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Miss Laura Clay,  
187 N. Mill St.  
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My dear Miss Clay:

I referred the letter that you handed <sup>me</sup> in the Bank several days ago, to the Vestry at its meeting last Monday night, and am informed by Dean Massie that Major. Clinton M. Harbison was appointed to call upon you and explain the questions that you desire answered in your letter.

Yours truly,

*G. S. Weeks*  
*Forward*  
*Christ Church Cathedral*

NATIONAL CONFERENCE  
ON  
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

MARCH 20, 1920

NEW WILLARD HOTEL  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 8, 1920.

Miss Laura Clay,  
Lexington, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay:-

In preparation for a national program of community organization, I am calling a conference of representatives of State and National organizations to meet in Washington on the 20th of March.

The importance of such a conference and program lies in this. The American people are now facing many problems--problems which are causing divisions among us. These problems cannot be ignored. They must be squarely met and wisely settled. To this end, they must be considered by our whole people and considered from the vantage ground of the common interests of people as human beings, not in head-on conflict as separate groups. Democratic community organization, as I see it, opens the only sure road to such national unity and constructive action. Hence the promotion of community organization on Democratic lines constitutes just now a challenge to every thoughtful American.

One object of the conference will be to discuss the celebration of June 14th as "Neighbors' Day," with a nation-wide program of neighborliness and community activities,--pageants, songs, meetings, etc. Such a one-day celebration might serve to emotionalize the community idea and prepare the way for more definite community organization.

We shall want the advice and assistance of every national group interested in promoting a more vital and satisfying Americanism. Can you attend this meeting? Will you please indicate the particulars on the enclosed card and reply on the earliest possible mail?

Sincerely yours,

*William H. Howe*

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Miss Laura Clay,  
Lexington,  
Kentucky.

My dear Miss Clay:-

The Committee on Arrangements has about completed the program for the Democratic Conference to be held here on March 18th.

It is the unanimous wish of the Committeemen that you attend this Conference and, at the same time, second a resolution that will be presented on the Suffrage Question, following completion of the said program.

We are very hopeful that you will be able to favor us in this matter, and with best wishes, beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

Chairman,  
Committee on Arrangements.

*Ans. Mar. 14th*

Richmond, Ky.

March 14<sup>th</sup> 1920.

Mr. P. H. Callahan,

Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of Mac  
11<sup>th</sup> was ~~destroyed~~ in reach-  
ing, as it had to be forward-  
ed to Richmond.

I thank the Committee on  
Arrangements for its invita-  
tion to attend the Democratic  
Conference and second a  
resolution on the Suffrage  
question. But I am a firm  
believer in States Rights and  
am convinced that the right  
of State suffrage should be  
granted only by State action;  
and as it <sup>that a Federal amendment</sup> seems to be a

to confer both Federal and  
State suffrage on women seems  
to be accepted in this State  
I feel that I could not  
consistently record any  
suffrage resolution that is  
likely to be offered.

With assurances that I  
appreciate greatly the cour-  
tesy that has been offered  
me, I am

Very respectfully yours.

