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Dear Miss Lanna

I am sending you this letter
which is plain, short
and I feel
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812 3rd St. - Louisville Ky. Jan. 1 1922

My dear Mrs. Reed:

I hope this bright New Year day finds you enjoying health and all the best blessings of life.

I have been so engrossed with work and plans for the Age of Consent bill that until today I have done nothing to try to find money to carry out the plan. Since Nov. 15 I have written 270 letters and numerous newspaper articles in behalf of the bill and other matters of concern to the Federation and women's work. I can give myself and my time for this work as I have done for some years; but along that is all I have to give.

As you know in 1918 friends of the Supreme Court of Belmont Bill furnished the \$385 spent in behalf of that bill, which was passed.

In 1920 I worked as hard on the Age of Consent Bill that I did not have time to try to get money from old friends, with few exceptions, so I myself furnished \$217.23 of the \$318.23 that it cost. The bill did not pass. It was in fact session; but it did reach the second reading in both houses and had warm friends. It has earned attention in this Legislature. The prospect for passing it is good.

But I have no surplus. It takes all of my meager income to meet the necessary expenses of family living. And I can not feel justified in adding further to the debt I already owe because of what I spent for this bill in 1920. But I believe the loyal co-workers who so faithfully stood by me in the past will do the same at this time.

Can you help to the extent of \$5 as you did in 1918
and 1920 or do you wish this time to make it \$10.
Whatever you do will be most appreciated.

The Federation has arranged to pay for printing, typing,
and postage, which is a tremendous relief; but literature
and bills alone will not pass a bill. It takes personal
work to select men to introduce the bill in both houses,
to keep vigilantly after them to push the bill, to arrange
committee ^{hearings} meetings, to present unamalgamating amendments, to
answer questions and objections and to be ready for emergencies.

I believe it will take \$125 to meet the necessary expenses
of work at Frankfurt and similar expenses. Do you think
Miss Laura Clay would give as much as \$10? She has had
much experience in trying to do work for the general good.
She knows how much it costs and how hard it is to get
money. Fortunately, however, she always had an income.

Soon I shall send you copies of some literature
I am preparing in support of the bill. It would have
been ready for distribution now, but for unforeseen
circumstances.

Please let me hear from you at your earliest
convenience that I may go forward with this work
with hope and confidence.

Sincerely yours,

Alice Lloyd, Chairman
Social Hygiene Committee

Please have yourself in readiness to be present at the committee
hearing. The more suspicious we look, the better for the bill.

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January 3, 1922.

Miss Laura Clay
189 N. Mill St.
Lexington, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay:—

You will surely be interested in this news--even though it may not be entirely news to you. The Alliance has an excellent chance of giving the final successful push to a political trend that has lately begun to swing both France and Italy toward progressive legislation for Woman Suffrage. The activities and the prospects of our work have never been more vital and more promising.

The English women are fully alive to the opportunities, and in spite of a fearful burden of taxation, which makes our own seem trifling by comparison, they are backing the Alliance splendidly. At Geneva we raised money enough to carry us on for two years, but at the later Board Meeting it was decided--owing to the great difficulties of meeting next summer--that the next Congress would have to be postponed until 1923. This means that we have to run three years instead of two. Four thousand dollars additional is absolutely necessary, and a further five thousand is urgently needed to expand sufficiently to meet certain pressing needs for enfranchising women.

What this means to all of us naturally needs no emphasis. It is what we are organized for, and we will surely see it through. The enclosed slip is only a reminder of your unpaid dues for 1921. The failure to pay them was of course only an oversight,--but in addition to the dues won't you add an independent subscription to the fund? I don't want to seem unmindful of the present financial pressure, but the future of Europe calls to women appealingly, and I earnestly look forward to your generous help.

Sincerely yours,

A. Dexter McCormick

(Mrs. Stanley McCormick)

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January 18, 1922.

Miss Laura Clay,
189 North Mill St.,
Lexington, Ky.,

My dear Miss Clay:

Yours of the 16th duly at hand.

In regard to Senate Bill No.7,
beg to advise you that the same has been
reported out of Committee and I shall be
very glad to comply with your request in
supporting and urging the adoption of the
same.

Sincerely yours,

B-B

Newton Bright

General Assembly of State of Kentucky

House of Representatives



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Frankfort, Ky.

January 18, 1922.

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

My dear Miss Clay:

I am this day in receipt of your letter with reference to House Bill No. 13. You may rest assured that any measure in which you and the other good women of the State are interested will receive my earnest consideration.

Trusting that you will feel free to call on me at any time I can serve you, I remain

Most sincerely yours,

Harry B. Miller

RY B. MILLER, REPRESENTATIVE
CITY OF LEXINGTON
FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY



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

Miss Laura Taylor,
Richmond, Ky.

