

20 West 32nd St.

New York City.

Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> 1917

Mrs. Laura M. Clay,

Dear Mrs. Clay:

Do you remember me from last year's N.E.S.A. Convention at Washington? I am now arranging to go to the coming convention at Des Moines, and that means lecturing all the way there and back. I shall be able to stop in Kentucky about the 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> of February - if I am wanted.

Do you know of any place there where I can perhaps

arrange a lecture? In Louisville a Lexington, or anywhere not too far out of my line of march from St. Louis to Cincinnati.

I could go up to Indianapolis - do you know any one there? But its out of the way.

Can you give me the address of Lida Calvert-Oberchain? She wrote a most flowery article about me once, in the Louisville Courier-Journal, and if she is there now would help advertise I think. I enclose circulars.

Of course I make special terms with suffragists and reformers in general.

Sincerely  
Charlotte Perkins Stetson.



Washington D C - 2-5-97  
No 1719. 1st  
To Laura Clay

Dear Friend

I am staying in this  
city for a few weeks - I have read  
with a great deal of pleasure what the  
Kentucky Equal Rights Association has  
done - I enclose stamps for 50 copies - I think  
they will be convincing to some I know who  
have not given themselves to the good work  
"What it proposes to do" I will make some  
suggestions - I spent last winter in California

five months I visited at Whittier. "The <sup>School</sup> State  
for boys" one mile from it "The State  
School for Girls" - both under the same  
management - of Superintendent and  
Assistant Superintendent on first establishing  
these schools they were named Reformed  
but feeling that not best for the children  
they applied to the Legislature and had <sup>it</sup>  
changed as I have first written it. the  
names were cut in stone in front of the  
building - a great improvement - They are  
model institutions. beautiful grounds. flowers  
fruits, Orange Groves shade trees - all

the Teachers women in both institutions -  
The Students go out much better able to  
get a living having a good trade -

Women Physicians should have the  
entire care of the Medical department  
of any Hospital for Insane Women  
It has proved almost a failure <sup>when</sup>  
they were under Men Physicians -  
Dr Corson worked so hard and did  
get one State Institution at Norristown  
Pa - entirely under the care of Women -  
he had a bill to have all State

Institution for Women under the care  
Women in Pa. when he died

When Dorothy Dix worked so hard to get  
these Institutions for the Insane there were  
not the Women Physicians, now there  
are twenty five thousand. Many of them  
competent and can do so much better  
than men - we must work for it -

I have also read carefully this Sisters  
Memorial I hope to make good use  
of them - I hope we <sup>may</sup> meet another year  
in Washington. Sincerely thy friend  
See Girl N. S. Phoebe C. Wright

## THEIR ROBES OF OFFICE.

### The New Gowns for the Assembly's Chief Officers.

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Resolved, That this State having arisen from the night of barbarism and regained her pristine purity and honor, the speaker and clerk of this house be requested to wear their robes when this house is in sessions, as was the custom in the past from time immemorial.

The senate took similar action and ever since the president and clerk of the senate and speaker and clerk of the house have worn handsome official robes. Recently new gowns were ordered for Lieutenant Governor McSweeney, president of the senate, and the clerk of the senate, General Hemphill. The material of Lieutenant Governor McSweeney's robe is a superb quality of royal purple American silk, which hangs in graceful folds from a yoke of velvet of the same color, of which also the collar is made and the reverses down the front. Elegant ribbon fastens it at the yoke and falls to the hem of the robe. The sleeves are also richly trimmed with the velvet.

General Hemphill's robe is of black American silk of the handsomest material and for quiet elegance cannot be surpassed. It is gathered full to the yoke, which is outlined with broad black silk braid, and fastened with a clasp of richly-cut buttons and ribbon which hangs to the end of the robe which is slightly surpliced at the neck, thus relieving the severity of the style, so as to show the bosom of the shirt.

Speaker Gary's new official gown was delivered yesterday. It is one of the handsomest to be found anywhere. It is made of costly material and in elegant style. It is royal purple in color and will make a fine show upon the shoulders of the presiding officer of the house.



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SENATE CHAMBER.



Columbia, S. C., Feb'y 15<sup>th</sup> 1897.

My dear Friend:

I send you a clipping from the Columbia State of the 7<sup>th</sup> inst which will show you our "style" down here.

How have you been and how are you now? I trust this will find you in good health and spirits and prospering.

Yrs truly  
Robert R. Hemphill



[May 12, 1897]

To  
Miss Laura Clay

Dear Miss Clay

I find in a  
little Reform newspaper  
published in Providence  
R. I. - "The Pointer" of Sat-  
May 8 - an article headed  
A Churchman's Protest and  
signed - Yours faithfully

A Testyman.

Beneath this, as apparently  
an explanation, a letter  
as follows - "The proposition  
to elect some women as  
members of the vestry of  
Christ Church, Lexington, Ky.

was made recently, by  
Miss Lema Clay.  
At a meeting of the Guild,  
the question was discussed  
and decided in the nega-  
tive. Many of the argu-  
ments used by the oppo-  
nents of women for the  
vestry are the same  
urged by the chairman  
above against the  
admission of women to  
the sacrament.

Signed Ora Langhorne  
Culpeper, Va.