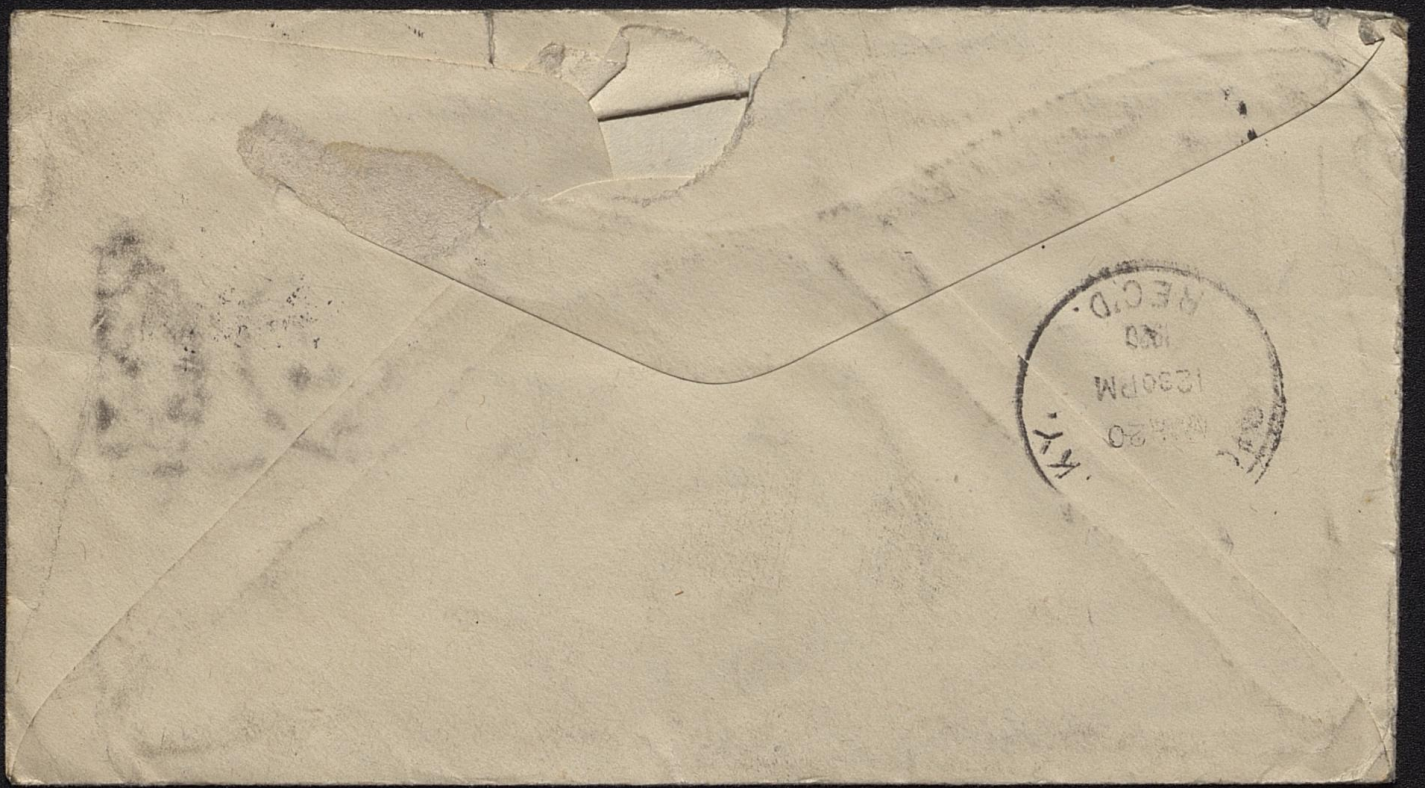


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Do you think that I have forgotten you, my dear Miss Laura? Well, I have not but have been busy doing nothing, and not much of that! Will came home for a short visit last ~~week~~ of the week, and will <sup>be</sup> with us about ten days. He is looking fine, and we are both trying to get things in order that only he could do.

Have certainly missed you, and will be glad when you return. Of course you have kept up with the political moves, and see where the League of Women Voters ~~is~~ going to go after the men that were against suffrage for women. I am very anxious to have you come out and declare yourself for Democratic race for U.S. Senate. Come on, and let's get busy. I believe that you can win with hands down. Any way we will give them a run for their money. This is slang. There is nothing doing in any particular in any line, but both parties are getting ready for election battles. Have not been to the movies much, as I have been to Winchester several times, and did not go <sup>there</sup> as I usually do. William Hart was at the Onpheum one day not long since, and if you had been here I would have made an effort to go although I was just getting over the flu, and had not been out of the house for several days. It left me feeling no account, and with a slight throat trouble, but that is well now.

Dunster had a paper that she said ~~that~~ she was going to mail to you, and she telephoned last night to know if I had heard from you. She had just returned from Louisville, and said that she learned many interesting things. So when you return there will be many things to talk over, and plans to be made.

Know that you will forgive type written letter, but it is the best way at present as my desk is full of business papers, and I suddenly decided to have a chat with you.

Dunster is very much interested in your race, and we are both ready for untiring efforts in your behalf. You are needed in the affairs of state, and inclination to keep out of the limelight will have to be sacrificed for our nation's welfare. Am sorry that the League of Nations was defeated, but like you- do not think that reservations would have mattered much just so they were of such a nature that they would not have changed the text.

Take good care of yourself for the changeable weather is such a menace to health.

*With love and best wishes*

*Yours friend - cordially  
Alice Bronston Oldham.*

Encl.



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32 UNION SQUARE, EAST  
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April 9th, 1920.

Miss Laura Clay,  
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Madam:-

We have been informed and are very much interested in the statement that you propose to run for United States Senator if the suggrage amendment to the Federal Constitution is ratified in time.

