

Call to the Final Meeting of the Federal
Suffrage Association of the United States,
to be Held on January 29th, 1921.

Dear Friends and Members of the Federal Suffrage Association,
We have passed through many and varied experiences since the
founding of our association in 1892. We were led to organize a
new society by the fact that Mrs. Virginia Minor had failed in her
appeal to the Supreme Court, that body holding that the United
States had no voters, and also by the fact that since the union
of the National Association with the American ~~the~~ policies of the
latter seemed to dominate, and their policy had always been that
we must work in the states instead of trying to influence Congress.

At that time we were all thinking of the great World's Fair at
Chicago. I intended to spend my entire time at the Fair where I
could see the people and get members for our association. We
were organized in May, 1892 and the numbers of prominent people
from all parts of the United States who expressed an interest in
our work and a readiness to join the society gave us much encour-
agement. This was just before the great Republican convention
in Minneapolis. Mrs. S. M. C. Perkins of Cleveland went to the
convention with me and we presented a memorial asking the con-
vention to take some action in regard to Woman Suffrage. We
were well received and succeeded in getting recognition for our
memorial. After that Mrs. Perkins and I went on a tour of speak-
ing and organizing through northern Indiana. All this seemed to
promise much but alas! our work received an unexpected blow in
the sudden death of my husband and the sickness of my mother,

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which kept me at home and all that I could do during the Fair was to secure a section in one of the World's Congresses and to arrange two sessions, one in the afternoon, the other in the evening. But my mother's sickness continued and prevented me from leaving home, and limited my efforts to writing and presenting appeals to the great national conventions of the Republican and Democratic parties.

But in the spring of 1902 my mother having died I went to Washington, where I met Mrs. Clara B. Colby who proposed an entire reorganization of our society. From that time Mrs. Colby devoted her energies and her time to this work. She obtained hearings at every session of Congress. These hearings were well attended and created a very great interest in the cause. Among the most important of these was the one in 1904, at which so much interest was shown that the committee asked her to return the next day and explain the subject more fully. Another important hearing was in 1913, when we had the largest hall which is used for hearings filled with people and many who could not find room in the hall stood in the corridor.

Immediately after the hearing of 1913, as there seemed to be no interest in securing the amendment to the constitution providing for the enfranchisement of women, our executive committee decided to present a bill for such an amendment in Congress. This bill was drawn by Mrs. Clara MacNaughton and presented by Senator Chamberlain of Oregon at the next special session. It was called Joint Resolution Number One.

Our society was represented at the Gettysburg celebration by Mrs. MacNaughton and Mrs. Anna Harmon who spent a week in circulating petitions and doing other propaganda work.

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But perhaps the most important work done by this society was the Woman's Congress held in connection with the Panama Exposition in San Francisco. The Congress was arranged by Clara B. Colby. The speakers were Rev. Olympia Brown, Mrs. Ida Husted Harper, Mrs. Adelaide Johnson, Miss Alice Park, Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe Watson, and others.

In September, 1916, Mrs. Colby died. Had she lived, she would have taken an active part in the great enterprises which have opened up to women and where she would have made her influence felt. But she was not permitted to see the victory which crowned her work.

And now we shall meet for our final gathering without any word from her. We shall rejoice in the victories that have been achieved. We shall think of the many things we have done and many things which we might have done. We have advocated woman suffrage during a period when it seemed to be neglected by others. We have kept the flag flying. And now when I invite you to this final meeting you will come as full-fledged citizens to celebrate the greatest victory for liberty that has ever been achieved. Come to the parlors of the Ebbitt House, Washington, D. C., for a short business meeting at half-past three on January twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and twenty one. An evening meeting and reception will be held at the same place at eight o'clock. Eminent speakers will address the meeting and we hope to hear from all who have assisted us in the hearings in the years past.

Olympia Brown,

President of the Federal Suffrage
Association of the United States.

Old Capitol,

Saint Paul, Minn.