Dear Cousin

I wrote a
long letter for you & mailed
it to your address in Lex-
ington, Ky. but I am in
doubt as to whether you
are staying in Lex. or not.
So I am about to send it to
Richmond, Ky. Are you still
living? I hope you are.
Hope you are well.

With kind regards,

Your aff. Cousin
P. P. Lawrence

1000 N. Palafix St.
Tomball, Tex.
Jan 31 1922.

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Mrs Laura Clay,
189 N. Mill
~~Richmond~~, Lexington
Ky - Ky



Not delivered in 5 days
Return to Lawrence
1000 N. Palafox St
Pensacola
Fla

189 N. Mill Street, Lexington, Ky.

Febr. 11th, 1922.

Mr. James Church,

Richmond, Ky.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to ask you to please settle up for the corn you bought from me, as I must close up my accounts for the last year. Perhaps you have put the money in the bank for me; but as the bank does not send me any notice unless asked to do so, will you please let me hear from you about it.

I shall have my pastures to rent; and if you hear of any one needing pastures, please refer them to me.

Respectfully yours,

February 15, 1922.

Miss Laura Clay,
City.

Dear Miss Clay:-

I have photographed all the portraits that Mr. Allan Swisher has recently made in Lexington. Yours is among them.

I am enclosing a proof of the negative and if you desire any of the prints, I will be glad to make them for you. Will make any number at the rate of \$4 per dozen.

yours very truly,

J. Clifton Wesselman
367 Walnut St.
Lexington, Ky.

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367 Walnut St.
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Miss Laura Clay
189 N. Mill St.
Lexington
Ky.

Library - State House, Frankfort, Ky.
Friday - March 10 - 1922

My dear Miss Laura:

I was exceedingly glad to receive your special delivery letter yesterday telling me what Mr. Hamilton had written to you with respect to the Age of Consent Bill.

I have always understood that Mr. Hamilton was for the bill with an amendment which we can not accept. I hope he means in his statement to you that he is for the bill as its proponents wish it to pass.

So far as I can see or hear the opposition has ceased activity. I think there will not be very few votes against the bill - those who oppose it will not vote. Nor am I expecting any amendments except such as our friends will offer.

The danger is of not reaching the bill in the House in time when the Senate comes. The bill has many friends who wish an opportunity to vote for it. But six members of the House Rules Committee may be sworn in among the original opponents of the bill. They may hold it back until it is too late when the Senate comes. However, I expect the bill to pass as herewith enclosed. Sunday night Feb 7 I finished the last extra work that I could do for the bill. I have worked on it every day since Jan. 2 until Feb. 7. Yesterday, today and from now on I have only and can only try to keep from losing ground and keep the Rules Committee reminded that we are anxiously watching for their report of the bill.

I am sure I shall see you before I return to

Frankfort, Ky., March 3, 1922.

To Each Member of the Commonwealth's Attorneys' Association:

Dear Sir:

Since writing you on February 8, other amendments to Senate Bill No. 7 have been suggested which, we think, will strengthen the bill in the House and make the law more easily enforceable when it is enacted.

You will note the grading of penalties in (2) and (3) and the provision in (6).

We believe the reason for and justice in (2), (3) and (6) are readily apparent.

The advantage of the greater flexibility in this proposed law over the rigid law we are seeking to amend will make strong appeal to those who have occasion to know how these cases vary as to the respective ages of the plaintiff and the defendant, and therefore as to the enormity of the offense.

We feel sure that you join us in the hope that the session will not close without amending our present rigid and difficult-to-be-enforced law on this subject.

We therefore hope that you will at this moment bring to bear the power of your influence to secure the passage of this bill, which is now in the Orders of the Day in the House.

Please immediatly upon receiving this, wire each of your Representatives to vote for the Age of Consent Bill as amended by its proponents.

Then, please, write at once to each of them enclosing a copy of the bill with the proposed amendments so that there may be no doubt as to the exact bill that you and we are supporting. We are enclosing three copies of the bill amended as indicated.

You are aware that the original bill passed the Senate January 20 by a vote of twenty-seven for to none against. We are assured that there will be no difficulty in having the Senate concur in the amendments.

We are enclosing a copy of our last appeal to the members of the House.

We feel sure that you will greatly aid our efforts and that together we shall secure a law that will not soon need further amendment. **Please act at once. The Bill may come up at any time.**

Very Truly yours,

Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs,
MRS. KATE G. SEMPLE,
Chairman of Legislation.

Kentucky League of Women Voters,
MRS. BENJ. W. BAYLESS,
Chairman of Legislation.

Joint Committee on Social Hygiene,
ALICE LLOYD, *Chairman.*

The enactment of this bill into a law would complete a task begun by the Kentucky Equal Rights Association in the Autumn of 1893.