In this connection we should like to write a special article for use in the newspapers and magazines receiving our service. Desiring that whatever we write be absolutely accurate and authentic in every particular we take the liberty of soliciting your kind co-operation.

Would you be so good as to furnish us with some particulars in reference to the matter, and as all our articles are illustrated we should like to have your photograph for the purpose. This latter request is very important.

In return we will write a careful and dignified article which we are sure will meet with your fullest approval and we will be pleased to send you copies of same when published.

Very truly yours,

  
GENERAL MANAGER

G:AS

Apr. 4, 1920

## Easter 1920

To the Congregation  
of Christ Church Cathedral.

My Dear Friends:

I did not send any Lenten letter this year, so in sending this letter concerning the Easter services and the Easter offering, I want it to bring to you my affectionate greetings and the expression of my hope that you will help to make the Easter services this year even more satisfactory than usual by coming to the beautiful sunrise service at six o'clock, and also to the eleven o'clock service. The music will be worthy and inspiring; and the Cathedral with its stately and dignified interior adorned by the Easter flowers will be a noble and beautiful setting for our Easter worship. May the services be rich in help and blessing for us all.

The offering on Easter Sunday, after giving a hundred dollars to the Church of the Good Shepherd, will be devoted to completing the payment for the recent repairs in the Cathedral. About \$2,800 will be needed to finish the payment for all the work done. The Woman's Guild with its usual liberality will give generously to this object. I trust that the Easter offering of the congregation will be liberal, and that we may practically complete the amount that remains to be paid for the work so admirably done in beautifying our beloved Cathedral.

May God's richest blessing and peace rest upon you and yours.

Faithfully your friend and pastor,

Robert R. Massie

6004 Bryan Parkway,  
Dallas, Texas.

April 11<sup>th</sup> 1920.

Dear Miss Clay,

Some weeks ago a Distinguished Service Certificate came to me from N. A. W. S. A. Headquarters. I think such an honor should be acknowledged in some way, so I am writing to you for it is to you I am indebted. You and Mrs. Farmer first set my feet in the "path of duty" and you kept me there when my coward soul

might have led me a -  
stray.

I was in Washington when  
the National Convention  
met there three years ago -  
(was it three years? I have  
had so much trouble I  
can't remember times and  
seasons.) and I tried to find  
you at the New Willard  
Reception. Several days  
ago I met Mrs. R. E. L. Knight  
at a luncheon and she  
said she was going to  
Richmond and Lexington  
very soon and would  
probably see you. I'm  
this far-away Western city  
I pine for Kentucky and

Kentuckians, but it - will  
be a long time, I fear, be-  
fore I can go home. Mar-  
gery developed tuberculosis  
nearly two years ago, (The  
Experts say she has had it  
all her life) and I am  
taking care of my little  
grand-children while she  
struggles back into some-  
thing like health. She  
will never be really  
well.

My health is better than  
it ever was, for the cli-  
mate of the West agrees  
with me wonderfully, but  
I have no time for literary  
work or suffrage work  
and that keeps my soul.

I promised Miss Meredith  
that I would write some-  
thing to keep women from  
voting the Republican  
ticket out of gratitude, but  
I haven't been able to do  
even that. I don't like  
the way in which Texas  
women were enfranchised.  
The question was submitted  
to the voters and suffrage  
was defeated. Then the  
legislature set aside the  
will of the voters by ratify-  
ing the Federal Amend-  
ment. I don't like to get  
a right thing in the wrong  
way.

I hear that you are not

well. I am sorry, if this is the case, for you are as much needed now as you were when you began blazing the suffrage trail through the wilderness of Kentucky.

The world seems to me topsy-turvy now. I was never an optimist. I can write optimistic books but to think and feel optimistically becomes more and more impossible the older I grow. and I sometimes think that we are at the end of this era and there is nothing

but chaos and black night  
beyond. I would like to  
hear you laugh and  
blow my doubts and  
fears away with a  
breath of your faith.

To return to the  
D. S. C. I am deeply  
grateful for the honor  
conferred, and if I am  
at all worthy of the  
honor, it's thanks to  
you.

With all good wishes for  
yourself and your sisters

I am sincerely yours.

Lisa Calvert Ouchaine.

Z. C. Oberchain  
6004 Bryan Parkway  
Dallas, Texas



Miss Laura Clay  
Richmond



Ky. 189 N. Mill St.  
Lexington  
Ky.



