussed, I am the o-  
pinion that it was the duty of other officials to see that the minutes  
of the Executive or Board meeting were presented to the Convention, and not  
that of the Committee itself. However, the recommendations of the  
President for the guidance of future revision committees fully cover  
all the points at issue; and they were incorporated in the record of the  
Friday Board meeting by unanimous vote. The matter having been settled  
that way, and all other parts of the discussion dropped from the record  
also by a unanimous vote, as I recollect, it seems to me the incident  
is closed and that it would be a waste of time and good nerve force  
to allow it to trouble us any farther or in any way to disturb good  
feeling. I hope you will read the two recommendations of the retiring  
president, and then I think you will understand better than can be  
told you by those who heard the discussion exactly what was the cause  
of the discussion.

I am glad that you also feel that we have more important work to  
do than keep up idle discussion of differences of opinion which have  
not in any way affected the real work of the Revision. All's well that  
ends well; and I think we have an excellent constitution which needs  
only to be worked as well to bring us to speedy success.

Thanking you for your letter and the moderate spirit in which you  
have accepted a report of a discussion which perhaps none of us can ac-  
curately judge in default of stenographic reports, I am

Very sincerely yours,



FRANK H. McCULLOCH  
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**Chicago**

November 27, 1916.

My dear Miss Clay :

When we were at the National Convention you and Miss Gordon and I were averse to having the National Board take so much authority into its own hands on the question of deciding whether or not any State should have a Suffrage Amendment campaign. So long as it was understood that the State seeking such an amendment submission would pay its own bills and expect no help from the National, the rest of the Executive Council seemed to behold no element of danger. Probably no one of them expected that the National Board would be put into a position of actually antagonizing the State workers in an effort to secure a State submission, but that seems to have occurred in the case of Illinois.

You and Miss Gordon, who are such ardent State's rights people, will probably laugh at me to see how the shoe pinches when it is on my foot. It has been announced through all the Chicago papers and announced publicly by Mrs. Trout, the President of the Illinois Equal Suffrage Association, that Mrs. Catt and the National Board were imploring her to oppose the submission of the Illinois Suffrage Amendment, and they would help it in no way; that it was sure to be defeated and that the defeat would ring around the world. I do not believe that Mrs. Catt ever expected her to make such a statement public, for Mrs. Catt so says in her letter to me, but the harm has been done, and Mrs. Trout has been continuing to scare <sup>some</sup> suffragists away from working for our amendment by threat of National displeasure.

We have organized a Suffrage Amendment Alliance which will push on as fast as possible or as slowly as it must the submission of this amendment. I believe that we are better judges of what our own State is able to do or should have than the National Officers so far away, or even Mrs. Trout with her subservient Board, no one of whom has had political experience.

If you have any words of advice to offer, I would be glad to hear them.

Very truly yours,

CWM/C.

*Catharine W. McCulloch*



Christ Church Cathedral,

Lexington, Kentucky.

Nov. 29, 1916

Mrs. Charles H. Berryman,  
Chairman of Committee Y. W. C. A.

Dear Mrs. Berryman:-

There was a meeting on Monday, November 27th, at the Parish House of the members of the Committee on Social Service in the Diocese of Lexington and the undersigned members of that Committee being a quorum were present.

It was resolved that this committee recommend to the officers of the Y. W. C. A. in Lexington, that as soon as it can conveniently be done, that Association should have a survey made of all of the wage-earning girls in this city to ascertain their names and addresses. How many of them are living at home and how many in boarding houses; as far as possible what wages they are earning, and the circumstances and hours of their work. Also that the Association should ascertain the conditions of the boarding houses, with the idea of co-operating with the boarding houses, and of giving publicity to those houses that sought to provide some place where the girls could receive callers under suitable circumstances; and that the Association would thus render a real service to the community.

Signed,

RKM/W



189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.  
Nov. 30th, 1916.

My dear Mrs. McCulloch,

I am not in the least amused by the suffrage situation you describe in your letter of the 27th. I feel that the subservience of State Boards to what some of them imagine to be the attitude of the National to State amendments is full of danger to the suffrage cause. The Convention went overwhelmingly in favor of both State and National action whenever a test vote was made; and yet there seems to be a spirit abroad to let State action wait on the effort to get the S.B.A. Amendment passed. If there is anything to be learned from the Presidential election it seems to me one thing is that the Western women refuse to allow the Federal Amendment to be made an issue, or at any rate, the dominant issue in voting. If they do not give their hearty support, the hopes of those who expect to force an anti-Democratic policy during a Democratic administration seem to me to be far-fetched. We ought not to wait under any circumstances for State action every time we have a chance to move. I am distinctly of the opinion that the idea that an unsuccessful State campaign is a misfortune is a mistake. There is no money lost; for we all know that the suffragists could not raise the money used in campaigns for ordinary suffrage work. Then, there is a large class of intelligent persons who will tell you after years of ordinary suffrage educational work that they have never thought of the subject. It takes a campaign, to make an issue, to get these persons to think. After that, they will have an opinion. All the advice I can possibly give you under these circumstances is ; to dispute the idea, that a campaign, even if unsuccessful, is a misfortune; to keep constantly before suffragists that the Convention did not discourage state campaigns; and that state workers must be the judge of their own state conditions, or else the suffrage work will



fall into helpless inactivity.