189 N. Mill, Lexington, Ky.
March 6th, 1922.

Hon. Arch Se. Hamilton,
Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Sir,

After your successful efforts for the passage of the Constitutional Amendment Bill which I desired, I realize that I have received my share of your legislative attention.

But I feel such a deep interest in Senate Bill No. 7, called the Age of Consent Bill, and now in the Orders of the Day in the House, that I am writing to beg of you to give it your favorable consideration and your vote.

In my judgment there never

was a time ⁽¹⁾ in our history when
wise legislation was so much
needed as it is now to maintain
the standard of social morality
to which our civilization has
attained. Vast numbers of
young girls are thrown by
industrial conditions into ex-
posed situations practically
unknown to preceding generations.
A change in the public viewpoint
of the sex morality of men must
be effected to enable young
women in these days to maintain
the ideals now thought to be firm-
ly established; for women cannot
maintain them alone nor unless
the standard for men is elevated.
I believe the new feature of
including boys within the

protection of the statute is its
⁽³⁾ most valuable advance step,
not only for its protection to
boys in their years of immaturity,
but for its educational effect
in teaching the value to society
of sex integrity in both sexes.
I believe that your support of
this bill would enhance the
respect of our people for your
legislative ability, which is already
so highly esteemed. The bill, as I
judge it, is progressive and construc-
tive, and is in keeping with
sound Democratic principles.

I am, with great respect,
Very sincerely yours,
Leaura Clay.

My Dear Miss Clay

I am most certainly
for this time and will do
what I can for it—
Arch—

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Protestant Episcopal Church

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Miss Laura Clay,
187 North Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay:

You, of course, know of the Conference of Mountain Workers which has been held for the last seven or eight years, generally in Knoxville, Tennessee. We have always been represented at this Conference by some of our Mountain Workers but feel that more should be able to avail themselves of the privilege of meeting nearly two hundred of the workers in the southern Appalachian region, coming from all parts of the mountain district.

In consultation with the various departments of the Presiding Bishop and Council it has been felt that it would be helpful to hold a one day institute in connection with the next Conference of Mountain Workers, which is to be held this year from April 4th to 6th, in Knoxville, Tennessee.

We are planning to hold this Institute on Tuesday April 4th. The regular Conference opens Tuesday night, and continues through Thursday afternoon. We very much hope that it will be possible for you to attend both this Institute and the Conference of Mountain Workers. Please arrange, if possible, to reach Knoxville on Monday night that we may get acquainted and all be on hand early Tuesday morning for our Institute.

If this Institute is successful we should like to continue it next year and take up various subjects. This year, by way of experiment, it seems wise to limit the discussion to such social service problems as you have met in your work. In order that the Institute may be a practical help to you please send us suggestions of such topics as you wish discussed. The more practical these topics are and the nearer they come to actual problems met with in the field, the more helpful the discussion will be.

It is expected that Mrs. John M. Glenn will be there to represent the Church Mission of Help and I am planning to be present both for our Institute and for the larger Conference.

Will you let me know whether it will be possible for you to attend this conference, and at the same time send us such suggestions for making up of the program as you think wise.

Faithfully yours,

Charles N. Lathrop
Executive Secretary

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Dear Alliance Member:—

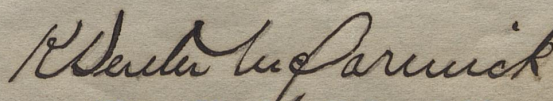
Mrs. Kate Trounson, Executive Secretary of the Alliance, has definitely arranged to come over from London and take part in the Pan-American Conference at the Convention of the National League of Women Voters which will be held in Baltimore next month. Her presence will be a valuable addition and reenforcement to this Conference which has such promise in relation to the World-peace work of the League.

One needs only to remember Mrs. Catt's intense interest in the movement toward world peace to realize how earnestly she will be forwarding any progress that is made. Her work as President of the International must cease, apparently, after 1923, because she feels that she cannot carry the burden after the next Congress. I believe therefore that you will concur with hearty sympathy in my feeling that we should make her feel now the loyal and stimulating cooperation of the whole American membership on which she always so confidently relies.

It is important that when Mrs. Catt and Mrs. Trounson go into conference the entire membership-and-dues situation should be in order. Won't you send in the dues as noted on the attached slip? And if you feel like adding a special donation toward the European work, I know it will have her sincere appreciation, as it will mine.