No. 3063

189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Kentucky.  
April 14th, 1920.

E.L. Gilliams, General Manager,

32 Union Square, east, New York.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of April 9th is at hand.

In reference to the report that I propose to run for United States senator in case the Anthony Federal woman suffrage amendment is ratified, I beg to say that while some of my friends have advocated such action and I have received many friendly expressions of support from both men and women, I myself have always thought that any such intention, depending upon the ratification not yet consummated of the Anthony amendment, is premature.

While I am a lifelong suffragist I am strongly opposed to the Anthony amendment, because it sets aside the voice of the people in a question of vital importance to the sovereignty of State governments; and it is my hearty wish that it shall never be ratified, but that State suffrage shall come to women by the constitutional action of the people of the States. If however it should be ratified and women vote in the November elections for senator, I expect to vote for the re-election of Senator J.C.W. Beckham, as he has consistently stood for the rights of the people in the matter of conferring State suffrage upon women. Also, I purpose to use for his re-election such political influence as I possess on account of the right of Kentucky women to vote in Presidential elections recently conferred upon them by the Kentucky legislature.

Very respectfully yours,

# Kentucky Equal Rights Association

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Frankfort, Kentucky,  
April, 16th, 1920.

Miss Laura Clay,  
Lexington, Kentucky.

Dear Miss Clay:-

I write you about your statement in this morning's papers that you will support Senator J.C.W. Beckham for the United States Senate this year "because he stood for the rights of the people on the suffrage question and against the Anthony Amendment", inasmuch as you sent me some several papers recently upon my arrival back home from service in this past great world war, and expressed your desire that I advise you what I thought of your ideas advanced in favor of the State's Rights method as against the Anthony Amendment for Equal Suffrage.

I never impugn any citizen's HONESTY in his or her views and beliefs of public questions, but love rather to mass what I conceive ~~what~~ to be the truth on the question against my opponent. That only can cut ice. That only can keep me in the right spirit towards my neighbor.

Since my return from the war, I have enquired of a number of Senator Beckham's closest friends for THE REASONS which he assigns for his being against Equal Suffrage for women, and if he has published his reasons, he has not given them strong enough to make them fasten on his friends, for none of them can explain WHY such an able leader as Senator Beckham is against Equal Suffrage. And as he is AGAINST suffrage, I can not imagine how you, Miss Clay, are FOR him. His position is strange, but yours is an enigma to me. And when I say this of you, please believe that I am one Kentuckian who is prejudiced in favor of the Clays, I having been a hard student of the great Henry Clay as the marked volumes in my library on him will testify.

As an humble Kentuckian, I have imbibed these great things in my study of the illustrious Henry Clay: 1() Be sure that it is RIGHT and JUST. (2) Be absolutely for making the Union stronger, not weaker. (3) Always have an eye to the welfare of the whole people.

So, in the light of those self-evident Truths, I do not divide our country into Democrats and Republicans; nor into Socialists and Independents; neither into any partisan named groups; but I divide every citizen, every man and woman, into TWO CLASSES, on the right-- the STRENGTHENERS of the government, and on the left the WEAKENERS of the government. I want you and Senator Beckham to measure me by that powerful measure, and I am going to measure you two by it on this Suffrage question and see how we come out.

First, is Equal Suffrage to American Women RIGHT and JUST? Our Declaration of Independence proclaims the right of "government resting on the consent of the governed". Let Senator Beckham answer whether he believes the honest spirit of those immortal words means that Government should rest on the consent of the WHOLE of the governed, on the consent of PART of the governed.

Second, the very first words in our Constitution of The United States say- "We the people of the United States in order to ~~create~~ form a more perfect union... do ordain" etc. Let Senator Beckham answer

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whether he believes our wonderful Kentucky womanhood are "PEOPLE" or animals. If they are not animals, then they are "People". And if they are "People", then, at least in the sight of God, they are included in those first three words in our U. S. Constitution "We the people" etc. Then we can only make those words consistent and honest before God by our recognizing our women AS PEOPLE, and giving them equal suffrage with all other people!

Surely, then, we must answer that it is RIGHT and JUST for our wonderful American womanhood, who are certainly part of the governed, to have their CONSENT sought on all things by the government; and that it is RIGHT and JUST for our Women, who are certainly PEOPLE, to be included in "We The People" of our U. S. Constitution, and have equal suffrage before the law with all other people, -with our white men and negro men and naturalized foreigners!