Had not seen for this letter  
of Miss Langhorne's, I

should have looked upon  
the other as simply  
satires upon the opponents  
of Woman Suffrage,  
but am now forced to  
accept the Vestryman's  
letter as sincere, there-  
fore write to ask you  
if it is really possible  
that in in this enlight-  
ened age of the world,  
there can be such se-  
nseless minds in our  
own country? I am  
quite familiar with  
your name as being  
prominent in reform  
movements, and therefore  
have taken this liberty  
to ask a little further expla-

ration upon this case.

Sincerely yours

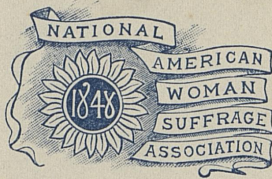
(Miss) Henrietta Joy

2 Dunreath St

Portbury Dist

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OFFICE OF THE TREASURER.

Warren, Ohio, Dec. 1st, 1897.

Dear Friend:-

Fifty years ago a little band of women, seeing the semi-servitude under which they were living, and believing that political enfranchisement would free them from that servitude, called a convention during which they demanded equal rights for women before the law. We all know the result of that effort and believe that womankind should be eternally grateful to those pioneers in this thought.

We feel sure this Jubilee Year you will be anxious, not only to renew your membership in the N.-A. W. S. A., but to make a contribution to be applied towards the celebration of the anniversary of that convention of 1848.

Thanking you for your financial aid in the past, I remain,

Yours most truly,

Treasurer.

(COPY)

May 13, 1898

Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton,  
Warren, Ohio.

Dear Madam!-

I send you by express today five bonds of the City of Augusta, Ga., Nos. 157, 163, 170, 212, and 277 of the value of \$100 each.

These bonds are in full settlement of the legacy of A. Viola Neblett, deceased, to the National American Woman Suffrage Association, and I send them to you in pursuance of the direction of Miss Susan B. Anthony and Miss Blackwell.

I will thank you to sign the receipt the express company will present.

These bonds were appraised and found to be at a premium, and under the terms of the will the executor is required to pay you exactly \$500 in stocks or bonds. He has retained enough of the coupons to equalize the bonds, or in other words, to make them worth \$500 on the market today. The equalization could not be made exactly, so I enclose you \$2.50 in cash to make out the balance.

If you desire any further information, please let me know.

The effort to upset the will is pending, but a year has passed since the death of Mrs. Neblett, and the plaintiff has agreed in the complaint to make no objection to paying your legacy. Hence the executor deems it safe to send you the bonds.

Yours truly,

Wm. G. Serrine,  
Atty for Executor.

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Greenville, Miss. Dec 18 1897

My dear Mrs. Blay,

I am greatly obliged for  
your kind letter.

Since my return home Nov 8, I  
have written to all clubs & friends  
and to our treas. about paying  
dues before Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>. My last  
word to the treas. was to  
send on before the 10<sup>th</sup>. She  
ought to have sent from  
seven to ten dollars if she  
followed my directions.  
I have not heard from her  
and as you suggested have  
sent ten cents to Mrs. Lupton.  
If I get to Washington I shall  
avail myself of your kind

offer but the mother of four children can never be certain about leaving home.

Miss Belle Kearney will perhaps speak for us at convention, but I am not sure.

I should not be willing to ask or accept, directly or indirectly, money from the National. When Mrs. Leath wrote me that \$700.00 had been spent here I was quite shocked. Miss Harrison, in her published report, said, I think, that I was anxious for organization. As I observed that she had a way of jumping at conclusions, I should like to tell you my part in that matter. Mrs. Leath wrote me that

Dec. 28, 1897

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Miss H. & Mrs. Bradford  
were coming, but did  
not ask any advice nor  
explain the full extent  
of their plans. As far as  
I remember, I was only  
asked to assist here. When  
Miss H. came, she asked me,  
as state Sec. of W.S.A., to  
give her names of women  
in other places who favored  
suffrage. I did so. When  
Mrs. B. came she told me of  
their instructions to call a  
convention & perfect state  
organization, but said she  
had met such little success



in organizing clubs tho she did not think a convention could be called.

Now I am constitutionally opposed to giving up anything so I then made some suggestions to her about carrying out her plans. As far as I know, the work in this state was done without solicitation from any of us and our advice was not asked. My attitude was that of an assistant in carrying out ready made plans.

This may be of no consequence but I can imagine conditions that might make it due to us that our side be known.

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I am trying to find out  
our friends all over the  
state and to do it quickly  
and cheaply. I sent a circular  
letter to our conference &  
got a good many replies.  
Our Mr Mount will this week  
attend to a similar distribution  
at the Miss. Conf. I propose to  
get some expression from  
legislators and am meditat-  
ing a descent upon the  
school teachers of the state.  
This will give me something  
as a base of operations  
of the preacher in our North  
Miss. Conference, fourteen

favor, less neutral or  
doubtful, while many  
of the opposition indicate  
reasons and give ground  
for replies. I shall attend  
to all of them. This sort  
of quiet work is all I  
can do.

I hope you will consider  
us under your special  
protection and advice as  
long as I hold office.

With kindest wishes

Yours very truly  
Walter H. Schererville

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