

Rooms 28 + 29 Bull Block  
Lawrence Kentucky  
January the 1st 1894.

Miss Laura Clay -

My Dear Miss Clay -

Inclosed you will find a letter  
from Mrs Josephine H. Henry of  
Versailles which explains why I have  
the pleasure of writing you this letter.

The Statute <sup>(i.e. the Co-guardianship act?)</sup> as it now exists in New York  
gives 1<sup>st</sup> The Father + Mother equal right

over the Child while <sup>both are</sup> living - creating them

Co-guardians and 2<sup>nd</sup> gives to ~~the~~ the surviving  
parent absolute control of the Child

with power to appoint guardians &c.

Both are alterations of our Kentucky Statute.

Do you think it would be best to alter

the Statute so as to still give the Father

these rights while living, and then to the

Mother at his death, or do you think it

advisable to have the New York Statute giving

the wife equal rights while living, with her

husband + then absolute at his death if

the survives him. I myself would

prefer the N.Y. Statute. But a good

deal can be said against this. If for

example the Father + Mother differ as to guardian  
ship should ~~not~~ <sup>be</sup> who is to decide if they



one both guardians and equal in power.  
Of the right to the Guardianship at the death  
of Father not a single argument worthy of  
the name can be suggested adverse  
to the Mother's Claim.

You might find some difficulty in  
passing the N. Y. Statute but with to me  
which you wish me to frame and I will  
draft whichever you prefer. I should  
like very much to hear your address before  
the Legislature. Expect myself to ~~speak~~  
deliver a lecture in Frankfort this Winter  
and will have something to say on this  
subject then.

I have some friends in both houses  
and would like exceedingly to talk  
with you on the subject we have now  
before us. In Frankfort everything depends  
upon who proposes it - how it is proposed  
and when it is proposed - all this is more



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Important to the average legislator than  
what is proposed. If this bill is  
proposed as a part of other bills of reform  
it may or may not succeed - but if  
it is put forward on its own merits  
unconnected with any other piece of legislation  
and put in proper hands, it will win.

Let this great act of justice stand  
on its own merits.

Please let me hear from you at once  
as the Legislature is already in session  
and adjourns in sixty days of law.

Yours truly  
James H. McKeen



MONARCH

Latoria Ky Jan 6/94  
Miss Laura Clay

I will send you the names of three that I have. Mrs. McLaughlin has gone away. Mrs. White of Louisville had promised to send six and she did not do it so I will send you what I could get.

Mrs. John Berk 1128 Park Ave.  
New Port Ky.

Miss Lizzy Alward 1530 Madison Ave  
Covington Ky

Mrs. U. S. Giltner 1554 Madison Ave  
Covington Ky

Mrs. Jennie Cleveland



Tampa Fla

Jan 24-94

Miss Laura Clay.

Dear Madam.

Your favor  
of the 20th received, and I desire  
to vote in the affirmative on  
all the appropriations mentioned.

To Mrs Hayes of Texas

.. Mis Thomas of Maryland.

.. Mrs Saxon of Louisiana.

Very Respectfully Yours  
Eleano. Chamberlain

I am most- heartily in favor  
of the Convention meeting in  
Cincinnati in 95. For the sake  
of the South- I crave the nearness  
of the Convention. I would  
that a Southern city might-  
be selected. but suppose we can  
not hope for that. For any  
discussion that may arise on



this or any other question, I  
hope you will associate my  
name with yours. Your judgement  
in suffrage affairs will be  
mine. I am too new in the  
world to have any one for counsel;  
Sincerely Ellen C. Chamberlain



Chamberlain

Tampa Fla

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Miss Laura Clay

Pres. Southern Committee.