Next: Henry Clay taught us to ALWAYS HAVE AN EYE TO THE WELFARE OF THE WHOLE PEOPLE, DEAL JUSTLY WITH ALL THE STATES. For therein <sup>only</sup> can the Union stand united.

In our Republic we have four units of government: (1) Township, (2) County, (3) State, and (4) The National Government. Under our ideals and form, certain things are reserved for each of those units of government. The fact that certain things are reserved for the LOCAL governments, makes for freedom; and the fact that certain things are reserved for the Central Government, safeguards freedom and insures existence thru strength. There ought to be some way to determine WHAT THINGS shall always be reserved to the local governments, and WHAT THINGS to the General Government, in order to make it right and best for both the local and general governments, and make our Union stronger and not weaker.

And so I would say: If it is a matter on which only the local people act, then reserve that matter wholly for the local governments. But if it is a matter on which the people of ALL THE STATES act, in which all the states are directly effected, then grant that matter to the Federal Government. Nothing less would be just towards all the other states. Anything else would be for making the Union WEAKER, and treason to our Flag!

On such questions as how to build city streets and how much state taxes shall be collected, only the local people act ~~upon~~, and those matters are reserved wholly to the local governments. On the questions ~~making~~ currency, inter-state commerce, which directly and vitally effect all the people of all the States, plain JUSTICE demands that those be left to the Central Government. When, therefore, Miss Clay, you admit THE RIGHT of American women to have Equal Suffrage with our men, then because the women of one State, when casting their votes for a President over the whole Republic, would be acting on a matter, which all the States are simultaneously acting, JUSTICE to all the States demands that their General Government shall oversee that whole matter-, grant the women the RIGHT to vote, safeguard that right. Hence, why the Anthony Amendment, the Federal Government in the U. S. Constitution, giving and safeguarding equal suffrage to our American womanhood is absolutely JUST and RIGHT, and why it would be UNFAIR between States for each State to solely pass upon and act independently on a great vital national matter which all the States act upon, to wit: Electing a national President and all things bearing on it.

[ Apr 16, 1920 ]

And, Miss Clay, I implore you to see that now is no time for any citizen's advocacy to have even the slightest appearance of WEAKENING our government. In the midst of all the unrest and crime everywhere, surely patriots will see that if you are not making the government STRONGER, you are making it WEAKER. Your State's Route Method of extending Equal Suffrage to women is UNFAIR as between State and State, since you must see that each State acting independently and without regard to all the other States, ON THE QUESTION OF ALL THE STATES VOTING FOR A PRESIDENT AND ALL THINGS BEARING ON IT, would have the inevitable tendency to make trouble between the States, and therefore WEAKEN the Union!

And with great respect I beg the liberty of repeating that it is easy to always be on the side of the Strengtheners of the Government, and at the same time be safeguarding full democratic freedom to all our Local Units of Government. Just observe this: If it be a matter on which only the local people act, then reserve that matter wholly for the local governments. While if it be a matter on which the people of ALL the States act, ~~then~~ or which vitally effects all,— as for instance Inter-State Commerce, Currency, Internal Improvements, Conservation, Post Office Department, and Voting for a National President and all things bearing on it, then reserve these matters absolutely for the Federal Government, and become a Strengtheners of The Union!

Pray accept my thanks for the honor you do me in sending me your views and asking anything of me. And please allow me to present myself as—

Your Very Humble and Obedient Servant,

Noel Gaines.

*I shall be so  
glad to hear from  
you further!*

*Noel Gaines*

THE FRANKFORT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,  
(Frankfort, the Capital of Kentucky)

Frankfort, Kentucky,  
April, 18th, 1920.

To Constructive Thinkers,  
in The United States.:

This letter introduces Major Noel Gaines of Frankfort Ky, a former Major in service of his country during this great world war just over.

His honorable service in the Philippines during the Spanish-American war, has also received special commendatory citation from the War Department, as well as certain meritorious acts while Chief of The Secret Police in the Philippine war, have been widely exploited in large daily newspapers.

True to tradition, and being a Kentuckian, as well as a great-grand-son of the famous Colonial Breacher in these parts, Reverend Silas H. Noel, whose eloquence stirred thousands of souls, Major Noel Gaines has inherited those oratorical qualities and traits, which stamp him as a most successful and forceful platform speaker. The writer has heard him lecture on "The Stars & Stripes" in the Hall of Representatives of Kentucky and in the presence of Governor Edwin P. Morrow and other distinguished citizens, including State Officers, and has no hesitation in recommending this patriotic oration to all bodies of constructive thinkers in this country.