Feb - 23 - 1921

Dear Miss Clay:

You are not forgotten although I have not written. There is a matter that I am anxious to have made public - it is - There has never been made public the date of the organization of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, and the few officers who organized.

You and I with 4 others their names I have, but at that time was quite intimate with them. You arranged for the Constitution which we signed - and all went to the National Convention which met at the Masonic Temple Cincinnati

I want the full record of these particular affairs with so few to send to The Citizen. It should be made known, because there were so few us, but we attended the National Convention the next year and had representation in the Convention in voting for Mrs Stanton's President, Susan B. Vice Pres - for one year, then we had Aunt Susan until she left us. The dates I want - if you will kindly give them to me. I had them all but I cannot find them here.

I am busy, come every day to the Old Capitol - I have been twice to the Legislature, and to some of the club meetings. My heart is full,

and I am grateful that I can get down here. I so often think of the short meeting we had in St. Paul - How glad of you to come to see me. We have moved into our new Home farther out of town, but in a beautiful place.

I belong to 4 clubs, and try to attend some meetings. The Civic League, (Welfare League) meet every Tuesday with luncheon and give speakers, Women's Patriotic Instructions meet once a month and Americanization Work will be 86 on 4 April - I shall go when the Lord sees fit to take me. Give my love to your sisters, and Bushes for your dear self - Ever lovingly
Your dear friend,
Eugenia B. Thomas.

C O P Y

April 8th, 1921.

Mr. Desha Breckinridge, Editor,
The Lexington Herald,
Lexington, Kentucky-

Dear Sir:

Your letter of March 15th, which appeared in the Herald, must prove our justification, if one there be, for this effort "to make patent to the State the difficulties with which we are burdened", and "the objects for which we strive". It may be that we have written too much; but, saying anything, we have been unable to find a way to say less.

Prior to the campaign of 1919 partisan politics had brought the public institutions of the State, and the care of their inmates to a condition that was a disgrace and^a scandal to the Commonwealth. The campaign addressed itself in large part to a discussion of them.

The Legislature of 1920 sought to reach the heart of the trouble by providing for the appointment of a bi- and non-partisan Board of eight members, the State Board of Charities and Corrections, without salaries and without patronage, except in the selection of a Commissioner of Public Institutions, a Receiver at each institution and approval of the appointment of the administrative head of each institution by the Commissioner. The law distinctly prohibits any member of the Board from recommending or asking for the appointment of any person to any position in these institutions. It places full responsibility and complete authority in the hands of each superintendent in the selection of his officers and employes; and each Superintendent is held responsible to the Board for the proper discharge of that responsibility.

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Commonwealth of Kentucky
State Board of Charities and Corrections
Frankfort

May 16th, 1921.

Miss Laura Clay,
187 North Mill Street,
Lexington, Kentucky.

Dear Miss Clay:-

Referring to my conversation with you recently, I enclose herewith copy of letter of the Board, addressed to Mr. Desha Breckinridge, Editor, The Lexington Herald.

Very truly yours,

J. P. Byers
Commissioner of Public Institutions.

THE WOMAN'S LEADER

AND
THE COMMON CAUSE.

Editor:
MRS. OLIVER STRACHEY.

62, OXFORD STREET, W. 1.
TEL.: MUSEUM, 2702.

May 1921.

Dear Madam,

I am writing to you as a Member of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance to suggest to you that it would be useful in your work if you took in this paper, the *Woman's Leader*, a copy of which I enclose.

Its object is to promote all those reforms and causes which are especially important to women, and it is strictly non-party in character. It publishes every week an article on some aspect of the position of women in other lands, and it should be, I think, a useful medium for the interchange of helpful information. Its usefulness of course increases with its circulation and I should be very glad indeed to send specimen copies to any clubs or colleges or to any persons whom you might suggest to me as likely to be interested in its contents. It is also an excellent advertising medium in this country and might well prove useful for advertisements of schools wanting English pupils, or teachers or other University women wanting posts in Great Britain.