~~It is perhaps proper to  
make a report however meager  
of the year's work to you.~~

~~As you are aware, a combination  
of newspapers resulted in our  
being entirely driven from that  
field. I inserted an advertisement  
in the Florida Agriculturist published  
at - De Land, for a few weeks, offering  
to lend literature to any one interested  
in the subject of Women's Sufferings.  
Who would address me. I am  
much pleased with the results  
and think I will repeat - on  
or two more papers and do the  
same. I have distributed literature  
for and near and can only express  
my astonishment - at the number~~



of persons who express long standing  
belief in woman suffrage who  
have never heard any agitation  
of the subject. A lovely old  
lady the centre of an  
immense connection, lately  
sent me word to keep on  
writing. She had long believed  
in Equal Rights; she lives a  
hundred miles from here and  
I never addressed a word to  
her on the subject; she surprised  
her own family and I notice  
her <sup>whom I know</sup> ~~own~~ has already come completely  
over, and as she has even the  
results must be encouraging.  
These are only two instances.

I lately asked permission of  
the Carpenters Union to address  
them on the subject. It was  
a most new and novel proceeding  
but they returned me a courteous  
consent. Last Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> I  
therefore did the best of me.  
The audience was not large



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but I was delighted with it.

They then requested me to repeat it - and they would advertise and have a large audience. I of course consented. I suppose this is the first - public utterance for Equal Rights ever heard in Tampa.

~~I will continue to do what I can.~~ There is a debating society - at - Mulrose Fla. consisting of ladies who have succeeded in building a hall. The Pres. Miss Nellie Glenn Banana Fla. writes to me and I have used an organization which will materialize soon, she writes me, There are several friends at - which she thinks by my going and saying it - we might acquire. But - this would require a month's absence from home of my husband and myself and seems almost - out - of the question now. The harvest seems to me to



be white, and there are none to  
gather, I can see so plainly where  
other women might do so much,  
the inspiration of strangers would  
be instantaneous. ~~If we could~~  
~~only have you speak once for us~~  
~~here!~~ If there comes to your  
knowledge any woman in Florida  
who can do more than I (and  
there must be an army of them)  
and if she could have my place  
she could work, I beg of you to  
let me know, and I will so gladly  
reign in her favor and work  
just as hard as I can under her.  
I consider it an honor indeed  
to have my position and think  
it would be worth the right woman's  
while. I am quite sure I am no  
organizer, and I lack administrative  
qualifications, and to see the cause  
flourish is more to me than  
~~anything else~~, I need literature  
a great deal of it; I am sorry  
to say our club did not -



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prove to be a working one, but  
I am going to have it met-  
(be resurrected) in town, I have  
again paid one dollar enough  
to give it recognition in the  
National, but I hope a good  
deal from my next meeting with  
the labor organizations, and  
will try to get recruits.

I have spent - \$3.30 of the  
\$10. sent - me for Literature, Postage  
and advertising.

I need literature, I want -  
"Why a Democratic woman votes to-  
ward," and "Why W. C. T. U. women read  
the Ballot," but cannot get them.  
The Southern Solution takes  
wonderfully. Press upon the  
Convention the need of speakers  
for the far South.

Most sincerely yours.

Ella C. Chamberlain



Duluth Minn July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1894

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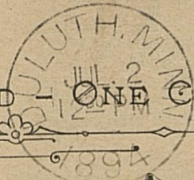
Mrs Laura Cley

Dear Madam

With you would  
kindly accept and read  
the Duluth-Press which is not  
your own of charge as we want  
to put this subject of suffrage  
before the people & hope to do so  
better work by work through our columns  
H. C. Helms



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Mrs Laura Clay  
Lexington  
Ky.



July 29 - 1894  
Mrs Jelliland

Respected friend

I received a letter from you some time ago inviting me to attend a meeting of the Equal rights Association at your place and offering your hospitality for both of which I thank you heartily. I don't see now that I can possibly come, but if I should I will surely be to see you.

I am and have been for more than 40 years very much interested in the cause of women's suffrage. I believe it is his God given birth and only ignorance



his own as well as his  
brothers prevents his having  
the privilege of exercising  
that right & I am glad  
you have enlisted in the  
cause and hope you may do  
more than I have ever done  
for the advancement of  
the cause, not but what I  
have always spoken on that  
side when opportunity offered  
but have not sought  
opportunities as often perhaps  
as I should & I am  
sorry I did not make  
your acquaintance while  
you were here - when you  
come to visit your mother  
again come and see us.  
I don't visit much, my  
house duties engrossing  
my time but will be glad to

see you - I know your  
mother and two of your  
sisters - we must agree  
with our dear Olive.