I want to add only that you have my hearty sympathy and approval of your intention to go right on. If you had waited to be instructed by some Board in New York, Illinois would not now be one of the great successes of the Suffrage movement.

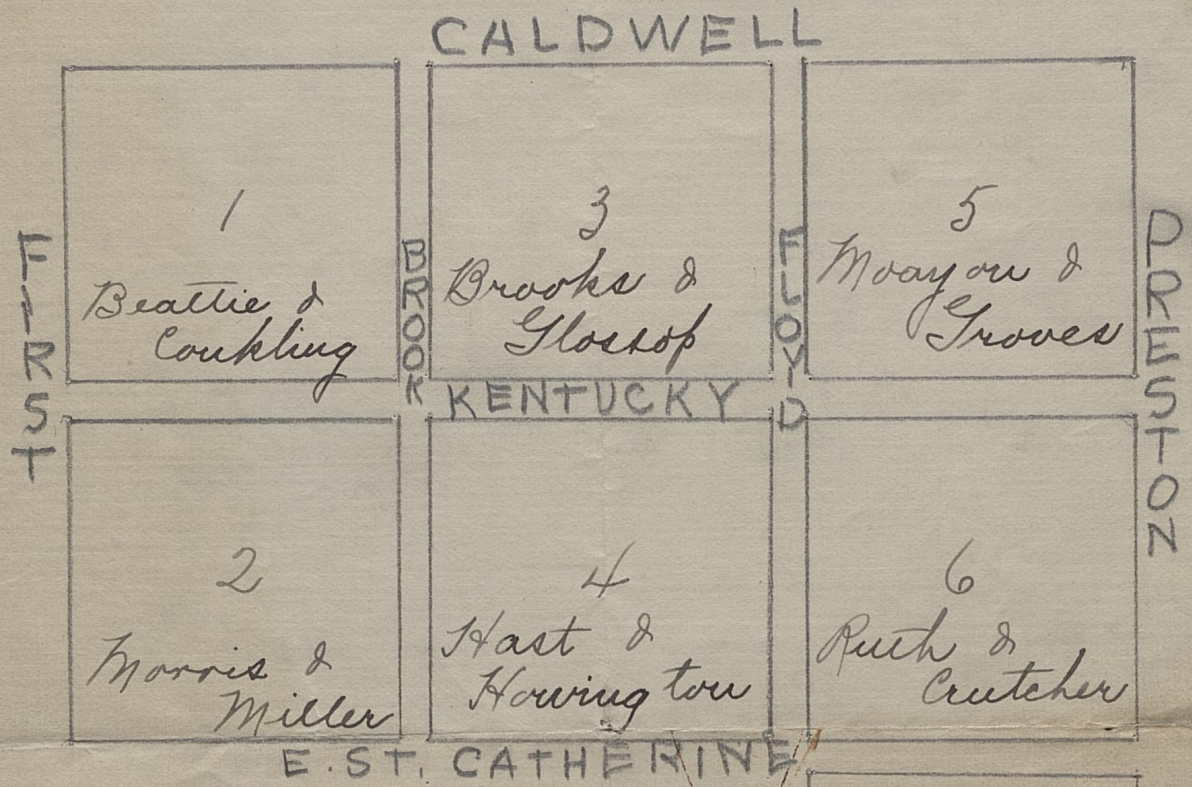
In Kentucky we are confronted by the novel situation that the liquor interests are preparing to force prohibition and suffrage amendments in a called session of the Legislature, apparently in the hope that the legality of their submission at a called session will throw them into the courts, and the litigation will occupy years and prevent their coming up at the regular session in 1918. We shall resist our amendment being brought up at a called session, but I think we will be united in intention in having it pushed at the regular session in 1918, though I see some symptoms of the same desire to await advice from New York that you have. In the meantime, we are all going to await the developments of the short session of Congress. We think great events of many sorts may throw light upon what ought to be our course. It is only three months to wait, and if your legislative work will permit of delay, I would also advise that you go slowly until the close of this Congress. If the hopes of the Amendment fail, then your State action may receive more hearty approval and by being careful not to rouse antagonism till that is settled, you may be better able to bring others to your way of thinking.

Very cordially your friend and co-worker,

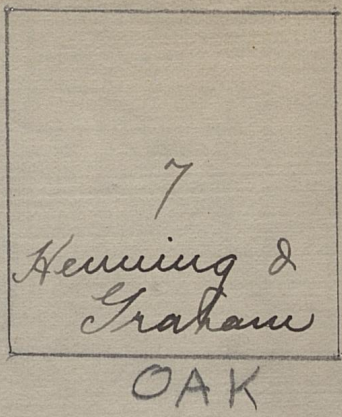


2 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct 5<sup>th</sup> Ward NOV. 1916

Object: - A <sup>North</sup> suffrage club in every pre-  
cinct.



Slogan  
Win the Precinct!



- 1 Precinct Captain
  - 7 Block Leaders
  - 28 Square Boosters
  - 36 Active workers in Precinct Club
- Work toward this.

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