With heartiest thanks, in anticipation, for your courtesy,
I am

Very sincerely yours,



(Mrs. Stanley McCormick)
Treasurer

My dear Miss Blay —

I hope I'm not
imposing too much
when I ask so
busy a woman as
I know ^{you} to be
to read the literature
I'm enclosing. I
believe you to be
so fair-minded
~~that~~ I feel
sure if you do

read this and
Sir Phillip Gibbs'
book "more that
must be told", or
any other fair account
of Ireland's relationship
with England, even
England's side of it,
you will not continue
to believe as you
said the other day
that "Ireland would

be better off as an
integral part of
a great empire
than as a republic
trying to maintain
her national existence
~~against~~ among the
old world powers"
Queer doctrine,
that, I think from
a day.

Ireland could not
be any worse off

that she's been for
the last four hundred
years, even under the
Guano or the Purkes —
her women and children
have been actually sold
into slavery by the English,
which you'll learn if you
read the history, than which
it seems to me there can be
no lower thing for one nation
to do to another.

However, I believe ^{under}
this arrangement of
a free state within
the British Empire

and a good many
liberties ~~with~~ ^{which} she has
never had before, altho
there are a great many
withheld from her yet,
Ireland will take her
place among the nations
of the world and
be once more
a seat of learning
piety and culture.

I think under the
circumstances ^{Ireland's progress} of
the war as related

by Phillip Gibbs Esq. and
has ~~not~~ no right of
any kind to ask Ireland
to share so large a
part of the Empire's
indebtedness.

Apologizing for taking
so much of your time

Remain

Respectfully

Mrs. Martin O. Kelly

646 E. High St
Cincy

March 17-1922.

110 East High Street - Saturday - March 18 - 1922 -

My dear Miss Luera:

I have only one official copy of Senate Bill 7 - the Age of Consent Bill, but I am sending you ten copies which though not official contain just the same matter - I enclose also a copy of the amendment which the bill was passed -

I have indicated where in it differs from our amendments and where in it is faulty; but the best lawyer will me it will not injure the bill and that the mistake can be corrected before the next issue of the Statute is completed.

You can have copies of the amendment made if you wish to send it to friends - I shall be in Lexington on Tuesday evening & hope to see you again -

Sincerely yours,
Alice Lloyd

KILL THE AMENDMENT OR KILL THE BILL.

To the Members of the 1922 Session of The General Assembly of Kentucky:

Tuesday, January 24th, the House Committee on Criminal Law held a hearing on the Age of Consent Bill. The following representative citizens appeared to speak for the bill: Mrs. A. M. Harrison, representing the Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs; Mr. Geo. L. Sehon, representing the Kentucky Children's Home Society; Dean Robt. K. Massie, Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington; Dr. A. T. McCormack, State Board of Health; Dr. M. P. Bush, Secretary Churchmen's Federation, Louisville; Dr. A. V. Ward, Centenary M. E. Church, Lexington; Capt. Henry I. Fox, Field Representative United States Interdepartmental Social Hygiene Board.

A goodly number of the best women representing the Federation of Women's Clubs, the League of Women Voters and the Kentucky War Mothers, and representative men attended the hearing. After listening attentively to the convincing speeches the Committee went into Executive Session, and when it adjourned, the friends of the bill were told by Mrs. Flannery and Mr. Harry Miller, both members of the Committee, that the Committee had voted unanimously to report the bill favorably. The friends of the bill separated feeling that they had done a satisfactory day's work.

About 7 o'clock in the evening rumors were heard of an amendment. At 9:30 Wednesday morning, the youngest member of the House Committee on Criminal Law, a young man twenty-six years of age, was busily securing signatures of the members of the Committee to an amendment. He secured six signatures, a majority of nine, the number of members of the Committee.

Although this amendment was not made with the Committee sitting together so that it might be discussed, and although no friend of the bill was given opportunity to consider the amendment, and although Mrs. Flannery, a member of the Committee knew nothing of it, she sat in her seat on the floor of the House Wednesday morning and with amazement heard the bill reported with the following emasculating amendment:

"The provisions of this Act shall not apply when the prosecuting witness is of lewd character. Provided further, that any witness testifying as to the character of the prosecuting witness shall not incriminate himself thereby and subject himself to the provisions of the Act."

This means that children, either girls or boys, are not to be protected at any age; that a child of any age may be proven unchaste by suborned testimony, and the witness against the child, though such witness may be swearing that he or she had carnal knowledge of the child, does not incriminate himself when he or she swears away the character of the child, though such witness does prevent the law designed for the child's protection from functioning.

It means that children under the age of eighteen years may be trained up in a career of prostitution and debauchery and the authors of their destruction go unpunished.

It means that we throw on the scrap heap of humanity as so much cast out debris, girls and boys under the age of 18 years who should be protected and rescued.

It means that we develop and train up a prostitute class of children to distribute broadcast Venereal Disease while we pay taxes to support a State Board of Health for the eradication of Venereal Disease.

It means that we feed Venereal Disease with one hand and fight it by taxation with the other—we who have not sufficient money to build roads, and properly equip and maintain our schools and Charitable and Penal Institutions.