I almost envy you  
the interesting term you will  
have at the Convention  
You know our people  
have an out very progressive  
in that way, many an  
of opinion that woman  
by enlisting in such cause  
is very much out of place  
I think the present aspect  
of political affairs might  
make almost any one  
willing to allow women a  
vote for it would not be  
possible for them to get  
things in a loose sense  
by their votes than men have  
gotten them now



Several years ago Lida and  
I gave our names in' to the  
Equal rights Association as  
members but we have not  
paid our dues or been at  
any meetings so of course we  
are dropped - - I wish some  
good speakers would make a  
tour of this County and work  
people to an interest in the  
subject - - I would gladly  
entertain them to the best of  
my ability and do anything  
I am able to assist them  
will be glad to hear from  
you again -

Very truly yours friend  
P. J. Lewis



Atlanta. We can write at 8 before a State  
Organization. We have with - Mrs E. M. King who  
wonders in days reform you may have noticed in  
the Women's English version... very kindly yours  
Ella G. Chalmers

Tampa Fla Aug 2-2-4

My dear Miss Lelay,

Yours of 20th received. I was indeed glad to hear from you. I have wanted a word of encouragement - from you about the Bazaar. I think it - will be a success in many ways. A good many are interested to whom something of the kind seems necessary to draw out their best - efforts, serves to commit them thoroughly to the work, then the cause will be better known by it - occasion discussion which is so good for us. It will open the way for future entertainments - and that is a long step. but I do not hope for much financial success. A great number of articles have been received. but as a rule they are not - valuable and will not sell for much, and times are very hard. \$9. in money have been sent. the senders thinking we might - need a little - ready money, but we hope make the refreshments pay our expenses and have every penny sent - in



for the fund. Certainly I vote yes, on the question  
of appropriating \$25- for Georgia.

So far I have been able to pay for all I could  
do so as I write you. I have still the \$10 sent-  
me last year, I am unwilling to attempt to raise  
funds, Texas and Maryland and other states seem  
able to do so much with \$10 or \$15, and I know I  
could not. I have bought and sent out files of  
leaflets, advertised, and written hundreds of letters  
and in June I took a trip (overland) on which I  
distributed 10 or 15-lbs of Columns, Journals, Southern  
Solutions, Why Democratic Union?, and our Constitution  
I left a trail behind me not possible to obliterate.  
I stopped in all manner of out-of-the-way places, and  
you can imagine my surprise, when in every place  
no matter how isolated I always found a man in  
favor of Equal Rights; several ladies are working  
in different parts of the State, and it is pretty  
well being combated with sentiment; I have been very  
sick for two months (took sick on my trip) dangerously  
so for a time. For five weeks I have not eaten solid  
food, using Mellins Baby food now, and this is my  
first letter in two months. I have found in my  
correspondence a Pres. for Fla next year, she is Miss  
Glenn of Banana Fla and will doubtless be at -



Danville Mar 19<sup>th</sup>  
1894

Dear Miss Clay.

I enclose a check  
for \$1<sup>00</sup> - Will you please  
send me a correct and  
authoritative copy of the bill  
recently passed by the Legislature  
"The married woman's Property  
rights bill," or whatever it was  
called.

If you can get it without  
expense, put the sum I send  
into the Treasury of the Equal



Rights Association -

Please also send me the address of Mr Weisinger, who was such a faithful friend of the bill - I wish to write to him -

You deserve the gratitude of all women, for the work you have done - and the day will come when you will have it -

Yours Gratefully

Ann E. Learee.



in your report Tampa Fla  
with yours of  
Apr 5-94  
Miss Lorna Clay,

Dear Madam.

I desire to  
record my vote as follows.  
1<sup>st</sup> - Miss Lorna Clay.  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Yes.