Major Gaines also has a lecture of intense interest, "My Capture of a False Christ"; "The Stuff Men Are Made Of"; "The War-Breaker"; and "The Stigmata", and "The Only Way To Stop Crime", "Strengtheners & Weakeners of The Govt".

Any of these lectures, I firmly believe, are needed in these times of social and political unrest.

Cordially,

L. S. JOHNSON

Secretary-Manager  
FRANKFORT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.



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Richmond Kentucky  
April 20<sup>th</sup> 1920

Senator or Hon. Mr. \_\_\_\_\_

My dear Sir:

I have worked for more than forty years to obtain the ballot for women. But notwithstanding this fact, I now write to you, as I shall to every other member of the Louisiana Legislature, to say that I think that you ought not to vote for the ratification of the proposed Women Suffrage Amendment of our Federal Constitution.

I think this, because you have taken an oath to uphold and maintain the Constitution of Louisiana, and the ratification of the proposed Women Suffrage Amendment of our Federal Constitution would overturn that provision of the Louisiana Constitution which confines the right to vote for State officers to men, and make it confer this right upon women.

The people of Louisiana possess a moral and legal right to alter the Constitution of that State so as to make it confer a right to vote for State officers upon women, and I hope that they will exercise this right in the near future.

Most Respectfully

189 N.Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Apr.23rd, 1920.

My dear Mrs.Obenchain,

It was very livelyn pleasure that I received your letter a few days ago. You have only received a well merited acknowledgement of valuable service in the Certificate you have gotten. I feel gratified that you connect me with it in any way. Without a receptive spirit on your part, Mrs.Farmer and I might have labored in vain. I got a letter from her a few days ago, in a handwriting as firm as that of a young women, though she mentioned that April 8th was her 85th birthday. She is living now in St.Paul, Minn., as she goes regularly to the Old Capitol, where the suffragists have been permitted to have an office, and she does certain publicity work for the suffragists, which keeps her employed about those things she loves the best. She has been a widow for several years; but she feels that she is not separated in heart and sympathy from her life partner, and it makes her happy to think that what she is doing was what he would have loved to have her do. She had a serious accident, by being run over by a motor truck, but at the time of writing she felt fully recovered from it.

I note what you say about disapproving the way suffrage is being pushed by the Anthony amendment. If it were not for my faith in the ruling of all things by Divine wisdom my heart would be broken to find that my life work has helped to make it possible that such a blow seems probable to the rights of states as is embodied in that amendment. My prayer day and night is that God may yet deliver us from it.

I believe Mrs.Meredith is entirely wrong in thinking that gratitude will in any appreciable way affect women's vote. In the first place, many women will be like myself,-thinking it the greatest national misfortune that could have been wrought, beacuse it destreys our dual form of government, of which the sovereign rights of states is an integral part.And also, because the woman suffrage cause was practically won in 1916 when all parties

it. We owe nothing to this clamor for the Anthony amendment. In my opinion it has been a mere political propaganda, in the hopes of winning the votes of women in the next presidential contest. If we can tide over this one election I believe the people would return to saner political views on sacrificing one of the fundamental principles of our government for the purpose of saving women the labor of carrying on state campaigns. If we could convince politicians that they were not going to gain an immediate party advantage, they would soon see the price the country is paying for this mad bid for the votes of women for one election. It is on this idea I am working as far as I can. We have just formed a Democratic Women's Club here; and I wish you would not the first plank in its short platform, in which the women thank all parties, because, the granting of Presidential suffrage is attributed to the national platforms of 1916, and not to party activity in ratifying that hideous Anthony amendment.

I am very sorry to hear that Margery's health is not good. Now that her condition has been discovered I trust that means will be found to restore her to health. I am glad to tell you that my health is quite good. Some years ago I had Grippe, and I feel off very noticeably; but now I feel quite in normal health.

As I know you are interested in everything from Ky. I am sending you a whole budget of news in clippings. I want you to notice that in our Diocese women have at last obtained the right to be elected to the Diocesan Council

I send an account of our presidential suffrage bill, and of our Democratic Club. And I am enclosing a full account of the healing Mission of Mr. Hickson, and of the action of the Church on it. Several wonderful cures are well authenticated here. I am enclosing two of his little books. I am sending all of these articles under this cover, because I think they will reach you more certainly.

All of my sisters are well, and will love to hear from you when I see