By the terms of the present law girls are absolutely protected to the age of 16 years. However imperfectly the law may be enforced, we nevertheless have the law, and it is not entirely inoperative as is shown by our penitentiary records, which were included in a folder recently sent you.

The purpose of the bill is to treat as children all persons within the Juvenile Court Age and to hold older persons responsible for offenses against children.

We must insist that power carries responsibility, and that persons having the powers of citizens have also the responsibility of citizens toward the wards of the State.

To pass the bill with this amendment would remove all protection from all children of whatever age.

If Kentucky is not ready to pass a better Age of Consent Law, let the present law stand until we are sufficiently developed to pass a better one.

The women of Kentucky ask you either to kill the amendment or kill the bill.

SOCIAL HYGIENE COMMITTEE,
KENTUCKY FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS,
KENTUCKY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS.

ALICE LLOYD, *Chairman.*

189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

March 23rd, 1922.

Mrs. K. D. McCormick,

171 Madison Ave., New York.

Dear Mrs. McCormick,

I have received your letter of March 17th in regard to dues to the International W.S. Association. I enclose my check for \$5 in payment for the same, with apology for the delay. I have not a constitution of the Asso. at hand, if I ever had one; but I had been under the impression that membership ceased when the dues were not paid.

I see from my book that my dues were paid up to Aug. 8th, 1921. So my check pays up to Aug. 1922. Then I wish my membership to cease, as I do not like to be liable for dues.

Very sincerely yours,

Laura Clay

189 N. Hill St., Lexington, Kentucky.

March 27th, 1922.

Rev. Charles N. Lathrop,

281 Fourth Ave., New York.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of March '8th relative to the Conference of Mountain workers is at hand.

I regret that I shall not be able to attend the Conference in Knoxville on April 4-6.

I do not know whether the suggestions I make are in the line of the Conference; but I feel very strongly that if any word of advice could come from the Conference to the workers every where on the subjects mentioned it would be exceedingly timely.

(1) How can the Church best unite law-upholding citizens in requiring the execution of laws already on the statute books against vice and demoralizing features in popular amusements? Some such effort seems to be needed to take the place of efforts for more legislation to correct the evils in moving picture shows and other popular amusements, which if enacted would probably be destined only to add to the ineffectiv laws, irritate the people by ~~interfering with~~ their liberty of self-control and increase the present alarming contempt for all law.

(2) What ought the Church to do more than it is now doing to uphold a single standard of morals for both sexes? The people need more teaching that the Christian ideal does not admit that any virtue is more obligatory upon one sex than it is upon the other, but that each sex should emulate such virtues as may be more characteristic in the other.

Very respectfully yours,

Laura Clay

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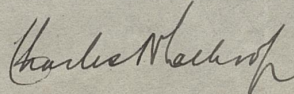
March 29, 1922

Miss Laura Clay,
189 N. Mill St.,
Lexington, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay:

I am sorry that it is impossible for you to be with us at our conference of mountain workers. I shall bring the matters you speak of to the attention of the people meeting there. You are certainly suggesting problems that are not peculiar ^{only} to the mountain people but are characteristic of our people pretty generally throughout the country.

Yours very sincerely,



Executive Secretary

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LEXINGTON, KY.

THE VERY REV. ROBERT K. MASSIE, D. D.,
DEAN

March 29, 1922

Miss Laura Clay,
189 North Mill St.,
Lexington, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay:

I am enclosing to you a copy of
the letters to be sent to the various moving picture
managers.

In case this letter represents your understanding
of the resolution which we passed, you need not do
anything about it and Mr. Gibbons will then sign his
copy in each case and send it on. In case this letter
does not represent what you think we agreed to say,
if you will communicate with Mr. Gibbons at once
there will be time to make any necessary corrections
before the letters are sent out.

Yours faithfully,

Robert K. Massie

Miss Laura Clay

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171 Madison Ave., N. Y.
March 31, 1922.

My dear Miss Clay:

Thank you for your letter of March 23rd, enclosing dues of \$5.00 to August, 1922. I am very sorry to have you say that you wish your membership to cease after that time.

Do you know that the next Congress will be in the spring of 1923? Mrs. Catt is to remain president until then, but after that she will resign. I am trying very hard to keep up the American membership as long as Mrs. Catt is president, for it seems a pity not to back up her work with as strong American support as we can.

Of course the Alliance would have ceased during the war had it not been for the American financial support. I do hope you may see your way to reconsider your decision to withdraw as a member. It would be fine to feel you could continue through 1923.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,

Katherine D. McCormick

(Mrs. Stanley McCormick)

March, 1922

Manager of the Ada Meade Theatre,
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Sir:

The undersigned is Chairman of the Committee on Social Service of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Lexington, which Diocese comprises the eastern half of the State of Kentucky.