I have received a letter from  
Miss Anthony telling me of her  
projected tour through the Gulf  
States, which of course "fills my  
soul with joy." I have written  
her to put Tampa down first -  
that it may not possibly be  
forgotten. I would however like  
that this place would come late  
on the programme, as we have



here, the most-magnificent-hotel  
in the U. S., which opens late-  
and is entirely patronized by  
tourists; I should like to arrange  
for one meeting in the music  
room of that hotel, The Tampa  
Bay. I feel confident that I can  
manage it; - It would give a tone  
you understand to the meeting,  
for the impression that anything  
that is countenanced by the Tampa  
Bay, is the thing too generally abroad.

There is nothing I will not-do  
that I can do to further the  
cause, But-I sincerely hope you  
will join the speakers, do at-least  
come to Tampa, I know the value  
of a Southern woman in the  
Southern work, yet-the Southern  
women are interested, A Southern  
woman at-the State W. C. T. U.,  
said in favor of taking up



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the franchise department.

"My people perish for lack of knowledge," I have written her and asked permission to send her literature to distribute. I addressed the Carpenter's Union about 10 days ago (the meeting had been deferred) for the second time, this time I was introduced by a most-flouring speech, and beautifully treated. I have received a note from the Pres. of the W. C. T. U. asking if I would be willing to repeat my remarks under the auspices of that organization and allow the collection to go to them. I have answered "most certainly" and await their commands. So far my auditors have been mostly men. As to the report, Mrs Avery wrote me for a report -



for the minutes and I sent  
her one intended for that.

Mrs Colby wrote me to send  
her my Presidents-speech, which  
I did sending you a copy that  
it might be read at the Pres. evening  
for I disliked the idea of a  
silent Florida in the Convention.  
Between all of them I think I have  
misnamed Florida a place, I  
laugh a little at the number  
of efforts I seem to have made,  
Oh, the apathy of women! If I did  
not have the History of Woman Suffrage  
and fortify myself by reading it  
and seeing what those leaders had  
to go through I would not try, it  
is so discouraging, although I never  
allow this to the opposition or  
the lukewarm. I am afraid I'll  
wear you out with letters, but I  
have no one to help me and must  
live somewhere

Sincerely

Ella C. Chamberlain



Saco. Maine.

April 5<sup>th</sup> 1874.

My Dear Miss Clay.

I see by the papers, that the women of Kentucky are protesting against having Breckinridge, I won't put on the Col, returned to Congress, and your name is in the list.

I feel like congratulating you Kentucky



women on the courage  
shown and I think  
that all good women  
from Maine to California  
feel like thanking you  
for the step you have  
taken. It is time for  
women to rise and do  
something when men  
can live such lives  
and expect the respect  
of people.

Mr. Brewster  
evidently believes in a  
double code of morals  
for men and women,



When he avers that  
what ruins a woman  
only injures a man -  
and I am glad that  
Miss Pollard is trying  
to show the contrary  
and that women are  
willing to help her -

Have you read the  
"Heavenly Twins"?

I have just finish-  
ed it, and think it  
is a very strong story  
and must do a great  
deal of good. I am



glad that some  
woman should write  
it. I hope you will read  
it.

I am living over my  
delightful visit in  
Washington, not the  
least pleasant memory  
being the pleasant  
meeting and chat  
with you, and I hope we  
may meet somewhere  
again. Until then

I am.

Very Truly Yrs

Martha W. Fairfield



Manassas, Va.

April 13/94.

Miss Laura Clay,

78 N. Broadway

Lexington, Ky.

Dear friend,

Will you give me Mrs Chas G. Shields address? She says Morgan & Lydcker Aves. - City. Now what city? and is it corner of Morgan & Lydcker Aves.?

Mrs Langhorne has sent me your letter of March 31st. It gives me hope that after the National at Atlanta next spring, we may have Miss Anthony speak once or twice in Va.



