

"Coco Dennis" Atlantic City

June 5 1906



Miss Louisa Clay,

I have for weeks
been haunted by my daughter's last
words to me & those "Ma O Ma Louisa Clay
has my legs" I want you to know then &
interrupted her by saying yes "Louisa has
been very kind to you she will do all right
I feel as if her last thoughts should not
be disturbed by earthly thoughts have you
done right? for her wishes I see by your
notes to me you resort to a "legal right"
which I understand was not necessary but
to yield to a greater right who she loved
so well that in her dying moments she
she wished to protect as she says when the
"will" was written she to spare the world
outlive me that was enough I think so.

for you to have^d given me the keys I do
not think I would have altered her
bequests of money but should have
protected her and myself the humiliation
of exposure of her most sacred belongings
her clothing criticised and exposed to
the public her letters that would have
been treasured by me sent to the "trust
company to be looked over by gentlemen
and then burned by Mr. Keckly of Iowa
it was and is horrible for me to dwell
on as I know how sensitive she was
to these treasures of her heart I have
never been complimented by any of her
paintings they have been given to strangers
three of her best "pure painting" were given
to the library they are not prized by it
but are hid away in an upper room the
"screens" were mine as I bought and paid
for them I do not know where they are

I think over all³ this and blame myself for not
telling you her last dying request, that disturbed
her dying ^{moments} a friend suggest that I ought to be
satisfied that she felt in her dying moments it
was all right for me she had done her duty to
me and closed her ~~eyes~~ eyes in death and for that
I thank God but I cannot forget the results it is
a torture to me my daughter Lilla wishes to purchase
a lot from you that was in your possession and
to protect herself from the man "Shader" that has
promised himself such an incumbrance on my property I do
hope you could let her have it at what he was
offering to you yet I suppose "Shader" will over
bid her if she does not get the lot from you I
write this in a frenzy of sorrow that I did not assert
my rights by her dying words to me it would then been
respected a sad mother

think no hard thought of me
as I pour out my tale of wrongs
and mistakes

Miss Laura
Lockport



Clay
Portland
Oregon



~~Miss Laura Clay
Care of Mrs Shelly Kendrick
Will you please forward
this if you know where
she is~~



Portland, Oregon,
June 12-86.

Dear Miss Clay: -

I inclose a money order of forty dollars, which, I believe returns all the money I borrowed of you. The printing bill was \$8.50 for which I gave you a receipt, and I thought it was only right that I should pay half of the carriage hire, which was \$3.00. So the part I charged to you was \$1.50 making ten dollars in all. I hope it will reach you before you leave Richmond.

I am sorry that you went away sick. I hope you have

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quite recovered. The returns that come in do not make things any brighter, and we all feel pretty sore. But I think your analysis is probably the correct one, that the women were not ready for it. Anyway I am sure that "all things work together for good," and it will all come out right.

Dr. Jeffrey was sorry that you could not go to her home for dinner, as Mr. Myers had an Indian blanket for you. I presume he will send it to you. He gave us all one, which I think was very nice in him. Mine is fiery red, and I look quite like a Squaw when I wrap myself in it.

With sincere hope that you are entirely recovered, I am -
Yours Cordially - Laura Gregg

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WARREN, OHIO.

Warren, Ohio, June 18, 1906.

Dear Miss Clay:

I am awfully afraid that you will be cast down at the result of the campaign and I do wish you could have come here to Headquarters for a few days until we talked things over, but that did not seem possible. You never will know what a strain I had after the morning of election. For a whole week I never heard anything until Wednesday morning I got a little telegram from Miss Shaw which did not mean much and on Friday I telegraphed for news. Meantime the office was flooded with letters containing inquiries about Oregon and I was hopeful and gave up by turns. Of course it was harder for those of you in the field, but still it was hard for me. I did not know anything about you except that you had gone to Salem; I did not know where you were, what you were doing, what the other speakers were doing, what became of Mrs. Woodworth; I did not know whether Miss Laughlin went on in the field or not. I presumed things and I think likely that what I conjectured was right, but I did not know at all. Then when the campaign was over nobody told me when you were all going, or where you were going to be. I held back a lot of routine work for you all to act upon and I did not know where to send the letters. Miss Blackwell wrote me en route to Boston, a philosophical letter about the campaign, telling me why we did not win, and incidentally put in a sentence which lead me to think that you have gone to Kentucky, so I am writing you there. Somehow I feel that you are going to be very much discouraged over the campaign. You were there a long time, you had the awful strain alone and then I remember how badly you felt about the repeal of the Kentucky school law and I have been afraid this would break you up. Now I do hope you will wipe all this off the slate. We have got a big fight ahead of us and we cannot afford to dwell with the past. There is a future for us and we have got to be ready for it. Then too, when any of us get nervous and disheartened it runs through the whole rank and file, so we each have to be brave and I know you will, but somehow I feel that just now you do feel pretty badly. Of course there is no use of my saying that the opposition was too great for us to overcome or this or that is so because you know it as well as I do; it is just like a case of death. The family know that the one who is gone is better off and the suffering is over and all that, but at the same time that does not comfort the one who is left. If I should say that you all made a brave fight and you must not regret it, etc., you would still regret it. Still it is a great comfort to me, with my optimistic disposition, to know that the principle of woman suffrage is a great principle and that it is right and right is bound to prevail in the end and that although your work of this campaign does not seem to count in the way you wanted it to count, yet it does count and has counted, and will count.