The said Committee had a meeting recently and considered various matters for the welfare of Lexington; and I was authorized and directed to write to you as Manager of the Ada Meade Theatre and assure you of our interest in all that pertains to the wholesome entertainment and recreation of our people and particularly of the children of the community. We do not feel that it is out of place to remind you of the tremendous part that the moving picture now plays in the education of children and of the consequent responsibility resting upon those who control the films that are displayed. We are not indulging in any general condemnation of moving pictures, but on the contrary so far as we are able to judge we believe that there has been an improvement in the character of the pictures generally shown in this city in the last twelve months; and we wish to state that it is our firm conviction that while the public will undoubtedly flock to see pictures that are, to say the least, doubtful in their moral fitness for exhibition, yet it is perfectly possible to draw large crowds to see pictures that are wholly free from grossness and immorality.

In conclusion, we would say that while we know there are many difficulties in the way of the individual house in the making of its contracts, yet we firmly believe that that house will in the long-run prosper most that builds up a reputation for showing only pictures of high grade and free from objectionable features; and we desire you further to know that when managers of moving picture shows make an effort in this direction their efforts are appreciated.

March, 1922

Judge W. T. Lafferty, Chairman,
University of Kentucky,
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Sir:

The undersigned is Chairman of the Committee on Social Service of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Lexington; and at a meeting of the said Committee yesterday we were informed that you are Chairman of a Committee of Citizens of Lexington having as its purpose to bring about more respect for law and a better enforcement of the law in this city.

The aforesaid Committee on Social Service by resolution desired me to express their commendation of the purpose of the Committee of Citizens for the enforcement of Law, and especially would they direct the attention of your Committee to the matter of Moving Pictures and the great importance that such pictures should at least not have a tendency to encourage lawlessness and low ideals of morals.

If there is any way in which our Committee may strengthen the hands of your organization we hope you will let us know.

Yours very truly,



Miss Laura Clay
189 N. Mill St.
Lexington

189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Kentucky.

April 15th, 1922.

Mr. R. Warren Frazer,

Lexington, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

I am writing to remind you that your lease on 191 N. Mill st., expires on the 1st of May; and to notify you that I cannot renew the lease except with a rise of ten dollars a month on the rent. I have had two raises on my taxes in the last two years, and on Thursday I received a Supervisor's notice that my assessment had been raised heavily again; hence this notice to you. For I cannot meet fairly these successive advances in my taxes without raising my rent accordingly.

I hope you will decide to renew the lease at the advanced price of forty-five dollars a month; as I should regret very much to have you and Mrs. Frazer leave the apartment. But if you decide not to do so, please consider this letter the formal notice of the expiration of the lease without renewal.

Very sincerely yours,

P.S. I enclose an account of the water bills and your part of them.

L.C.

Water Bills from August, 1919 through March, 1922.

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1919.		
Sept. -----	1.50	
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July	1.87	
Aug	1.50	
Sept	1.50	
Oct	1.50	
Nov	.75	
Dec	2.24	18.53
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Jan ----	1.87	
Febr	1.31	
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Apr	1.12	
May	1.68	
June	2.24	
July	2.24	
Aug	1.50	
Sept	1.68	
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\$15.24

Due from Warren Frazer for water from August 1919 to April 1922.

8 West 3rd St. - Mayville, N.Y. April 21-1922-

My dear Miss Laura:

Though the new Age of Consent Law was the one definite result of the work of the Joint Committee on Social Hygiene from October 1921 to May 1922, much was done by way of education, else we should not have had the law, and a broader foundation was laid for future work.

Now is the time for planning future work and I am writing to ask your continued cooperation. Will you not strengthen the Joint Committee by permitting the use of your name? You may realize it and you may not - but you saved the day for the Age of Consent Bill. I came to you one morning about the middle of the session almost ready to quit. If I had not had assistance I should have been forced to quit.

I was lurching in mind, body and state.
You put courage in my heart, strength
in my elbow and money in my purse.
Thus encouraged by you I went back
to Frankfurt ^{and} stayed on the job until
11²⁰ A.M. March 15; the last day of the
Session, when the Senate concurred in the
Dease Amendments.

You do not know what ^{some of} strength it
is to have you to come to for counsel
and guidance. As I said to you this
morning, I can count on my fingers, I
might say the fingers of one hand, all
the women in the State whom I know
who can think - and you are one
of these outstanding thinkers and easily
the leader.

You do not realize how much energy
and desire for activity there is among the

younger women, that need the guidance
and counsel of the women of longer ex-
perience. So I beg of you to help formu-
late a program for this committee that
you can support with your ~~own~~
and influence and if need be with
money as you did this morning.