Meantime, we are working slowly & rather single handed here; trying to establish Local Societies, & keep the matter agitated. The papers generally published our reports of the National last February, & sometimes we get items of interest printed in our local papers, that will call attention to woman's work—

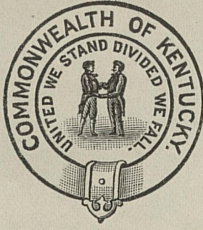
I don't want to take up your time, only to let you know we are working & encouraging each other  
Yours truly for  
the cause—

(Mrs) Elizabeth B. Dodge  
Manassas,  
Prince Wm. Co. } Va.



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Frankfort, *Apr. 19,* 189*4.*

Miss Gay:

The error in election notice to which you allude was wholly unintentional on my part, and was not discovered until the printing was all done. It will be corrected by publication next week.

It cannot be maintained that all women are eligible to the office of district trustee. Only those who can vote at an ~~trustee~~ election for trustees can legally hold the office. I am not questioning their fitness. I speak only as I must.

In answer to your question as to money appropriated to Common Schools, please to see Sec. 8 of the School Law, where the particulars of the fund are set out.

It is impossible for me to give you our rate of illiteracy. No returns are made to this office, and I have not yet received a copy of the Census of 1890. If I can obtain a bulletin which furnishes the information I will write you again.

Respectfully yours,

Ed Porter Thompson.



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OFFICE OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY,

*The Temple, Chicago, Ill., U. S. A.,*

April 25th, 1894

Miss Laura Clay,

Lexington, Ky.

Dear Friend:—

The conduct of the School of Methods of the Ky. Chautauque has again been placed in my hands. Two years ago when there, I was sorely disappointed because so few were ready to take part, and feel that I cannot do the work again without help, indeed the object of the meeting is not conserved in any such way.

May I depend upon you to present on one day (of the ten) the cause of equal suffrage? Do not I beg you decline to meet my desire. The cause can be in no better hands, and I shall be delighted to receive your acceptance of this invitation at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

*Mary A. Woodbridge.*



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Granger Texas, Aug. 13<sup>2</sup> 1894

Laura Clay,  
78 N. Broadway,  
Lexington - Ky.

Dear Madam,

You probably read The "Woman's Tribune" and see there is a difference in opinion between our state Pres. - Mrs. R. H. Hayes - and The Ex. Com. in regard to the proposed visit of Susan B. Anthony to our state before the next national convention at Atlanta. Enclosed are the reports of The Dallas News - The leading paper in the state - of our two state meetings, the organization, and our first annual.

In your hands I suppose devolves the management of Miss Anthony's coming to our state. Therefore I shall make a clean breast of our interminable strife so you may understand how to proceed in the matter.



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Mrs. Hayes is a pleasant woman, and in many respects better qualified to lead in the movement than any one among us. She makes a good appearance before the public and is familiar with parliamentary usages—something most of us at present are very deficient in. Her egotism and egotistical-desire to make the movement contribute to her personal prominence created considerable opposition to her selection at our last meeting. Had it not been for the activity of myself and Mrs. Burchill of Ft. Worth she would probably have lost the election. Her opposition to allowing committees from our organization going before the various political conventions to assemble this year, to demand a suffrage plank in their platforms, nearly cost her her place. Had she



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not deferred to the popular feeling on this point, by agreeing not to oppose this work, before the balloting for officers, she should have lost her place.

This proposition in regard to Miss Anthony came up after the election and fell like a thunder clap from a clear sky among us.

Her desire for prominence had rather amused us before but here it clashed with the interests of our cause.

Her opposition is evidently based on a desire to exclude more able public speakers from our state till she secures all the credit for the work. Clara Hoffman was with us at our convention and Mrs. Hayes did all she could to prevent her from appearing before the public.