For all these reasons I believe the paper is worth your while to take in: and from the point of view of the paper, you are just exactly the kind of reader whom we wish to reach. I hope you will at least try it for three months, and I enclose a subscription form.

Yours truly,

R. S. Steady

My Dear Miss Laura:-

I am writing with a badly crippled
pled arm, so please make
allowance - I desire to ask if
you will speak to me of your ter-
rible work in outtrage & your go-
touching on any line which means
history to my Dept. You will
be the only speaker at the after-
noon - I do not wish to afford a
time limit or any other un-
sarily respectful & loved. Three quarters
of an hour has been the usual time
but I do not want you to conform to that

The date will be Jan'y 25th.

May I hope to hear favorably from you on this subject. Choose what you wish, I know it will never fail to interest.

Mrs Henry was so glad you were coming to speak at the ad-
dapt ~~with~~ ~~her~~ ~~report~~

Minnie Buford Still Harris

Peruville Ky. Accepted Oct 15th
Oct 6th 1921.

VERSAILLES
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630PM



Miss Laura Clay,
189 - St. Mills St.,
Lexington, Ky.
Ky.

From Mrs Gordon Harris
Parsailles,
Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Waller Bennett
announce the marriage of their daughter

Helen Rollins

to

Mr. Thomas Baldwin Brittain

Ensign, United States Navy

on Saturday, the fifteenth of October

One thousand, nine hundred and twenty-one

at Richmond, Kentucky

189 W. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Nov. 26th, 1921.

My dear Miss Lloyd,

On receiving your letters yesterday I made a search for the leaflets I enclose, but did not find them until this morning; and so I send them to Frankfort, as requested if I found them too late to reach Maysville by Monday.

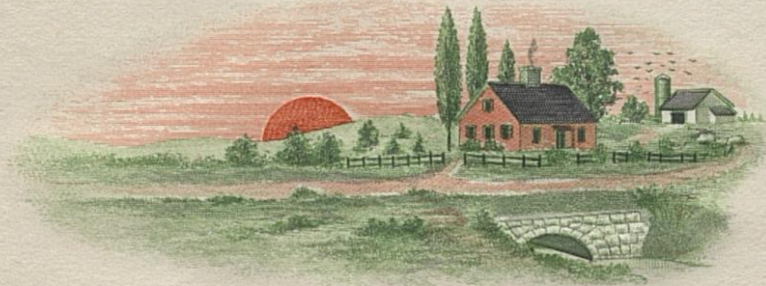
In reply to your question who wrote this leaflet- the idea of doing so was Mrs. Josephine K. Henry's. She prepared the first edition; and then each successive legislative year, when the Asso. had some new victory to record, a new edition was prepared by adding to what had been written before. The last edition was printed in 1913. After I ceased to be president of the Asso. I think no other edition was printed.

About the financial matter of which you wrote me:- I am not a member of the League of Women Voters, and in fact I am not in sympathy with their mode of action. Now that we have the same voting power to affect legislation as men I believe that women should join with men for improved legislation, and not erect any division between the interests of the sexes. For these reasons I do not care to contribute to their legislative work.

I have never seen the bill for which you are working. I have always hoped that when the Age of Protection law was again brought up that protection would be asked for boys of immature years as well as girls. I think it is youth which should be protected, and not sex; and I hear some mothers say that they think boys ~~need~~ need the protection of law as well as girls.

I shall be very glad to see you when you are in Lexington, and to you extract what information you desire from my files of reports.