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Somehow you are always so brave and calm and good that I can never talk as tenderly to you as I feel, but just now I do want to say that I am so glad I have been associated with you as an officer of the National Association and that in many ways you have done me great good, taught me many things and made me feel as if I always had a helper and an up-holder near me. You are a dear, good woman and I know that the rank and file of our Association would say Amen to this last paragraph if it were subjected to them.

Lovingly yours,

HTU-J.

Harriet Taylor Upton

Dear Miss Celay: After a good rest I hope you will feel like coming to Headquarters to spend some time. You may be sure there will always be a desk for you so long as Hdqs. are in charge of Mrs. Upton and

Elizabeth J. H.

Equal Suffrage Association

Of Oklahoma and Indian Territory.

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Territorial Headquarters, Chickasha, Indian Territory.

June 18-1906.

My dear Miss Clay

Believing that every woman in the United States owes a debt of gratitude to your women who bore the brunt of the battle in Oregon I write you to tell you, in my feeble way, in behalf of the women of the new state of Oklahoma, that we rejoice in the fact that we have such staunch and true friends to lead us some day to victory. It did not come this time but it will some day, sure.

I hope you have recovered from the terrible strain which it must have been both physically and mentally.

It seems so little to say "Thank you" but I am sure you will understand.

Sincerely yours

Kate H. Biggers

Mrs Laura Clay.

BROOKLYN, June 19, 1906.

DEAR FELLOW WORKER :—

What is the most important work to be done to help the suffrage cause? By all means to increase our enrolment lists. Why? Because it is imperative that we constantly try to find out how many sympathizers we have in every community. These sympathizers will attend our meetings, sign our petitions, furnish new members for our local leagues, stand ready to assist us in organization or campaign work, and best of all help us to answer the usual query of the legislator, "How many people stand for this bill?" by actual lists representing thousands of constituents

The N. A. W. S. A. at the Baltimore Convention again endorsed this work. What can you do to help?

1st :—If you are the **president** of a **state suffrage association**, see that a **state chairman of enrolment** is appointed.

Send her name and address to me.

If you are the **president of a county association**, see that a **county chairman of enrolment** is appointed. Send her name and address to the state chairman.

If you are the **president of a local league**, see that a **local chairman of enrolment** is appointed. Send her name and address to the county chairman.

2d :—Each state association should print small yellow enrolment cards (The cost is about \$1.00 per thousand). The **State Chairman** must stamp her name and address on the backs of these cards with a request that they be returned to her.

3d :—The **local chairman** should give at least ten cards to each member of her league, to be signed by men and women, **not affiliated with suffrage clubs**. After these are signed and collected, the local chairman should make an alphabetical list of the names secured for the use of her league, and should send the cards to the county chairman.

The **county chairman**, after all the returns have been made by the local chairmen, should make a list of the enrolled names and addresses for the use of her county association, and should send the cards on to the state chairman.

The **state chairman must keep the cards in her possession**, and send merely the **total number** of enrolled names to the national chairman.

POINTS TO BE REMEMBERED :

1. Names of signers of the cards must be written in full to show the sex of the signer.
2. Lists must be revised each year by local chairmen and duplicated names or the names of deceased persons stricken out. Notice of such changes must be sent at once to the state chairman. If the names of the club members who secured the signatures are also on the cards, this work can be greatly facilitated.
3. Enrolment cards should be distributed at all public meetings, and at all fairs, and each member in the state should pledge herself to procure a specified number of signatures during the club season and the summer vacations.
4. **The total number of cards signed in each state must be sent by each state chairman to the national chairman of enrolment not later than January 5th**, that the national chairman may prepare her report for the National Convention.

We have now on file 45,501 enrolled names. This represents the work of only thirteen states.

Won't you help us to double this number this year?

I earnestly appeal to you to arouse your state to the importance of the enrolment work.

Write me for further particulars.

Yours cordially,

OREOLA W. HASKELL,
National Chairman of Enrolment,
16 South Elliott Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, WARREN, OHIO

June 19, 1906.

Dear Member *of* the Business Committee:-

Enclosed find copy of the minutes of a business meeting held
~~on~~
June 7th. in Portland, Ore. Miss Blackwell has forwarded the minutes
to Headquarters and, following our usual custom, we are making a copy and
forwarding to each member of the Business Committee.

Yours sincerely,

E. J. Hauser

EJH-A

June 28th, 1906, Richmond, Ky.

My dear Miss Gregg,

I reached Richmond Saturday night, and found your letter of the 12th inst. awaiting me, enclosing a postal order for \$40/ (forty dollars), which pays in full all you borrowed from me. I enclose the memorandum of the first \$25.00, receipted. I think you ought to have kept out the whole of the carriage hire, as I expected you to do; but if you think differently, it is all right.

Yes, ~~as~~ I was very sorry not to go to Dr. Jeffreys' for that final dinner party, but on that day I was not able to eat either luncheon or dinner, but went to bed after leaving Miss Shaw's room and stayed there till next morning. I could not go to the evening meeting, either, on Friday night, and so missed bidding good-bye to many of my friends. I was all right, though, by the time I reached Bellingham, and had a pleasant visit to my niece and to my friend in Seattle. Miss Gordon overtook me on my way home, at Glacier, and we went to St. Paul together, and through her I learned the latest news from Portland. Well, I do not intend to let my spirits sink, but shall look for success in two years from now.

I shall direct this to Portland, and I should be glad to hear of you and to have your address, so that we may keep in touch through the summer. Miss Shaw sailed to Europe the 23rd.

Very cordially yours,