Mrs. Hayes is a northern woman, but none of



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no thought of that till she took the position that southern prejudice was still so active it would do our cause no good for Miss Anthony to come among us. How dare she misrepresent us so before the world! Her allusion to Fred Douglass was simply to call attention to the fact that he was taking part in the movement, and arouse any slumbering animosity in sectionalism. She thought she could frighten Tex off from taking any part in the Atlanta meeting by the fact that he would be there. She thought she would go to Atlanta, be an object of general interest, return and again be the centre of attraction in Tex. This is lamentably childish, but it is true. The difference between ourselves and our president has had



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This wholesome effect - it has made us every one earnest, determined individual workers in the cause. We no longer fold our hands and expect our president to look after the state interests for us - we are going to see to them ourselves. Miss Anthony's coming among us at this time will save two five years work. Supply the other southern states with other speakers but give us Miss Anthony and Annie Shaw. The suffrage work is progressing beautifully in Texas. The Dallas News has given us a column in its Weekly and Sunday daily for news items over the state & outside. Texas is more western than southern and nearer the base of suffrage growth. Our northern & north-western R. R. drift suffrage news and sentiment into the state all the



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time. All we need is agitation here, and Miss Anthony is a champion agitator. When Mrs. Hayes opposed Miss Anthony's coming in the convention the Dallas News reporter remarked "I'd cheerfully give a dollar just to see Miss Anthony" and he was not a suffragist - either, but like a great many others here, he would like more light on the subject. Since Mrs. Hayes will not help us in this matter we must do it ourselves. I will give you the names of those we already know we can depend upon to do the necessary work in the way of engaging a hall, selling tickets in advance, securing advertising &c. - in short anything you tell them will be necessary. Mrs. J. C. Craig and Annie E. Smyth of Dallas. Mrs. Burchill and Mrs.



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J. L. Nugent of Ft. Worth. How I do not know so much about but we will not have Miss A. Miss that place. Mrs. Vredenburg, 800 Congress Ave. Austin. Tex. We can probably get representative Hall in the state capital here. Mrs. V. is active in W. C. T. U. work and an earnest suffragist. She told me when in Austin recently she would do all the necessary work to make the occasion a success and be glad to have Miss Anthony & Shaw for her guests while in the city. She has a pleasant home and is one of the leading ladies there. I have forgotten her address but give that of her husband who has the leading jewelry establishment in the city. At San Antonio we have the champion worker for the cause in the state - Mrs. E. A. Fry. She is a host in herself. Her heart has always been in



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The work but about a year ago her husband died, leaving her considerable property. She has no small children and her time at her disposal. She proposes to meet Miss Anthony at the border of the state and accompany her all through her "cruise" here as Mrs. Hayes is pleased to call it. If possible she will get others to do the same thing and they will constitute themselves a sort of jubilee band to sing suffrage songs at the opening and closing of addresses. Houston & Galveston are not provided for as yet. Mrs. Hayes may be willing to attend to it or not, for she shows a disposition to bow to the will of the majority. However if she does not we will find willing hands to attend to it in time. Miss Anthony says she can only meet 16 engagements, and it



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looks a little selfish to claim her  
for I but she is needed right here  
and now. The work will be so much  
easier for the balance of us after she  
has fixed public attention upon it.  
The Dallas News editorially does not  
favor equal suffrage, but many of its  
reporters do, and it always treats  
the subject fairly. The paper will  
have every meeting at these places, or at  
any other, correctly reported, and  
many of the lesser lights will copy.  
We have an excellent plan of work  
for organization with committees and  
sub-committees all over the state.  
But Texas is large enough to need  
all the help we can secure.  
This letter is not written for pub-  
lication of course, but it is not  
a private letter. You may show it  
to any one like yourself who is interested



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in this enterprise. Of course we do not care to make our quarrels more public than necessary, but I have said nothing in haste I would retract if it were necessary to submit the matter before Mrs Hayes herself. I have said all I propose to say for I dislike such things intensely, but you may depend upon myself and most of the Ex. Board to rebuke you in any thing you may deem necessary to rebuke Miss Anthony & her friends. We know very little how to proceed in the undertaking so any advice you can give will be thankfully received.

If you should wish to communicate with me any time within the next three weeks my address will be at Belton. Bell Co. Tex. Think for the cause.

Grace Danforth,  
over



Please save the literature to be returned  
some time in the future when you are  
through with it - especially the  
"Minutes."