I am enclosing a folder from which I
think we can select material for a program -
it contains also valuable information concerning
the present laws of Kentucky and suggestions for
needed laws.

As I see it our recommendations might run
something like this:

- Education
1. Education from childhood up in correct
attitudes, ideals, standards, and behavior
in respect to sex in its broadest sense.
 2. Education of adults in the means of
making a wholesome environment.
(most important)

Recreation

Provision for wholesome recreation for the young and for adults in every community.

Law Enforcement

1. Study of existing laws relating to Social Hygiene.
2. Stimulation of interest in the enforcement of existing laws. (Important)
3. Study of the Juvenile Court Law.
4. Better organization of the Juvenile Court especially in countries having no large city. (Very important)

Legislation

Build up a public opinion that will demand:

1. Adequate Federal and State appropriation to promote the cure and prevent the spread of Venereal Disease.

2. A better law against Prostitution
 3. Custodial care of the adult faith-minded
 4. A separate reformatory for delinquent women.
 5. A separate school for delinquent girls
- It would be my wish to specialize in the latter.

We should not let another Legislature ² again
without making appropriation for a separate
school for delinquent girls.

If the Board of Charities and Corrections can
not with its present resources establish and
equip the separate school, then we should
put on such a campaign of education as
will make certain the necessary appropriation
by the 1924 legislature.

If you will refer to page 69 of the 1915-16
Year-Book, you will see that we are
moving on slowly but surely with the pro-
gram there recommended. Each year we
must see that at least one forward step
is taken - I had just returned from
Cennessee, where the Age of Consent is 21
years, when the 1915-report was made
and that is why in that report, I recom-
mended 21 years, as the Age of Consent in

Kentucky. In all subsequent reports
our Committee recommended 18 years.

Please give the matter of a program for
the ensuing year your immediate attention
and let me hear from you, ac-
cording to present ruling, the recommenda-
tions must be in the hands of the Secretary
not later than May 2.

Another point upon which I wish your
advice.

Would it not be a good plan to endeavor
to extend the Joint Committee to include a
representative from all the organizations of
women in the state interested in the subject?

In this way we could reach the greatest
number of groups and individuals and
interest them in carrying out any
program we may adopt.

Hoping to hear from you very soon,

Faithfully yours,
Alice Lloyd

My dear Miss Clay:

There are two
lovely little girls
in N. C. Isabel^{Ed} &
Irene Oakes for
whom I ask writ
my son.

In the years
to come these little

girls will desire to join
the D. A. R.'s, and have
a genealogical history
of their family.

I understand that their
great grand mother
was a kinswoman of
the illustrious Henry
Clay. The name of this

lady was Sarah Rogers.

If you can give me
information, or direct
my research they, ^{and} I will
greatly appreciate your
kindness.

Very cordially

Mrs R. Lee Wright

302 South Fulton St.

April 25, 1922 } Salisbury, N. C.

8 West 3rd St. Mayville, N.Y.

April 26 - 1922.

My dear Miss Linn:

I hope my frequent letters do not annoy you. When we agree upon a program for the coming year we can put until the Autumn - I am enclosing a copy of the Resolutions as I sent it today to the Chairman of resolutions and to the Secretary.

If you wish to suggest modifications they can be made at the Convention, before the Year-Book is printed, or even at the Fall Board Meeting.

I feel considerable hesitancy and delicacy in writing you that Mrs. A. W. Oldham of Dub. Sterling, a member of the Committee, wishes to introduce at the Convention at Stephenville some such resolution or rather motion of approval of

the work of the Chairman in passing
the Age of Consent Bill as was offered
at the Convention of the League of Women Voters.

Since the Education Committee is a much
larger affair than the League Convention,
and since Springfield is in a part
of the State where the whole thing is not
so familiar as it was in Springfield,
if any motion of approval or thanks
is to be made at all, I should like it
to be so worded as to convey some adequate
idea of the importance of the new law.

I believe you have a juster conception
of its value than the vast majority of
persons - who do not think deeply on
any subject.

Will you not then write such a
motion of a line or two and either
send it to me to give to Mrs. Aldham or
send it to her yourself. A proper evalua-
tion of the new law is part of the

education in Social Hygiene
that some of our women need.
This is the reason I am asking you
to make such an evaluation in
words, since Mrs. Aldham in a
letter received today said she wished
to offer some such motion of thanks
or approval.

I am awaiting with much
interest an expression from you con-
cerning the program, and also your
permission to use your name in the
Lemanillee.

Always faithfully your friend,
Alice Doyne.

189 N. Mill St., Lexington, Ky.

Apr. 27th, 1922.

My dear Miss Lloyd,

Your letter of Apr. 21st is at hand.