If I can be of any service to you niece it will give me great pleasure to render it. Very cordially your friend,



MAY THE END OF
A PERFECT DAY BE YOURS
WHEN THE EVENING
STARS APPEAR
AND MAY EVERY DAY
BE A PERFECT DAY
TO THE END
OF A PERFECT YEAR

MR. AND MRS. GEO. WESLEY SMITH

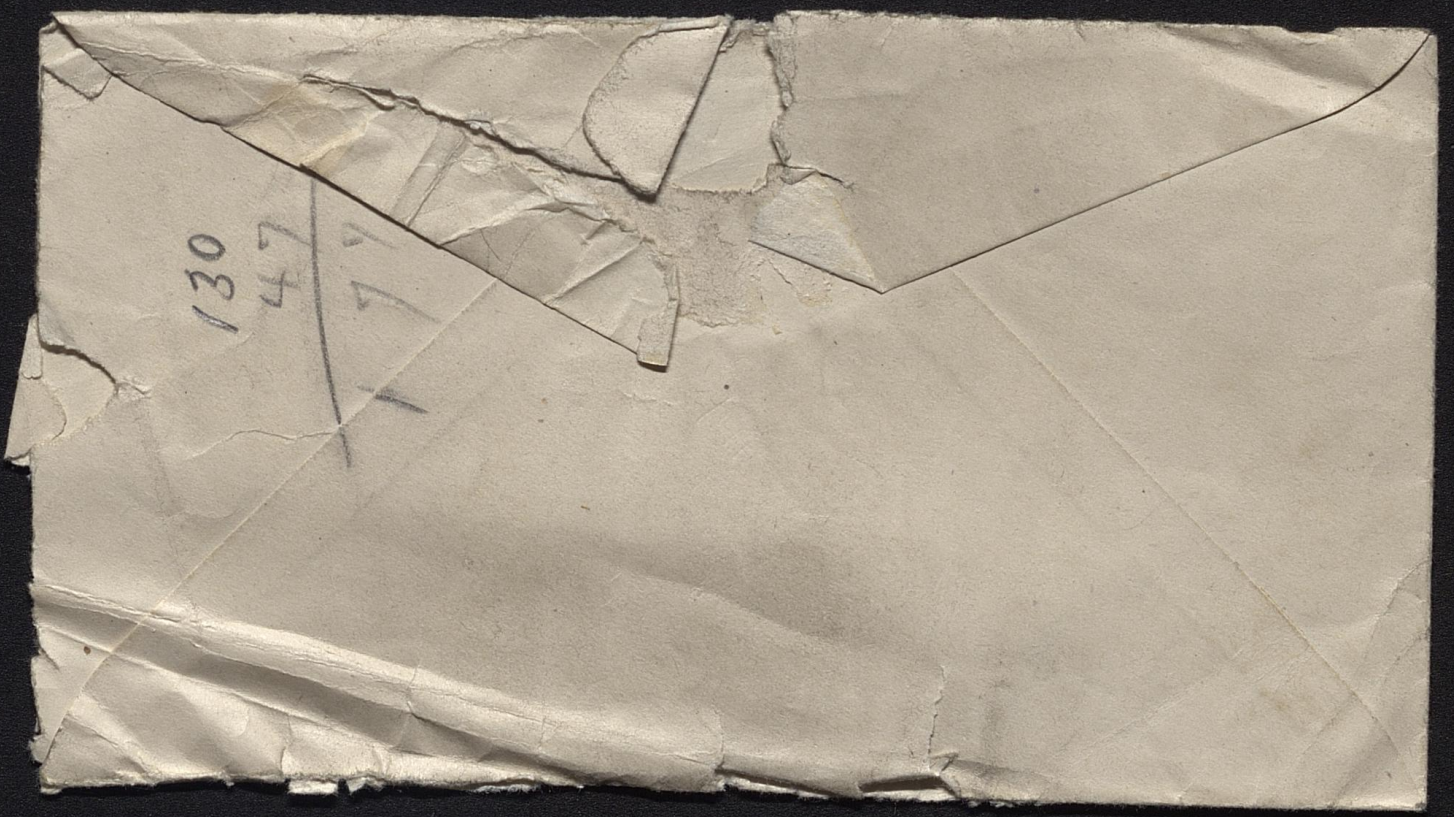
Dec 24, 1921

J. W. WILSON
GENERAL MERCHANT
RICHMOND. KY.



Miss Louisa May
Richmond
Ky

o/a
Mrs James Bennett



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