Headquarters Colored S. S. A. - Court House.  
Franklin, May 17<sup>th</sup> 1894.

Miss Clay:  
President Kentucky S. S. A. -

Dear Madam:

At a meeting held by  
the Equal Suffrage Association of Colored  
the following resolutions were introduced,  
which I herewith transmit to you, with the  
good wishes of the women of Colored for  
the noble work in which you are en-  
-gaged.

Very Sincerely

Mary C. C. Brewster -

Cor. Sec. Colored S. S. A. -



Wm A Beatch  
221 Georgetown St  
Georgetown Key



[May 17, 1894]

"Resolved that the Colored Equal  
Suffrage Association; (the State Association)  
believing it to be the sentiment of the women  
of color, endorses the action of the  
women of Kentucky, in protesting against the  
return of Colonel W. C. P. Breckinridge to the  
United States House of Representatives."

The endorsement of these resolutions by  
the Association was unanimous and  
enthusiastic -



WALL & WALL,

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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

Hutchinson, Kansas, June 7 1894

Miss Laura Clay:

Dear Madame:

I have given the order for the photograph to be sent you as requested.

Allow me to thank you for your kind appreciation of the "Apostrophe."

You speak of the "humiliating position of women." Having been keenly sensitive of it, since - and during much of my youth, (am now forty-four) I believe I never felt it so bitterly as this morning when a colored man, who came to deliver ice, answered that he



had formerly believed in woman  
suffrage — but somebody at  
some time had no-voted to  
sui-him — and now "experience  
had taught him that he'd better  
not vote for our amendment."

We had just read, in  
Promans Column — May 26, the  
"Call to Germans of Kans," from a  
so-called central committee, — asking  
an energetic effort to defeat  
"Woman Suffrage and prohibition  
which goes hand in hand with it,"  
— and claiming that our fate is  
entirely within their hands under the  
present political condition of the State  
as they can control matters if organ-  
ized by force."

Language fails me!  
What are American men thinking — to  
allow American women to continue to petition  
these classes for our very own — native  
born right to self government?

What are we, American women,  
to do? Let us join hands in  
freedom's name. Earnestly yours  
Henrietta Briggs-Wall



Lacon, Ill. June 13<sup>th</sup> / 1914

My dear Lina -

I Am home again  
After a most-Delectful  
Season in Washington.  
Went as a Delegate and  
one of the Vice Presidents of  
the Federation of Woman's  
Clubs - to the Federation at  
Philadelphia -

Was well pleased that  
Illinois was the banner  
state - Leading all others  
in its number of Woman's  
Clubs -

Was glatified that Mrs  
Henrotin of Chicago was  
elected Pres -

Will send you a paper  
telling of our Club in this  
place - It is very successful



Think in time, these Clubs  
are destined to become  
quite a power in government  
Matters.

In taking up the Topics  
of the Day - women become  
more and more interested  
in that which most affects  
the Home.

Naturally leading them to  
look for Causes - leading  
them to discover that in the  
laws of the Land, must all  
be elevated, or degraded.

That woman must be repre-  
sented in the moulding &  
fashioning of that which is  
to fix the standard of morals  
for home - herself & her children.  
That standard must affect  
all alike - or there is no freedom

With what pride I have read  
of the noble efforts of the good  
women of the Oakland  
District - in old Kentucky -  
in favor of home & morality -  
God Bless them in this grand  
up rising against sin -

It will give others courage  
to go and do likewise -

That you may need, the  
little pledge of \$25 made  
to you at the Convention  
at Washington last Feb -  
for carrying on your work  
of Suffrage in the South -  
I will say I am now ready  
to send that - Among - if you  
will tell me how you wish  
it sent - In a Chest - or New  
York - or Chicago -  
Or do you prefer a P. O. Order



Also please inform  
me of your Address &  
number in Lexington -  
Remember lovingly to  
your Mother - Mary and  
Sallie -

Yours in the work  
Mary J. Barnes -

Mrs G. O. Barnes