I think it is very kind of you to write as you have done of the little assistance I was able to give you on the Age of Consent bill. I think it is a great bill, and I am happy to think that I could help to get it in any way.

I thank you for your invitation to join your Committee. This, however I must decline. You knew that the Constitutional Amendment will have to be voted on at the fall elections of 1924. I am hoping that there will be no danger of its not being sustained at the polls; but there is no telling what turn public opinion may take; and those most interested in its success feel that none of us should take upon ourselves other political duties which might withdraw some of our efforts from that campaign, if it should prove necessary to conduct an active one.

I feel very deeply interested in the proposed bill to remove the Girls' Reform School to another location far removed from Greendale. I am sure I shall be glad to do all that I can to help that along, and perhaps some of the others which you mention, though I am not able to promise a public part in them. I have looked over the leaflet you sent me with much interest. I am only afraid the women will be zealous overmuch in trying the power of their new legislative weapons. This view has something to do with what I shall say in response to your query "Would it be a good plan to endeavor to extend the Joint Committee to include ^a representative from all the organizations of women in the State interested in the subject?" I would say No. For each one of these associations has some pet measure of its own which it would expect the whole committee to endorse; and the result would be a large number of bills of varying importance would be endorsed, some much less judicious than others. For instance, I see Mrs.

(Over)

Halleck says the consumers' League will certainly continue to urge the Minimum Wage bill. I admit that I am afraid of the tendency of association to force legislation by their show of organized power, before which our legislators appear to cringe with absolute cowardice, and which the great body of the people are unprepared to defend themselves. It looks as if the time was approaching when our legislatures will simply function to register the orders of self-appointed law-makers, usurping the authority of speaking for the whole people when they only represent a few leading minds of the organizations they have been able to form. Unless I am greatly mistaken, there is here a real danger to which our people must arouse themselves, or our liberties will be filched from us in the name of idealistic laws, which are neither desired or desirable by the great mass of the people.

Thanking you again for your very interesting and kind letter,

I am very cordially yours,

Laura Clay

8 West 3rd St. - Mayville, Ky. April 29 - 1922.

My dear Miss Laura:

Your letter of April 27 was read with deep interest. You understate your part in facing the bill in which we were both interested. You actually put me back on my feet when I felt that the odds were so strongly against me that to go on was impossible. I am sorry you can not permit the use of your name on the committee. It would be a great help. But unless you tell me positively not to come to you for counsel, I shall come whenever opportunity offers, and my needs, rather than the needs of the work, require your good judgment and understanding.

As to the Constitutional Amendment, I ~~cannot~~ consider that of first importance, and would gladly drop any thing else I wrote for it, if its success was assured. Certainly all really thinking women in the State must feel the same way about it.

I get around of your help in securing the removal of the Girls Reform School but I am glad when you confirm my faith. And now I come to the part of your letter which deals with a great fundamental question as old as the principle of popular government and that will last as long as popular government lasts - I mean the influence of organized groups on legislative bodies and the unanimity and unpreparedness of the people. I protect themselves from such influence. It can be done only by counter groups, and that is the way it is done. To illustrate think of the laws of literature to defeat the minimum wage bill and similar legislation. This is only an instance, the Sugar literature, coat literature, tariff literature, anti-tariff literature, an all cases in point; but by our means I have the long long list of propaganda literature sent broadcast by (Amy)

organized groups - and the unorganized and unwarmed ^{average}
voter from his field and makes her head which these organized
groups play ~~the~~ ^{the game} with ^{the} fortunes of the average citizen as James.
For a long time I have seen this danger both at the state and at the
national; and my experience at Frankfurt in 1914-16-18-20 and 22
but make more vivid the sense of danger that I had long before

felt. You may be quite right that some simplification might
arise from extending the Joint Committee; but my thought was
to ask the cooperation of the organizations in carrying out a
definite program. This would not admit of using the in-
fluence of the Committee for any measure ^{not} in the original
program. It is my understanding that as far as the Minimum
Wage Bill is concerned that neither the Federation ^{nor} the League of
^{Women Voters} has endorsed it or is likely to endorse it. The American League of
which Mrs. Haller is President made the fight alone in 1920
and 1922.

I realized this night as I never realized before that to defeat
bad legislation is so great and sometimes a greater service than to
pass good bills.

Freedom is always dangerous - and that is why I can
for the guidance of such enthusiastic women the Council
and good judgment of those of balanced mind and
large experience.

Do you prefer to write or to speak with respect to the Brandeis
School? Don't you want to prepare a leaflet on the subject for distribu-
tion? It can be sent when you can not go, and still you could
give the message in person wherever possible. Of course action on
the program will not begin before Autumn.

I enclose a badly typed copy of the Social Hygiene program which has
been submitted to the Hopkinsonville Committee for approval.
Sincerely yours, Alice Lloyd.